



DESERTFOOTHILLSNEWS

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Principal
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Mr. Steve Whycott
Assistant Principal
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A Message from Ms. Smith

Thank you for your attendance and support at Parent/Teacher Conferences for our first quarter. Communication is so vital for our students' success in middle school. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to visit with so many amazing Desert Foothills parents. The Desert Foothills staff and I are very pleased with having 140 students earn straight A's on their first quarter report card and joining our A Team. In addition, we had over 500 students earn Principal's List and/or Honor Roll. Our students haven't kept their talent all in the classroom either. Our volleyball and soccer teams had amazing seasons with our 8th grade Lady Scorpions winning the WESD Volleyball Championship against Mountain Sky. The DF cross country team brought home many awards in all three WESD events. After-school Academy classes are in full swing with great attendance and participation. Even though the two years of junior high goes so quickly in your child's life, they are such influential years. Please know that my door is always open for you to share any concerns or issues that we can address to help make your child's school year a success. I wish you and your family a very happy Thanksgiving! Susie Smith

November Calendar of Events

11/9	Early Release	2:30 p.m.
11/10	7 th Grade Boys Basketball CH @ DF	4:45 p.m.
	8 th Grade Boys Basketball CH @ DF	5:45 p.m.
11/11	Veterans Day – NO SCHOOL	
11/14	Rachel's Challenge Meeting	4:10 p.m.
11/15	7 th Grade Boys Basketball DF @ PV	4:45 p.m.
	8 th Grade Boys Basketball DF @ PV	5:45 p.m.
11/16	Early Release	2:30 p.m.
	Site Council	5:15 p.m.
	BEST (PTO) Meeting	6:00 p.m.
11/17	Vision and Hearing Screening	
	7 th Grade Boys Basketball MS @ DF	4:45 p.m.
	8 th Grade Boys Basketball MS @ DF	5:45 p.m.
11/21	Rachel's Challenge Meeting`	4:10 p.m.
11/22	7 th Grade Boys Basketball DF @ RP	4:45 p.m.
	8 th Grade Boys Basketball DF @ RP	5:45 p.m.
11/24	Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL	
11/25	Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL	
11/28	Rachel's Challenge Meeting	4:10 p.m.
11/30	Early Release	2:30 p.m.

To view Desert Foothill's online calendar, insert the URL address below into your Internet browser, <http://desertfoothills.wesdschools.org>; click on Desert Foothills Calendar.

24 Hour Attendance Line 602-896-5521

STUDENT ID CARDS

The safety of students traveling to and from school, as well as their safety at school, is of primary importance to the Washington Elementary School District. With this in mind, WESD has implemented technology to make it easier to identify students when they are on campus and to verify when and where students enter and exit a school bus. Students were provided a picture ID at the beginning of the school year at no cost. If students deface, destroy, render their ID unreadable or lose their ID, they will be required to purchase a replacement ID. Students must have their ID with them to ride the bus. If a student does not have his or her ID card in morning, the student will be asked to sit in the front of the bus or his or her assigned seat. No student will be denied a ride TO school.

- The student will then be instructed to go to the library during homeroom and obtain a new ID. If he or she cannot purchase a new card that day, the student will receive a temporary bus pass for that day only. **The temporary badge must be returned to the library the next day**
- The student must get a new ID by the following day or he or she will be refused boarding the bus to go home. Parents will be notified to pick up the student.

A TEMPORARY BADGE IS GOOD FOR ONE DAY ONLY

- Replacement cost for the ID cards is \$5.00 (Lanyards are 50 cents).

Signing your student out of school **before** dismissal?
The office staff will ask you for your **photo ID**.
NO EXCEPTIONS

Congratulations National Junior Honor Society Officers

President- Rylee H.
Vice President- Abby R.
Secretary- Avery R.
Treasurer- Taylor B.
Sargent at Arms- Helene W.



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Governing Board: Aaron Jahneke, President • Clorinda Graziano, Vice President
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GIFTED SERVICES

In accordance with ARS §15-779, special education is provided to students of lawful school age identified as gifted in one or more of the verbal, quantitative or nonverbal reasoning areas. The Washington District has a continuum of gifted services from which each school selects those that best meet their students' needs. Center-based services for highly gifted students are also available. If you think your child may need these special education services, evaluation is available. Contact your child's teacher for more information. The second round of testing for this school year will take place the week of December 5 - 9, 2016.

Hearing and Vision Screenings will be performed on Tuesday, November 17. Your child's attendance is important. Please remind him or her to bring his or her glasses to school.

TAX CREDIT

You can do something great for the students at Desert Foothills Junior High School and reduce your tax liability at the same time by making a tax credit donation.

You decide where your money goes! When you make a school tax credit donation you're enhancing the education of a child. Your donation can go to the program you specify, or you may permit the school to designate which of its extracurricular programs your donation will support – athletics, after-school classes, character education, field trips, music programs.

State Department of Revenue Guidelines

- The tax credit program gives a dollar-for-dollar reduction in state income taxes. The credit is \$400 for married taxpayers that file a joint return and \$200 for single taxpayers or heads of households. If married taxpayers file separate returns, each spouse may claim one-half of the credit that would have been allowed.
- Public education tax credits may only be used to the extent that they reduce a tax liability to zero. Any unused amounts may be carried forward for not more than five consecutive years.
- You do not need to have a child enrolled in a school to take advantage of this tax credit.
- If a program is not designated by the contributor, the school will choose a program based on greatest need.
- Checks must be made payable to the individual school of the taxpayer's choice.
- Tax credit donations must be made on or before April 15 to be applied to the prior year's taxes.
- When the school receives the check, a receipt will be issued for the individual's tax record. The District will also submit notification to the Arizona Department of Revenue.

To make a donation, simply go to the WESD Web site, www.wesdschools.org, Quick Links. Print and complete the tax credit form and return it to the school office or to the WESD Administrative Center at 4650 W. Sweetwater Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85304. Remember, tax credit donations must be made on or before April 15 to be applied to the prior year's **taxes.**

For further information, contact Desert Foothills Junior High School office at 602-896-5500 or Chris Wing at 602-3472631.

Join Fry's Community Rewards Program

Sign up to join the Fry's Community Rewards Program. Please link your Fry's card by going to the following link and registering.

<https://www.frysfood.com/topic/new-community-rewards-program> and click on Enroll Now. Our organization is Desert Foothill junior High Organization # 84283.

DF Cross Country Team

Congratulations on a great season. Although, neither the boys or girls teams came away with the overall team championship titles, they should be very proud of their second place finishes. Anahi Navrette, Alma Madrid, Cory Wohl, Damien Guoladdle and Tito Quiala all finished within the top ten and truly ran outstanding races against much larger teams. The following runners all finished within the top 20: Andrew Neely, George Wafi, Brittin Johnson, Alena Hunter, Harerimana Dative, Elayna Padilla and Lyndsey Ankrum. Coach Drewis wishes he could mention all the runners who made it through the entire season. Whether you came in 3rd place or 64th place remember that your coach is proud of you. *Celebrate the finish lines, not the finish times.*

Congratulations to the 1st Quarter A-Team Students

David Acosta Gomez, Kalen Alex, Mackenzie Allen, Zoey Anderson, Jackson Aylor, Arely Badillo Sierra, Lydia Bailey, Kyle Barnes, Maya Beganovic, Noe Antonio Bejarano, Rita Benjamin, Abimel Bojorquez Maytorena, Zane Broome, Taylor Brown, Alyson Bustamante, Josue Cadriel, Gianna Capozzi, Grace Caraway, Daisy Caro, Stevie Cervantes, Josef Cordero, Sierra Cornell, Emily Corral, Amy Cruz Delgado, Vicente Cruz Delgado, Melina Cruz Perez, Emma Daniel, Harerimana Dative, Anthony Dominguez, Kairi Donaldson, Henry Dong, Miguel Dorazco, Shayla Doyle, Aiden Dubuque, Tana Duett, Kathleen Dull, Tarynn Emery, Marisol Estopare, Anthony Fajardo, Chloe Fox, Zackary Friou, Cameryn Frogge, Andrea Garcia Lopez, Gabriel Garcia, Nevaeh Garcia, Jenessie German, Dylon Godman, Julieta Gomez, Elizabeth Grabiec, Maylin Hanish, Shyanne Harrison, Ryan Hauff, Fernando Hernandez, Phillip Hernandez, Caitlyn Hinson, Vivian Hoang, Rylee Hoil, Isabelle Holly, Peyton Holly, Oscar Horlacher, Adam Hoxie, Diana Hurtado Romero, Avah Husk, Aeysha Ibrahim, Madison Jewell, Christian Johnson, Jasmine Kelly, Lindsay Lafon, Julie Lauzon, Nathan Le, Zachary Lee, Carla Leyva, LaDashya Litsui, Shanandra Litsui, Bernardino Lopez Salguero, Arianna Magana Sanchez, Nadia Martin Del Campo, Carlos Alexis Mejia Sierra, Bernardo Merin, Daniel Montano, Alexandria Moore, Alexa Moreno, Caesar Navarro Olalde, Xavier Navarro, Victoria Negrete C.Delabarca, Janie Oakey, Javier Ocampo Aguirre, Jose Ocampo, Nataly Ochoa, Arianna Ortiz, Jessica Pham, Tammy Pham, Samantha Popovici, Kaitlyn Rendon, Anthony Rios, Kiany Rodriguez Meza, Madiana Rodriguez, Sara Roland, Orlando Rueda, Abbey Ruffell, Ariana Russ, Valeria Salazar Navarro, Bianey Salinas Vasquez, Sara Savic, Joseph Saya, Brianna Segal, Kelly Shaffer, Mena Shamon, Hannah Shideler, Rose Shurtleff, Joshua Singer, Payton Smetzler, Jacob Smithson, Cristal Soto Olivias, Skyler Spengel, Kristina Stankovic, Everett Steller, Orion Steller, Chance Stephens, Vlera Sylva, Christina Jasmine Tee, Diana Jasmine Tee, Teeanna Tejada, Thu Thai, Lillian Titus, Hayden Tofte, Serena Valdez, Arianna Valenzuela, Conner Valerio, Kenna Van Der Noord, Cheyanne VanKilsdonk, Fernanda Vazquez Garcia, Katarina Vega, Juliana Velasco-Lopez, Alhasan Wafi, Jordyn Whalin, Brianna Wheeler, Helene White, Krisanda Williams, Mckenzie Williams, Cory Wohl, Samuel Wong Mungarro, Sydney Zellner, Zoe Zheng

Team Eclipse October Students of the Month

Ms. Chesebro - Alfieri R.
Mr. Drewis - Katelynn M.
Mr. Hrovat - Arianna Z.
Ms. Knott - Seth G.
Mr. Lilly - Haremana D.
Mr. Mobley Daniel H.