



DESERTFOOTHILLSNEWS

Name of the Scorpions • The higher we climb, the better the view!

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Ms. Susie Smith
Principal

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Mr. Steve Whynott
Assistant Principal
November 2017

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 139 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.
- There's lots of great opportunities for our Desert Foothills Scorpions to participate in extra-curricular activities. Our volleyball and soccer teams had amazing seasons and our Lady Scorpions Soccer Team represented Desert Foothills so well with another great season.
- The DF Cross Country did it again! They brought home many awards in all three WESD events.
- After-s chool Academy classes are in full swing with great attendance and participation.
- Save the Date! Please note that the **8th Grade Promotion Ceremony is Monday, May 21, 2018**, with Team Eclipse & Team Wolves ceremony at 9:15 a.m. and Team Phoenix at 10:45 a.m. in our gym.

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.

The Desert Foothills Staff and I wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Congratulations

National Junior Honor Society Officers

President- Tammy P.
Vice President- Kristina S.
Secretary- Jennisee G.
Treasurer- Peyton H.
Sargent at Arms- Jordyn W.

24-hour Attendance Line 602-896-5521

November Calendar of Events

11/2	7 th Grade Boys Basketball RP @ DF	4:45 p.m.
11/9	8 th Grade Boys Basketball RP @ DF	5:45 p.m.
11/9	A-Team Field Trip to Country Gables Park	
11/9	7 th Grade Boys Basketball CH @ DF	4:45 p.m.
11/9	8 th Grade Boys Basketball CH @ DF	5:45 p.m.
11/10	Veterans Day – NO SCHOOL	
11/14	7 th Grade Boys Basketball DF @ PV	4:45 p.m.
11/14	8 th Grade Boys Basketball DF @ PV	5:45 p.m.
11/15	Site Council	5:15 p.m.
11/15	BEST (PTO) Meeting	6:00 p.m.
11/16	Vision and Hearing Screening	
11/16	7 th Grade Boys Basketball MS @ DF	4:45 p.m.
11/16	8 th Grade Boys Basketball MS @ DF	5:45 p.m.
11/17	Team Champions Field Trip	9:00 a.m.
11/17	7 th Grade Boys Basketball DF @ RP	4:45 p.m.
11/17	8 th Grade Boys Basketball DF @ RP	5:45 p.m.
11/22	Progress Reports Go Home	
11/23	Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL	
11/24	Thanksgiving Break – NO SCHOOL	
11/30	7 th Grade Boys Basketball DF @ CH	4:45 p.m.
11/30	8 th Grade Boys Basketball DF @ CH	5:45 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.

Signing your student out of school
before dismissal?

NO EXCEPTIONS

The office staff will ask you for your **photo ID**.

*Education is the passport to
the future, for tomorrow
belongs to those who
prepare for it today....*

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.



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Governing Board: Bill Adams, President • Larry Herrera, Vice President
Aaron Jahneke, Member • Tee Lambert, Member • Nikkie Whaley, Member
Dr. Paul Stanton, Superintendent

Congratulations to the 1st Quarter A-Team Students

Ali A., Amir A., Nailia A., Mackenzie A., Haleigh A., Karen A., Arely B., Noe A., Jesus B., Brian B., Abimel B., Trinity B., Madison B., Emily B., Josue C., Celeste C. Penelope C., Grace C., Jubilee C., Mario C., Stevie C., Ariel C., Christina C., Josef C., Druanna C., Melina C. Katelyn D., Aiden D., Diana E., Kylee F., Collin F., Nathaniel G., Diana G., Gabriel G., Andrea G., Jenessie G., Sarah G., Angelina G., Julieta G., Viannet G., Maylin H., Vanessa H., Shyanne H., Hailey H., Megan H., Caitlyn H., Vivian H., Peyton H., Adam H., Adelina I., Nathalia I., Aidan J., Kevin J., David J., Omar K., Teresa K., Kiara K., Oshana K., Brandon K., Kaydance K., Norma K., Jacques L., Maya L., Nathan L., Zachary L., Carla L., Shanandra L., Mia L., Laisha L., Malina M., Arianna M., Maelyn M., Richard M., Carlos A., Favor M., Bernardo M., Melanie M., Robert M., Bianca M., Nathan M., Daniel M., Candelario M., Peter N., Carmen N., Peyton N., Long N., Tony N., Nataly O., Nicole O., Miranda O., Rodolfo P., Aleksander P., Kylee P., Jessica P., Tammy P., Kyrell P., Michaela P., Lorena Q., Joy R., Erik R., Kainin R., Yasmine R., Marisa R., Jacqueline R., Caitlin R., Alexander R., Jonathan R., Stacy S., Sara S., Jessica S., Kaylee S., Kelly S., Parker S., Nathan S., Kristina S., Everett S., Chance S., Teanna T., Thu T., Lillian T., Patricia V., Adelia V., Aaron V., Bernadette V., Alexis V., Xitlali V., Destiny V., Karla V., Annalica W., Jordyn W., Kamoni W., Rylie W., Nathaniel W., Hannah W., Axel W., Tierra Y., Sydney Z., Christopher M., Sandra P., and Priscilla K.

TEACHER INTERVIEW FAIRS

The Washington Elementary School District (WESD) will host multiple Teacher Interview Fairs to hire teachers for the 2018-2019 school year. All Teacher Interview Fairs will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the WESD Administrative Center, 4650 West Sweetwater Avenue, Glendale, 85304. Contracts for the 2018-2019 school year will be offered to qualified candidates. Student teachers, soon-to-be college graduates, seasoned teachers and alternative pathways are encouraged to attend!

Teacher interviews are scheduled for:

- Saturday, November 4, 2017;
- Saturday, December 16, 2017,
- Saturday, January 20, 2018,
- Saturday, February 24, 2018,
- Thursday, March 15, 2018, 4 to 7:30 p.m.; and
- Saturday, April 28, 2018.

Interviews will be conducted for those interested in teaching: kindergarten, elementary education, special education, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, general music, art and special needs preschool. Successful candidates may be recommended for a 2018-2019 teaching contract.

Apply online prior to the interview fair

at jobs.wesdschools.org. Please select the posting titled, Teacher – All Positions. Human Resources will contact qualified applicants directly to preschedule an interview.

For more information, contact the WESD Recruitment Office at 602-347-2622 or e-mail teach@wesdschools.org.

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. We are also taking online payments! 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 602-347-2631.

Access your Child's Information Using ParentVUE

Desert Foothills is pleased to announce that parents and guardians can be more involved in their child's education by utilizing ParentVUE, a Web-based program that allows parents and guardians the opportunity to monitor their child's educational progress. Each parent/guardian will receive information on how to activate his or her account. You will receive Activation Instructions and an Activation Key that you will need when you first sign in. You will be given the opportunity to change your password after your account is activated. By activating your ParentVUE account, you will be able to see information specific to your child or children. You will be able to view your child's attendance, class schedule, grade book and to a limited extent, calendar. You will also be able to see and review the student info (contact and emergency information) the school has on record for your child. We encourage you to activate your ParentVUE account and become familiar with its features. Your child's teacher will be updating information regularly, so visit often to stay current with your child's progress. We look forward to working with you to improve your access to information about your child's academic progress. If you have a question regarding your child's schedule, grades and/or attendance, please contact your child's teacher. If you have a question regarding the use of ParentVUE, please e-mail: WESDDParentVUE@wesdschools.org.