



DESERTFOOTHILLSNEWS

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

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Assistant Principal
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A Message from Ms. Smith

As we complete a great first quarter of the school year, I want to thank and acknowledge our outstanding students and athletes. Boys and girls volleyball had a tremendous season with amazing growth and sportsmanship. Our Lady Scorpion soccer players performed a great season and are preparing for WESD Soccer Tournament after Fall Break. Cross Country is still going strong in its season, and boys' basketball and the DF Spiritline are practicing for the games in early November. Wrestling season starts soon. The 21st Century ASA program of before- and after-school classes has been a huge success with many classes full and students on a waiting list. Our students have been enjoying the Wednesday Assemblies during ASA as well.

Parent/teacher relationships are most effective when there is frequent and open communication with each other and demonstrate mutual respect for each other's role in a child's life. **Students do better in school when parents are involved in their academic lives.** Attending parent/teachers conferences is a way to be involved and help your child succeed in school. **Please plan to attend our Parent/Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, October 26, from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. or Thursday, October 27, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. in our gym.** You will be given your child's first quarter report card and have the opportunity to meet with each of your child's teachers. You are free to come on either night, Wednesday or Thursday in our gym for conferences. **We hope to see you at our Parent/Teacher Conferences next Wednesday, October 26, 2016, from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. or Thursday, October 27, 2016, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

Rachel's Challenge Day at Desert Foothills was a wonderful event spent with our students. The importance of being kind and compassionate to others and acknowledging the power of words was the big message. We also learned the importance of appreciating the ones we love while we still can show that appreciation. In addition, students were empowered with the knowledge that they can and do make a difference. The DF staff spent the day reflecting and interacting in character building activities with our students. Our FOR Clubs, (Friends of Rachel) have been formed and all students are welcome to join any of the clubs.

Best Buddies is a wonderful club implemented this year. We are proud of how many of our students have joined and are being a great buddy. Best Buddies' sponsors Ms. Acosta and Mrs. Chesebro look forward to a great year with opportunities to spread kindness and build friendships with their buddies. The Chipotle Fundraiser was a great success. T-shirts are available for purchase, if interested in our front office.

2016-2017 Spiritline

Congratulations to the 7th & 8th grade DF cheerleaders!
Kiany Rodriguez, Kaitlyn Rendon, Arianna Valenzuela, Rylee Hoil, McKenzie Williams, Alyson Bustamonte, Lyndsey Ankrum, Daziane Jordan, Kairi Donaldson, Lydia Bailey, Weronika Stekiel, Tammy Pham, Donna Marchese, Alyssa Esch, Sara Roland, Juliana Velasco-Lopez, Samantha Ley, Ariana Clark Jasinski, Trinity Borger, Jayda Green, Hannah Shideler, Gwendolyn Cheetham, Chloe Fox, Alexandria Moore, Danielle Arthur, and Ashlyn Foltos

2016-2017 Seventh Grade Boys Basketball Team

Nathan Moghina	Damian Curtis
Treyton Quihuis	Joey Baltazar
Elvis Auxier	Zachary Bauer
Zachary Lee	Christopher McCannon
Austin Clark	Peter Nahabedian
Jordan Dixon	Noe Bejarano
Terrence Dantzler	

2016-2017 Eighth Grade Boys Basketball Team

Garrett Anderson	Devin Archuleta
Brody Bobzien	Jonathan Calderon Tellez
Joey Capai	Logan Cluff
Henry Dong	Seth Gunderson
Gamian Gutierrez	Daniel Huff
Bobby Van Horn	Caleb Wagner



Student of the Month

Team Eclipse

Ms. Chesebro – Delores Haynes
Mr. Drewis – Joss Tijerina
Mr. Hrovat – Kayla Upton
Ms. Knott – Helene White
Mr. Lilly – Avery Richard
Mr. Mobley – Henry Dong

Team Venom

Angel Morales-Gregorio - Valdez
Ashlynn Foltos - Fredley
Sydney Zellner - Weppler
Tavyon Jones - Randall
Madison Jewell - Nichols
Delylah Huskon – Naylor



“Tell me and I forget. Show me and I remember. Involve me and I understand.”



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Important Dates to Remember!!

Fall Break October 10-14 – NO SCHOOL
Early Release October 26, 27 & 28
Parent Teacher Conferences
October 26 3-5:30 p.m.
October 27 5-7:30 p.m.



October Calendar of Events

10/3	Rachel’s Challenge Meeting	4:00 p.m.
	Girls Soccer	4:45 p.m.
	Volleyball Tournament	4:45 p.m.
10/4	Volleyball Tournament	4:45 p.m.
10/6	Volleyball Tournament	4:45 p.m.
10/7	Picture Retakes	
	Volleyball CH@DF	4:15 p.m.
10/10	Fall Break Begins	
10/17	Rachel’s Challenge Meeting	4:00 p.m.
10/19	Site Council	5:15 p.m.
	B.E.S.T. PTP Meeting	6:00 p.m.
10/20	Halloween Dance	4:00 p.m.
10/24	Rachel’s Challenge Meeting	4:00 p.m.
10/26	Early Release	2:30 p.m.
	Parent/Teacher Conference	3:00 p.m.
10/27	Early Release	2:30 p.m.
	Parent/Teacher Conferences	5:00 p.m.
10/28	Early Release	2:30 p.m.
	Parent/Teacher Conferences	
10/29	Best Buddies Prom – AZ	
	Science Center	
10/31	Rachel’s Challenge Meeting	4:00 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.

Student Safety

Student safety is very important at Desert Foothills Junior High. Anyone coming to take a student out before the school day ends needs to provide the office with identification. The office personnel will verify this individual is listed on the student’s information sheet. Only people listed on your student’s information sheet will be allowed to pick up your student. Those individuals will not be required to show written permission from you if/when they pick up your child for emergency reasons, e.g. illness, injury, family emergency. However, the individuals you list will not be permitted to pick up your child during the school day for nonemergency reasons without prior written permission. Please keep this in mind when individuals with whom you entrust your child’s care. If you must pick up your child early for an appointment or family emergency, please pick your child up before 3:45 p.m. On early release days, please pick your child up before 2:15 p.m. Parents who arrive between 3:45-4:00 p.m., or 2:15-2:30 p.m. on early release days, will be asked to wait until the dismissal time.



Attendance Updates

Pursuant to A.R.S. 15-901(A) (1):
 Effective July 1, 2016, all absences in excess of a cumulative 10% or 18 absences will be reported to the Arizona Department of Education as unexcused.
 In order for absences relating to illness, doctor appointment, bereavement, family emergencies and observance of major religious holidays of the family’s faith to be counted as excused absences, the school must be notified of the absence prior to the absence, or the day of the absence by the parent or legal guardian who has custody of the student. Absences that are not reported will be unexcused. Desert Foothills Junior High School maintains a 24-hour attendance line where absences can be called in at any time of the day, or night at 602-896-5521.

Actualizaciones de Asistencia

Según A.R.S. 15-901(A) (1):
 Comenzando el 1º de julio, 2016, todas las ausencias en exceso de un 10% acumulado o 18 ausencias serán reportadas al Departamento de Educación de Arizona como ausencias no excusadas.
 Para que las ausencias relacionadas con enfermedad, cita médica, luto, emergencias familiares y práctica de días religiosos importantes feriado de la fe de la familia sean consideradas como ausencias con excusa, la escuela deberá ser notificada de la ausencia antes de la ausencia o el día de la ausencia por uno de los padres o guardián legal quien tiene custodia del estudiante. Las ausencias no reportadas serán consideradas no excusadas. La Escuela Desert Foothills Junior High mantiene una línea de asistencia 24 horas al día que recibe llamadas para ausencias en cualquier hora del día o de la noche al 602-896-5521.

ID BADGES

The safety of students is of primary importance to the Washington Elementary School District. With this in mind, All WESD students are required to have an IDs while on the school campus. Students will be provided a picture ID at the



beginning of the school year at no cost. Students that ride the bus **MUST** have his/her ID Badge to get on the bus from school. They will also need them to check out books from the school library and when they go through the cafeteria for lunch. They all received the first set for free. Replacements will be \$5.00. If students deface, destroy, render their ID unreadable or lose their ID, they will be required to purchase a replacement ID for \$5.00. Replacement lanyard and pouches are 50 cents.

“I have this theory that if one person will go out of their way to show compassion, then it will show a chain reaction of the same.”
 ~ Rachel Joy Scott