

*Desert View Academy
Eagles
March 2010*



News from the Eagle's Nest

Congratulations Desert View Academy! The results are now in. When combining academic scores and parent satisfaction surveys, Desert View Academy ranks 51/575 schools in Arizona! Way to fly, Eagles!

Open Enrollment Day is March 1st. If you have not submitted your paperwork for 2010-2011, please do so quickly. We have limited seating because of our success and we want every current student to be able to return next year. So please, return that registration form now!

7th Graders - Our sister school, Carpe Diem, only has a few seats left for 7th grade. If you are thinking about attending, you need to seize the day and sign up now! Registration is not automatic.

Uniforms: Please review our handbook regarding daily and PE uniform requirements. As we approach years' end, we are noticing a relaxing of the standards that is not appropriate.

Cell Phones: The use of cell phones during school or on the bus is strictly prohibited. Except for emergencies, cell phones will be confiscated if the student is using it or has it turned on. Confiscated items can only be picked up by parents in the front office.

Make Up Day Go Away! The Governor has now declared our rainy day to be covered under the Arizona state of emergency. Therefore, we don't have to make up the day. Our Spring break now returns to a full six days with students returning on Tuesday, April 6. Don't forget!

Pennies for Patients Update: Thank you parents and students for giving to such a worthy cause. We will announce the results and the winning fundraisers in our April newsletter.

Playground Equipment: At our last PTL meeting parents requested that we explore the possibility of getting some playground equipment for our students. We did. Very soon you will be seeing a LOT of wonderful balls and hoops for the children to play with. After we place the equipment on the playground, we will ask that NO personal playground equipment be brought to school. Thank you for bringing the need to my attention!

Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions on how we can serve you better. Let us know if you have any "kudos" too! We care about you and your children and want to provide the best education and environment possible. Again, **thank you** for choosing Desert View Academy as your school of choice! **–Rick Ogston, Director**

Kindergarten

We had a great month in kindergarten! We learned all about Groundhog Day and how to make shadows. Next we celebrated Valentine's Day together at school and had a great time making and receiving valentines from all of our friends in our fancy decorated shoe boxes. We then set off an adventure to learn all about our former presidents, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. We even reconstructed Abe's log cabin out of pretzel sticks! We finished up the month with a unit on Nursery Rhymes, where we learned all about Humpty Dumpty, Jack and Jill, and Little Miss Muffett, just to name a few. With all the fun we're having, we can't wait to see what March has in store for us.

First Grade

First Graders studied rocks and fossils this month! Our story "Mister Bones: Dinosaur Hunter," taught us how the first Tyrannosaurus Rex bones were discovered. We read other stories about rocks and fossils as well. Then we made our own fossils. It was fun exploring different rocks and shells, and recording our scientific observations in our science journals.

We are looking forward to March 2, when we get to wear our pajamas to school and spend the day enjoying our favorite storybooks.

Second Grade

February was a busy month for second grade! Besides the ongoing Pennies for Patients fundraiser, our students were busy at home keeping up with their Dental Health Month Project and making their box for the Valentine's Day box contest. The contest was a lot of fun and there were many cute and interesting boxes. Our second graders are very talented! This month we learned about living in a community, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington, and the Chinese New Year. The students also got to make posters about Community Heroes. We are looking forward to the month of March which brings Dr. Seuss' birthday. To celebrate his birthday we will be participating in "Read across America" day, which takes place on March 2nd. This is a day where staff and students get to come to school in our pajamas, get comfy, and settle in to read and listen to great books. March 5th, will be 2nd grade's annual "Green Eggs and Ham" day. This is also an event in which we celebrate Dr. Seuss. This is such a fun day for the students because they get served a big breakfast of Green Eggs and Ham. Yummy! Due to time and financial constraints this event is only for students and parent volunteers. We thank you for your understanding. If you are interested in volunteering and didn't have the opportunity to sign up please see your child's teacher. If you signed up to provide a food or drink item for this special day we ask that you send it with your child the morning of March 5th. We thank you very much for your continued support of your children and their education!

Third Grade

The Third Grade students will be going on a fieldtrip to the Yuma Convention Center this Friday, February 26. The Yuma County Public Health Services will be sponsoring this exciting fieldtrip called *Body Walk*. Third graders across the Yuma County were all invited to attend.

They will learn about: taking care of their teeth, discover foods that keep us healthy, recognize what nutrients are and where they go in the body, realize how important physical activities are, find out what foods build strong bones and many other wonderful facts about the human body. We are looking forward to this fun, informational trip.

With the AIMS test coming up, we are preparing our students to become aware of good test taking skills and strategies. Please continue to work on multiplication facts with your child.

Report cards are coming home on Friday, please sign and return on Monday, March 1st.

Fourth Grade

Fourth Graders Are Always AIMing High!!!!

We would like to welcome Mrs. Vialpando to our fourth grade winning team. The Science Fair Project will be **due March 22nd**, which will be 25% of your child's science grade; late projects will not be accepted. In social studies we will be starting chapter 6 "Arizona is Part of Mexico." In Science we will be starting chapter 4, Movements in the Solar System. As part of this unit your child will be creating a solar system in class. It's going to be an exciting month as we prepare for AIMS and with your support we know your child will be successful.

Fifth Grade

Fifth grades are working hard on mastering the multiplication facts. The lessons are getting more advanced and a solid foundation of arithmetic basics is becoming more and more important. In Social Studies we are studying the Civil War. Anyone with any interesting information regarding this era is encouraged to share it with our classes.

A reminder that some of our students are not adhering to the DVA dress code. Remember, only solid colored shirts may be worn under the uniform shirt, and no colored socks may be worn (navy blue or white are acceptable). P.E. uniforms (with white socks only) are required on the respective P.E. days. Also please remind your students to come to school prepared with pencils, paper, folders and planners!

Science Fair projects are due Monday, March 22. We are looking forward to seeing some fantastic, creative displays. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support!

Sixth Grade

Our sixth grade fund raising activities should now be finished for the year, with the exception of a pizza take over towards the end of the year. We will be having a meeting with all parents about rules and issues regarding the year end field trip sometime before spring break. All sixth grade students should be concentrating on finishing up their science projects. All science projects are due the last week of March. Students need to realize that 25% of their third trimester grade will be from these projects and they need to take this assignment seriously. Although the school year is winding down, it is important that sixth grade students still follow the school handbook rules. Too many students are coming to school with uniform violations and carrying electronic devices – I pods, cameras, psp's, etc. that are expressly forbidden by school policy. Please check your student's backpacks

periodically for the indicated items and remove them.

Specials Classes

Please mark your calendars! Choir is enthusiastically preparing for the multicultural/diversity program that will take place on March 18, 2010. All students who are part of the choir classes will be performing. Reminder notes with more information will be sent home. As we prepare for this performance we are learning about different cultural greetings and ways of life that make each culture unique. We hope to see you at the performance. Remember to sing your heart out!

Mrs. Garcia & Mrs. Urias

Calendar of Events

March 2	Read Across America – Dr. Suess' Birthday. Pajama day for students & staff.
March 3	Spring Pictures
March 3	Report Cards go Home
March 4	Award Assemblies
March 5	Green Eggs and Ham Breakfast for 2 nd grade students
March 12	Family Game Night 5:30-7:30p.m.
March 18	Multi Cultural Choir Performance 6:00p.m.
March 15-19	BOOK FAIR
March 25	\$1.00 Jeans Day for Students & Staff
March 26	Field Day
March 29-April 5	Spring Break
April 6	Students Return



Reminder

Please comply with the posted sign at the exit of the DVA parking lot regarding 'No left turns' during the designated times. posted.

This is a good opportunity to model *good citizenship to your children by obeying the law.*

Remember, "Our Character always Counts!"