



Deer Valley Unified School District No. 97

School News

SIERRA VERDE SCHOOL

CHAMPION'S CHATLINE

NEWS FROM SIERRA VERDE SCHOOL & PTSA

JANUARY 10TH, 2008

From the School

WordMasters Challenge

A student representing Sierra Verde School recently won highest honors in this year's WordMaster Challenge—a national language arts competition entered by over 225,000 students annually, which consists of three separate meets held at intervals during the school year.

Competing in the very difficult Gold Division of the Challenge, sixth grader Morgan Schoonmaker earned a perfect score in the year's first meet, held in December. In the entire country, only 172 sixth graders earned perfect scores. Others at the school who also achieved outstanding results in the meet included sixth grader Neha Reddy, fourth graders Noah Green and Derek Shi, and fifth graders Devin Holmgren and Collin Wilson.

Yearbook Sale

*This year's book
will be in full color!*

Softcover yearbooks are \$28.00 available for students grades K-6th.

Hardcovers are \$33.00 and available for 7th & 8th grade students only.

*Please make checks or money orders payable to Sierra Verde and send one check per child. Cancelled checks act as a receipt. **NO CASH ACCEPTED***
Year Book Order ends February 29th, 2008

School Information

School Website: <http://sierraverde.dvusd.org>

District Website: www.dvusd.org

Sierra Verde PTSA Website: www.sierraverdeptsa.org

Character Counts Website: www.azcharacterfoundation.org

School Attendance Line: 623-376-4890 (available 24/7)

Safe Schools Hot Line: 623-376-3262

Sierra Verde's Evacuation Site: Christ's Church of the Valley
7007 West Happy Valley Road

Reflections 2008

I Can Make A Difference By...

Many students worked hard and participated in Reflections 2008. Please join us Thursday, January 17th at 7:00 in the Multipurpose Room for the annual Reflections Preview & Reception Evening.

The chorus and band are expected to perform as we recognize student participation and our Award of Excellence recipients whose work will go on to compete at the state level. Works will hang in the Media Center through the end of January.

ATTENDANCE LINE



*You may call the attendance line
24 Hours a day!*

- ✓ *If your child will be late because of an appointment, please call and let us know!*
- ✓ *If you are calling your child in sick, please let us know the type of illness they have!*

Please remember to call the Attendance Line -- even if you've told your child's teacher! Thank You!

For Your Calendar

JANUARY 10th – JANUARY 18th

- January 10th, "Future Freshman" Night, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., @ Mt. Ridge
- January 17th @ 7:00 p.m., Reflections Preview & Reception
- January 18th, Final day to participate in State Survey (see article)
- January 18th, Activity Photos (Art Club)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 24th, Class Photos
- January 30th, Final day to review math materials adoption (see article)
- February 29th, Final day to order 2007-2008 Yearbooks

From the District

Parents Can Participate in State Survey

The Arizona Department of Education is asking schools to administer a one-question survey as part of a new law providing for the publication of classification labels for school districts and charter operators. The first classification labels will be released in the spring of 2008.

The survey question asks parents to rate the quality of their child's education at their school as Excellent, Good, Fair, or Poor. **You can participate in this survey through January 18th** by going to your school web site or the district web site at www.dvusd.org.

2008 Deer Valley University

Deer Valley University is a series of workshops for parents, community members, and staff in the Deer Valley Unified School District. Deer Valley University is intended to provide its participants with a basic understanding of how the Deer Valley Unified School District works. A look at various departments within the district, along with the rules and regulations governing schools and districts, will be offered. You will learn about your district from boundaries to budget and more!

This class will meet for five consecutive Thursdays beginning January 31st, 2008. Classes will meet in the Governing Board room at the District Office from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. You may register by calling Kim Redding in Parent/Community Involvement at 623-445-5016 or by email to kim.redding@dvusd.org.

Public Review for Math Materials Adoption

Public Review for the math materials adoption will be available for review from December 3rd to Jan 31st at the following locations:

- All grade level materials will be available at Arrowhead in room 29.
- Limited grade levels will be available at Village Meadows and Anthem in their media centers. The public review will be available from Dec 3rd to Jan 31st. Each site is open from 7:30 - 4:30.

All visitors must sign in at the office before going to the review location. There will be forms for input available at each site.

Two K-5th grade programs will be on review. They are:
Pearson/Scott Foresman: Envision teacher and student resources
Investigation teacher resources only will also be purchased

McMillan McGraw Hill: Math Connects teacher and student resources
Math Impact teacher resources only will also be purchased

Two 6th-8th grade programs will be on review. They are:
Glencoe: Math Course 1, 2, and 3 teacher and student resources.
Mathscape teacher resources only will also be purchased
McDougal Littell: Math Course 1, 2, and 3 teacher and student resources.

WANTED

The Drama Club is seeking donations of old prom dresses, or formal dresses, to use in costuming for their production of Cinderella. It would also be great if anyone has a white tux they would be willing to donate! Please contact Mindy Fechtel at 623-376-9787 if you have a donation. Thanks!



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A Big THANK YOU!

A big "Thank You" from the PTSA to Jim Fowler of International Minute Press for doing such an outstanding job printing this year's PTSA Family Directory.

Next PTSA General Meeting on January 23rd

Meet Sierra Verde's new principal Cheryl Paul on Wednesday, January 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at the PTSA General Meeting. This was originally scheduled as a Board Meeting, but has been changed to a General Meeting. Everyone is invited to come and meet our new principal. She will tell us a bit about herself and maybe even answer a few questions. Don't miss this opportunity to warmly welcome Cheryl Paul to Sierra Verde!



Help Us Meet Our Goal !

A big thanks to all of you who have linked your Fry's card to Sierra Verde. We are on our way to reaching our goal of \$100,000 in purchases this school year which will earn us \$1,000 to put back into our school. If you haven't done so already, please bring in this barcode and present it to the cashier along with your V.I.P. card to link your card to Sierra Verde. You just need to do this once this year to earn money for our school each time you shop from now through April 28th.



PILATES

Right to the Core

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