



School News

SIERRA VERDE SCHOOL



Deer Valley Unified School District No. 97

CHAMPION'S CHATLINE

NEWS FROM SIERRA VERDE SCHOOL & PTSA

JANUARY 17TH, 2008

From the School

Sierra Verde's Spelling Bee Champions



This year's "Spelling Bee" at Sierra Verde was packed with excitement. It is really hard to stand in front of the entire student body and spell a given word. We commend all who participated in grades 4th - 8th for their courage and integrity.

Our winner for 7th & 8th grade is Chelsea Howell and our Runner up is Katie Angell. For grades 4th - 6th our winner is Neha Reddy and our Runner up is William Birch.

These four students did a great job. They will now represent our school at the District Spelling Bee on January 23rd at 9:30 a.m. Please cheer them on as they compete against all the other schools in our District. Our hopes and thoughts go with them.



Volunteers for Junior Achievement

We NEED parents and business professionals to volunteer to teach the Junior Achievement program in the K-6th grade classes this year. Volunteers teach 5 short lessons over a period of approximately 5 weeks. The lessons have already been created and all the material is provided. You can volunteer in any class or grade level.

This is an incredible program whose mission is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy. You do not need teaching experience, just a passion for inspiring our students to excel beyond the walls of the classroom.

Don't miss this opportunity! Call or email us today.

Contact: Michelle Hadden at 623-362-1037, michellehadden@gmail.com or contact your child's teacher.

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!



Counselor's Corner

by Jennifer Miller, School Counselor

Sierra Verde's Chick-fil-A Spirit Night was a big success. With your help, we earned over \$400!

The Character Counts Committee has decided to donate these funds to Maria Miller's Cancer Fund. Maria is progressing very well through the Chemo treatments and greatly appreciates all the kind thoughts and prayers. Thank you for your continued support!

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

For Your Calendar

JANUARY 17th - JANUARY 25th

- Friday (18th), Final day to participate in State Survey (see article)
- Monday (21st), NO SCHOOL
- Wednesday (23rd), General PTSA Meeting @ 6:30 (see article)
- Thursday (24th), Class Photos

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 30th, Final day to review math materials adoption
- February 8th, Mardi Gras Dance, 7th and 8th Grade Students, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
- February 22nd, BINGO Night, Pre-ordered pizza @ 6:30, Bingo @ 7:00 p.m.
- February 29th, Final day to order 2007-2008 Yearbooks

Calling all parents...

Does your daughter want to join Girl Scouts? We need volunteers like you to make this happen. You can lead a troop or just help out. We need adult volunteers to lead all levels and age groups. We currently have a 3rd grade brownie troop looking for a leader (they will bridge to Juniors next year) and a current 4th -5th grade Junior troop looking for a leader.

"It is easy and FUN to lead a troop. I have lead a troop for three years and have enjoyed every ounce of it. The smile on my daughter's and her friends faces when they come to the meetings says it all." *Michelle Hadden, Sierra Verde Brownie/Junior Troop #1496*

"Leading my daughter's troop has been more rewarding than I thought it ever would be. There is nothing more rewarding than seeing my daughter and her friends grow up together and show their appreciation for the investment of my time in their lives." *Jen Pizer, Sierra Verde Brownie Troop #647*

"Leading the troop has been very fulfilling, without huge time commitments. It is so great to hear my daughter ask, "when is the Daisy Scouts meeting?" I am so thrilled that they enjoy it as much as I do." *Roz Britton, Sierra Verde Daisy Troop #1957*

If you would like to lead, co-lead or just help out with a Sierra Verde Girl Scout troop, contact Michelle Hadden at svgirlscouts@gmail.com(623-362-1037) or Betty Tihey at bettytihey@girlscoutsaz.org (602-478-6162).

Attention Parents of Kindergarten Girls...

The Sierra Verde Daisy Girl Scout troop 1957 is looking for more members...

We are looking for girls currently enrolled in Kindergarten to join our troop. We would like to expand our troop and currently have 4 openings.

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month from 3:40-4:40pm.

For registration information...Contact: Rozlyn Britton at rozbritton@cox.net (623-512-7841) or Michelle Hadden at svgirlscouts@gmail.com (623-362-1037)

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!

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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.

ATTENDANCE LINE
623-376-4890



You may call the attendance line 24 Hours a day!

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PTSA CORNER
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Adopt-A-Family a Success!

MUCHOS GRACIAS! THANK YOU! DANKE! MERCI BEAUCOUP!

The annual Adopt-a Family program which concluded last month was an outstanding success. Several Sierra Verde families stepped up and provided all the requested gifts. This was a remarkable demonstration of generosity from our Sierra Verde family and a big "THANK YOU" is in order!

Several other volunteers were involved in copying and distributing information, coordinating the distribution of ornaments, while others joined in the "Gift Wrapping Party", provided trees and delivered the gifts to the recipients.

Once again thanks to all our volunteers and generous families who made this year's program a phenomenal success!

The PTSA is deeply grateful to the following individuals who worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth and successful program: Trish Haws, Stephanie Walsh, Kim Tanner, Kim Stillwell, Jordan & Madie Hudson, Shea Tanner, Shelby Tiffany, Chloe Walsh, Karyn Herrera, Deena Reynolds, Michele Bonner and Nicole Dzobo.

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. Don't miss this opportunity to warmly welcome Cheryl Paul to Sierra Verde!

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