



Deer Valley Unified School District No. 97

School News

SIERRA VERDE SCHOOL

CHAMPION'S CHATLINE

NEWS FROM SIERRA VERDE SCHOOL & PTSA

FEBRUARY 28th, 2008

From the Principal

Dress Code

Our teachers are noticing an increase in the number of older students who are wearing their pajamas and slippers to school. While the dress code doesn't specifically address every possible scenario, it does state that shoes are to be worn at all times and that students should dress in a manner that takes into account the educational environment.

We have made announcements to remind students of appropriate dress and would appreciate your help reinforcing this expectation before they leave for school.

Parking Lot

It appears as though it's time again to reiterate the parking lot procedures. There are many new parents dropping off and picking up students and we haven't reminded people of the safety procedures and Fire Lane laws.

We have gone through a lengthy process over the past several years looking at the best way to use the drop off lane and parking lot. The traffic safety engineers from the City of Glendale were here to help us with the traffic flow issues. The Deer Valley District worked with parents, staff and the engineers to design the best possible options for student safety and traffic congestion. We cannot make the traffic lane longer and we cannot make the parking lot bigger. We need to work together and be patient so all students can be dropped off and picked up safely.

Our procedures are really fairly simple and they work when everyone follows them. There is NO stopping or parking in the RED CURB ZONE. This is for ACTIVE loading and unloading ONLY!! The students know that they wait on the curb until their car pulls to the curb. They do not load in the moving lane. Please don't ask them to come to your car in the moving lane. When you take a space on the red curb, you are preventing another car from loading their child. Pull to the curb ONLY when you see your child. The blue curb at the East end of the driveway is for stopping. You may stop and wait in your car.

Our staff supervises the drop off and pick up lanes before and after school and they are quite often asking the same people each day to move their vehicles. They should be watching children and helping them load into vehicles. Please help us by following these procedures. You need to make a circle on Rose Garden if your children are not on the curb.

Please understand that this is not some spur of the moment decision. The fire code doesn't allow anyone to park in the fire lane at any public building. We were able to work with them to allow us to drop off and pick up but that's it. Do not park in the fire lane for after school events. They have been around to ticket in the past and will do so again if they see the problem.

Your cooperation is very much appreciated. We do not want to lose our privilege to drop off and pick up because some drivers abuse the rules. Thank you.



SUMMER SCHOOL IDEAS!

Dear Parents,

We are getting ready to start planning our summer school program here at Sierra Verde and would like your help. If you have any ideas on what classes you would like to see offered this summer or your favorites from the past, please let us know! We have several wonderful teachers able to teach this summer and to make it the best program we can, we need your ideas! Please send your ideas to Mrs. Cullen at sara.cullen@sv.dvusd.org by Friday, February 29th, 2008! Summer School will run from June 2nd – June 26th, Monday – Thursday!

Thank you,
Mrs. Cullen and Mrs. Rudisel

For Your Calendar

FEBRUARY 28th – MARCH 7th

- Friday (29th), **Final day to order 2007-2008 Yearbooks**
- Friday (29th), Teacher Dinner Theater Fundraiser @ 6:30 p.m.
- Monday (3rd) – Friday (7th), Kindergarten Registration
- Wednesday (5th), **Early Release @ 12:20**, Staff Development Day
- Thursday (6th) & Friday (7th), Spring Book Fair in the Media Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 6th – 13th, Spring Book Fair
- March 11th, Book Fair – Muffins for Mom @ 7:45 am
- March 12th, Book Fair – Donuts for Dad @ 7:45 am
- March 13th, Book Fair – Family Night open til 7:30 p.m.
- March 17th – 21st, Spring Break, No School
- March 28th & 29th, Drama Club Production of "Cinderella"
- April 4th, Sock Hop
- April 11th, Sierra Verde Golf Tournament @ The 500 Club Golf Course
- April 11th, Movie on the Lawn

School Attendance

School attendance is vital to your child's success. Students must be at school on time. Students should enter the campus at 8:35 a.m. so they are ready to begin the school day promptly at 8:45 a.m. Please make every effort to encourage good attendance and punctuality. Our school policy is as follows:

6th tardy – Parent letter sent home

9th tardy – An after-school detention will be assigned

12th tardy – 1 day of suspension and parent conference

All students are held to the same policy and consequences. Thank you for your support.

From the School

Kindergarten Registration Begins March 3rd

The Deer Valley Unified School District will welcome the Class of 2021 at Kindergarten Registration the week of March 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily with extended hours on March 6th till 7:00 p.m. Our newest, littlest students will be given a pencil and summer activity packet. Parents are invited to visit their local school's office to register for kindergarten. To find out what school your child would attend, refer to the Boundary Map section of our District website www.dvUSD.org. **Students need to be 5 years old by August 31st.**

Parents will need to bring:

- Original birth certificate or a certified copy
- Immunization records
- Proof of residence (utility bill, house payment receipt, rent receipt, escrow document or lease agreement)
- Identification
- Legal guardian or custody papers if applicable

DVUSD is a district of excellence with opportunities for every student. Among the reasons parents cite why they select our schools are:

- Safe, secure and attractive campuses
- Qualified and caring staff who are passionate about working with children
- Rigorous curriculum that meets the needs of each student
- Award-winning faculty and programs
- Involved parents, business and community members actively support our education goals
- High academic achievement

Early registration is important as schools plan staffing needs for next school year. Please share this information; tell your neighbors and friends!

School Information

School Website: <http://sierraverde.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



Come to the Reading Roadtrip Bookfair

March 6th - 13th
in the Media Center!

March 11th - Muffins for Mom @ 7:45 a.m.

March 12th - Donuts for Dad @ 7:45 a.m.

March 13th - Family Night open til 7:30 p.m.

We need volunteers to make this event successful!

If you can volunteer, please contact

Mrs. Granger @ 623-376-4813



We NEED 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 Sierra Verde Drama Club is busy at work on their Spring production - Cinderella. They are in need of a gong. If you have one they could borrow, please contact Mindy Fechtel at 623-376-9787. Thank you!



CHARACTER COUNTS!

Quote of the week

"Lying is done with words and also with silence."

Adrienne Rich

How can a person lie without saying anything?

Is this still lying?



Sierra Verde's Baseball and Softball

Teams Announced

Season Starts this Week!

Congratulations to the following boys and girls on making this year's baseball and softball teams:

BOYS BASEBALL

Ronnie Soos	Kyle Humphrey
Trey Palacios	Jesse Hernandez
Robert Patton	Beau Birtwistle
Dakota Upham	Andy Buelna
John Kuttner	Austin Paschke
Rico Moreno	Josh Smyrtka
Aaron Howell	Logan Miller

Coach Connolly & Coach Birtwistle

Home games: (all 4:30 pm) February 26th, March 4th, April 3th, April 15th

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Janine Abraham	Ashley Soos
Hannah Miller	Ashley Palmer
Taryn Kelly	Paulina Fox
Katie Angell	Alexa Jacobs
Lauren Fore-Aldrete	Kayla Martin
Chelsea Howell	Melissa Gibson

Coach Cullen, Coach Soos, & Coach Angell

Home games: (all 4:30 pm) February 28th, March 11th, April 8th, April 9th

Come out and cheer on our teams to a victory!!!

From the Cafeteria

Half Day Lunch: Wednesday, March 5th is a half day and we will be serving a sack lunch on an ordering basis. If your child is going to daycare after school, please make sure that you either send them with a lunch or order them one. Grades K-3rd forms will be coming home Thursday, February 28th or Friday, February 29th. Please fill out this form and return it to the cafeteria no later than Wednesday March 5th at 9:00 a.m.

Grades 4th - 8th sign up sheets will be available Monday 3/3 & Tuesday 3/4 at both cashiers. Please remind your child to sign up for a lunch if one is needed. We will make an announcement both mornings to remind them.

Lunch cost is \$1.90 and includes: corn dog, carrots w/ranch, apple slices, cookie, along with milk and/or juice.

Did You Know?

- The menu is posted on the Deer Valley Website.
- We have a survey for Food Service on the Website with the menu.
- We serve a salad everyday.
- All our sandwiches are served on whole wheat bread.
- We offer fruits & vegetables with lunch on our 5-A-Day Bar.
- We sell cold water bottles at Breakfast & Lunch.
- Lunch meals may also be purchased at the Snack Bar.
- The menu is subject to change on an as needed basis.



Donation of Trees

Sierra Verde would like to thank Wendy Reinalda for coordinating these donations:

- ♦ DLC, donating & planting 5 trees
- ♦ Moon Valley Nursery at 8500 W. Pinnacle Peak for donating 2 trees
- ♦ Joe Lattimer, parent, for delivering trees

Our campus is looking more beautiful one tree at a time!

Oggi's Pizza Fundraiser a Success!

Thank you, to all of the Sierra Verde families that ordered carry-out, or dined at Oggi's Pizza on February 5th. Everyone had a great time having dinner and talking with friends. Together we raised \$618.61 for Maria's Cancer fund!

Healing Hands for Maria

The trail of healing hands in the Multi-Purpose room is beautiful! Healing Hands has raised \$870.50 for Maria's Cancer Fund. Thank you for the inspirational words and bright artwork!

PTSA Officer Elections

Think you might be interested in being a PTSA Officer next year? Officer elections are just around the corner on April 22nd. A Nominating Committee has been formed and is ready to hear from anyone interested in running for office for the 2008-09 school year. Nominating Committee members are: Leigh Cihlar (chair), 623-225-7577; Carey Crabbs, 623-566-6367; and Kim Tanner, 623-362-9592. If you are interested in running or have a question about the officer positions or the election process, please contact any one of these individuals.

Please note that if you wish to be on the ballot on April 22nd, you must submit your name and intention to run by 5:00 p.m. on March 24th. Nominees will be announced at the PTSA Board meeting on March 25th.

Officer positions consist of:

President: Presides at all meetings; appoints chairs of committees; coordinates the work of the officers and committees

Vice President: acts as an aide to the president; performs duties of the president in the absence or inability of that officer to act

Secretary: records the minutes of all meetings; has a current copy of the by-laws; maintains the membership list

Treasurer: has custody of all funds; keeps a full and accurate account of receipts and expenditures; presents a financial report at every meeting; insures the annual IRS report is complete



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