



Deer Valley Unified School District No. 97

School News

SIERRA VERDE SCHOOL

CHAMPION'S CHATLINE

NEWS FROM SIERRA VERDE SCHOOL & PTSA

AUGUST 30TH, 2007

From the School

Employment Opportunities

Sierra Verde currently has a Crossing Guard position and Custodial position available. If you are interested please call 623-376-4804. The hours for the Crossing Guard are 8:15 to 9:00 a.m. and 3:15 to 4:00 p.m. The hours for the Custodial position are 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Come join a great team!

Former Student Honored for Exceptional Character



Michael Skidmore (2nd from right) accepts his award from Mayor Elaine Scruggs and members of the Community Partnership/Sparks Committee.

Photo: Maura J Halpern/The Arizona Republic

In 2000 the City of Glendale established the Neighborhood Spark Award to recognize neighborhoods, neighborhood leaders, businesses and community organizations that have made a significant contribution to the betterment of Glendale's neighborhoods. "Sparks" are those individuals, neighborhood groups, businesses and community organizations that help create a "vision of what their neighborhood should be, while also spending time to identify and organize resources to accomplish the "vision." Ultimately, these "sparks" do whatever they can to help maintain or improve the quality of life within the neighborhoods where they live or operate a business.

New this year was the Young Leaders On the Move category recognizing youth who exemplify positive leadership and decision making in their school and community. Former Sierra Verde School student turned Mountain Ridge freshman Michael Skidmore was the first recipient to receive this honor.

Michael earned his Eagle Scout badge at the young age of 13 for his significant contribution to the Glendale community. Michael recruited numerous volunteers to help paint fire hydrants in the Cholla District. His goal was to paint 100 hydrants during a 4-hour project, but he exceeded his goal and painted 105 hydrants. He also secured donations for the project from a local supply company that included 100 cans of spray paint, masks and gloves.

Michael's leadership exemplifies what our Character Counts program is all about and why it is stressed on our campus. We applaud his effort to make a difference in his community. We wish him continued success at Mountain Ridge High School.

ATTENDANCE LINE
623-376-4890



You may call the attendance line 24 Hours a day!

From the Cafeteria

Welcome Back! We would like to thank you for your patience and understanding during the first few weeks of serving your children.

Have your child join us for breakfast! Serving time is from 8:10 - 8:35 and cost is just \$1.00. Please check the menu for breakfast choices. FYI - The menu is posted on the District website at www.dvusd.org.

Lunch Accounts: We encourage all parents to establish an account so they can monitor purchases and keep track of the balance. Lunch debit accounts keep the lunch line moving smoothly and make it easier for all of us. Accounts can be started in any amount. You can send in a check or cash to get started. We also have a system that allows you to check your child's lunch account balance and add money for a nominal fee to their account with your credit/debit card on line anytime: EzSchoolPay.com. Sign up is Free & Easy. You will need to have your child's student ID number to sign up for this service. Your child's student ID number may be picked up at the front office.

If you have any questions or concerns please give us a call at (623) 376-4814.

Let the race begin!



On your mark,
get set,
go!

The grade level with the most student memberships for PTSA will win a party for their whole grade level!

Parent, Teacher, Student Association

For Your Calendar

AUGUST 30th - SEPTEMBER 7th

- Monday (3rd), No School - Labor Day
- Thursday (6th), Classroom Parent Coordinator Meeting @ 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Friday (7th), Breeze Freeze Frozen Drink Sale @ 3:30 p.m. (every Friday)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 11th, General PTSA Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- September 12th, Staff Development, Early Release @ 12:20 p.m.
- September 14th, Volunteer Training, 9:00 a.m. @ Sierra Verde (see article)
- September 14th, Deadline for 2007-08 Family Directory (see article)
- September 21st, BINGO Night @ 6:30 p.m.



Attention all Room Parents

This is just a reminder that the PTSA's Room Parent Meeting is September 6th @ 2:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose room. This meeting is for all who have volunteered to be a Room Parent. The purpose for this meeting is to review district policies and school rules for classroom parties. We will share ideas for the parties and talk about Teacher Appreciation Week. Any questions, please contact Erin LoBrutto (623)337-5929 or nyyankees5@cox.net Looking forward to seeing you there!

Breeze Freeze Frozen Drinks

The PTSA will be selling Breeze Freeze frozen drinks for \$1 each, starting Friday September 7th. The drinks will be available every Friday at 3:30 p.m. So stop by and chill out after school.

Sign up to Join the Sierra Verde PTSA

The membership drive will be held on Wednesday, September 5th at 3:30 p.m. in front of the school. Please stop by to sign up. Remember there is a prize for the grade level with most student members.

2007-2008 Directory Deadline

The deadline for submitting entries for the 2007-2008 directory is September 14th. Please remember to send in your form on time for inclusion.

Safeway will be donating 10% of your grocery purchases of participating products to Sierra Verde every time you shop July 18th through September 4th.

Look for the Yellow School Bus and buy participating products. Sierra Verde will automatically earn 10% of purchases made on your club card if your card is enrolled in the escrip program.

If you aren't enrolled in escrip, ask cashier for your Back to School Register Receipt starting September 10th through October 6th. Turn it into the box in the front office by October 8th.

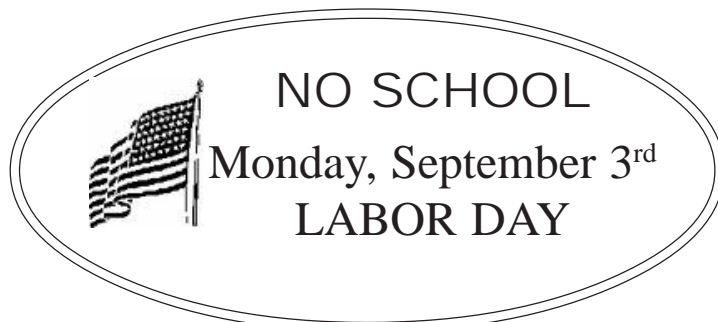
School Information

School Website: <http://sierraverde.dvusd.org>
District Website: www.dvusd.org
Sierra Verde PTSA Website: www.sierraverdeptsa.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

Bank Day Is Back!



Washington Mutual Bank and the Sierra Verde PTSA are continuing their School Savings Program Bank Day this year. This program is a great way for students to experience saving their money while earning fun prizes! The Bank Day table will be in the MPR during lunch **every Thursday** (except for Early Release Days) beginning **September 6th**. Students who took part in the past can start banking right away. If you haven't joined the Washington Mutual School Savings program but you'd like to, simply come to the Bank Day table during lunch on Bank Day for a School Savings Introduction Kit. Hope to see you there!



From the District



Parents as Partners Basic Training for Volunteers

Basic Training is a "must have" for all of those individuals, including parents, who donate time and/or services in schools or with students on a regular or reoccurring basis. If you attended *Basic Training* last year, you need not repeat it. *Basic Training* lasts approximately one hour and twenty minutes and you will receive all necessary volunteer materials. Additional training dates and times may be viewed by visiting the Parent Program section of our website www.dvusd.org.

**Join us at Sierra Verde School
Friday, September 14th, 2007
at 9:00 a.m.**

Those who have completed *Basic Training* should watch for additional training options for continuing volunteers in your school newsletter and on our website at www.dvusd.org. You may contact Parent & Community Involvement at 623-445-5016 for additional information.

Want to advertise in this weekly newsletter? **Join the PTSA as a Business Member**

Your \$25.00 membership will include general PTSA membership, a business card size ad in the School Directory and an ad in at least one issue of our newsletter!

***NEW THIS YEAR - your business website will have a link on the Sierra Verde PTSA website!*