



Deer Valley Unified School District No. 97

School News

SIERRA VERDE SCHOOL

CHAMPION'S CHATLINE

NEWS FROM SIERRA VERDE SCHOOL & PTSA

NOVEMBER 29TH, 2007

From the Principal

Staffing Update

It's time for another staffing update and I have some good news and some not so good news.

The good news is that we have hired a part-time custodian to work in the cafeteria during the lunch time. This position has been vacant all year and we now have Jimmie Judon joining us! He's doing a great job and fits in well with the staff and students.

The bad news is that one of our 4th grade teachers, Connie Harkness, has decided to resign as of January 8th, 2008. Her resignation is for personal reasons. This is Connie's first year at Sierra Verde and I am saddened that she is leaving us so soon. I have found her to be very organized, competent and a strong instructional teacher. She will be missed by her students and our staff. I wish her the best of everything.

As Ms. Harkness moves on, we will need to interview and hire a teacher for this classroom. That will happen over the next two weeks and I will keep you informed as more information becomes available.

If your student is in Ms. Harkness' classroom, please look for a letter that was sent home on Monday of this week.

We're still looking for a nurse. This seems to be a position that is very hard to fill but we will still continue to look.

That's our update for now.

Thank you,
Kathi Humble

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 376-9787 if you have a donation. Thanks!



From the School



SIERRA VERDE'S 1ST ANNUAL REINDEER RUN IS COMING SOON!!

The Physical Education Department is proud to present the 1st Annual Reindeer Run/Walk, December 15th (Saturday) at 9:00 am. Come join us for this 2.5 mile community event. Don't miss out on the fun! We hope to see you all there! More details will be coming your way as the event draws closer.

Safety First!



Sierra Verde crossing guards are working very hard to keep our students safe, but we need your help. Please obey the **15 m.p.h school zone**, **STOP** when you see the crossing guard in the crosswalk, use extra caution when driving through school zones, the school parking lot, and do not leave your vehicle unattended at the red curb. We recently received a list of penalties for school crossing violations. Fines for violations range from \$125 to \$500 and may result in 2 points on your license. Parking on a red curb could result in an \$80 ticket. The city of Glendale police department will be assisting our school in keeping kids safe by enforcing the school zone traffic and parking laws. If you would like more information, please visit www.mag.maricopa.gov. Thank you for your caution and awareness.

ATTENDANCE LINE
623-376-4890



You may call the attendance line 24 Hours a day!

For Your Calendar

NOVEMBER 29th - DECEMBER 7th

- Thursday, 6th, Basketball vs. West Wing @ 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, 7th - Tuesday, 11th, Kid's Korner Gift Shoppes, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. daily, Media Center
- Saturday 8th, Special Santa Shop, 9 - 11:30 a.m., Media Center

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 12th, Deadline for PTSA Reflections Program (see article)
- December 15th, 1st Annual Reindeer Run/Walk, 9:00 a.m.
- December 17th, Chick-fil-A Spirit Night, 5:00-8:00 p.m., Arrowhead location
- December 20th, End of Semester
- December 21st - January 6th, No School, Winter Break
- January 7th, School Resumes
- January 10th, "Future Freshman" Night, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., @ Mt. Ridge

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



“Come One Come All” Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A

(83rd Ave South of Bell Road)

Help support

Sierra Verde School

Monday, December 17th

*Balloons *Party Hats *Great Food*

& of course...The Cow

So Don't Forget Your Cameras

If you can't come in for the Party -

PLEASE Use the Drive Thru

10% of ALL STORE SALES will go to Sierra Verde

(Coupons Excluded)

*Bonus: The grade who has the most students and guests attending your Spirit Night will receive FREE Chick-fil-A the following week!

** The school that has the largest Spirit Night of the year will receive a 15% Spirit Night on May 19th!**

Basketball Season Off & Running

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

GIRLS

Janine Abraham
Taryn Kelly
Hannah Miller
Alex Coleman
Melissa Gibson
Ashley Soos
Alexa Jacobs
Katie Bratsch
Lauren McEwan
Kayla Martin

BOYS

Allen Armstrong
Richard Yarbough
Alex Mugar
Nico Maldonado
Paul Panaccione
Darren Mills
Garrett Schneider
Trent Carlson
Lucas Bryner
Joey Rossi
Matt Stevenson
Brenan Pada

Manager: Whitney Mgbara

Coach: Greg Peterson

Coach: Steve Connolly

The dates of all the home games are listed below:

Thursday, December 6th vs. West Wing

Tuesday, December 11th vs. Terramar

Thursday, January 10th vs. Paseo Hills

Games start at 4:30.

Come out and cheer on our Champions to victory!!!

Attention 8th grade students and parents

Mark your calendars!

“Future Freshman” Night

is January 10th, 2008,

at Mountain Ridge High School

from 6:30-7:30 p.m.



December 7th through December 11th

9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sierra Verde Library Media Center

Students will have the opportunity to do their Holiday shopping for moms, dads, grandparents, brothers, sisters, & friends at school. Most items are in the \$1.00 to \$5.00 price range with nothing more than \$20.00. Each class will come shopping and students can come on a pass during the day. Watch for additional information to come home.

Shop with your children at the special “Santa Shop” on Saturday, Dec. 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

***We need volunteers Elves, Santa & Mrs. Claus to help during the Santa Shop & during the school days.**

If you are interested in helping, please contact:

Vernita Granger 623-376-4813

e-mail- Vernita.Granger@sv.dvUSD.org

From the Cafeteria



LUNCH MENU CHANGE: Monday, December 3rd we will **not** be serving shrimp poppers. Here is the **New** menu for

Monday, December 3rd: mac & cheese, taco salad, ham & cheese sandwich, yogurt w/cheese crisp, side green beans.

HALF DAY LUNCH: Wednesday, December 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 on Thursday, November 29th or Friday, November 30th. Please fill out this form and return it to the cafeteria no later than Wednesday, December 5th at 9:00 a.m.

Grades 4th – 8th sign up sheets will be available Monday, December 3rd & Tuesday, December 4th at both cashiers. Please remind your child to sign up for a lunch if they need one and that their lunch needs to be picked up on Wednesday morning before 10:30 a.m. We will make an announcement both mornings to remind them to sign up.

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

DECEMBER BREAKFAST: We have changed the menu choices for the month of December offering a different item each day as one of the daily entrees.

We start serving at 8:10 a.m. Breakfast cost \$1.00 and includes an entrée, 100% fruit juice and milk along with a fruit cup. Daily Breakfast entrée choices include: cereal, yogurt fruit parfait, or a daily entrée.

This month the daily entrée choices are:

Monday: Omelet Taco

Tuesday: Breakfast Sandwich

Wednesday: Bagel Roll with Cream Cheese

Thursday: Breakfast Burrito

Friday: Cinnamon Roll

Yearbook Sale

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

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

Hardcovers are available
for 7th & 8th grade students only
at a cost of \$33.00.

*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*



Tax Credit Program

Well, another year is almost over. Soon it will be tax time again. Thanks to all of you who have already contributed to the school tax credit program. For those of you who have any questions, please come see me in the front office, or talk to your tax preparer. If you bring your check in by December 20th, and you have your taxes done right away, you'll have that money back in no time! If you do your own taxes with a program like Turbo Tax, and you want proof that this really works, run a dummy copy using the tax credit and not using it. You will see for yourself that you get all that money back AND you get to designate where YOU want it to be spent.

Married couples filing jointly can deduct \$400.00 this year, with singles taking \$200.00. Please see me if you have any questions. Please keep in mind December 20th is our last school day before the winter break. You can make your donations in the school office up until 4:00 p.m. that day, and at the Deer Valley District Office from 8 a.m. to noon on December 31st, in the boardroom.

Thank you in advance for your generous support of our school.

Terri

Sierra Verde Accounting Clerk

From the District

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.

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Reflections 2008

I Can Make A Difference By...

Reflections 2008 is taking shape! This year's theme, "I Can Make A Difference By..." is designed to encourage children to express themselves creatively in one of six areas: literature, musical composition, photography, the visual arts, dance choreography and film/video production.

Please keep these dates in mind:

- Wednesday, December 12th, 2007 – Entry Deadline
- Thursday, January 17th, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m. – Reflections Preview & Reception

Information about Reflections 2008 and examples of the last two year's submissions can be found on the PTSA site at <http://sierraverdeptsa.org/reflections/>. Any further questions may be directed to Carey Crabbs at 623-566-6367 or seapuck@cox.net.

Ice Cream Social and Auction a HUGE Success!

THANKYOU to everyone who participated in the Ice Cream Social and Auction! It was a fun evening with lots of great items to bid on. The event raised just over \$5600 and over \$1900 was given directly back to the teachers who donated items to the event.

Congratulations to the Fernandez Family who won the 7 Night Condo Vacation package donated by Jeri Nardone of Coastal Vacation and the Carr family who won the bike donated by Southwest Bicycles. Please take a look at our website for a complete list of businesses who donated items to this event. Without their support, this event would not have been possible.

The live auction was a great success. The basketball signed by Suns player Amare Stoudemire had a high bid of \$400 and fire station 156 made a surprise visit and started the bidding off for the tour of their station at \$50!

Thank you again to all of the parents, teachers and staff who helped make this event possible.

Coastal Vacations

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Director of Sales

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jeri.nardone@gmail.com



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Peoria, AZ 85382
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(across from
Arrowhead Mall)

Mon. - Fri.
10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Sun. 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.