



Deer Valley Unified School District No. 97

School News

SIERRA VERDE SCHOOL

CHAMPION'S CHATLINE

NEWS FROM SIERRA VERDE SCHOOL & PTSA

DECEMBER 13TH, 2007

From the School

Join Our Holiday Celebration this Friday!



The Sierra Verde Chorus' would like to invite you to an evening of holiday magic. Please come and listen to the silvery sounds of winter **Friday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Multi Purpose Room.

Congratulations Sierra Verde!

Sierra Verde has recently been awarded two grants. One grant is through the AZ Character Education Foundation, and the other is through the Deer Valley Education Foundation. Sierra Verde is was awarded the DVEF 2007-2008 Impact Grant at DVEF Board Meeting on December 11, 2007. These funds are help build strong character at Sierra Verde.



Sierra Verde Physical Education Department Presents

1st Annual Reindeer Run

Saturday, December 15th

9:00 a.m. at Sierra Verde School

2.5 Mile Fun Run/Walk to benefit Sierra Verde student, Maria Miller and her fight against cancer

"Miles For Maria" rubber wristbands will be sold. Any goodwill donations for Maria will be appreciated.

Because this is a community event, children must be supervised by an adult. Please no scooters, skateborards, rollerblades, bikes, etc.

Tax Credit Program Deadline is December 20th

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.

For Your Calendar

DECEMBER 13th – JANUARY 6th

- Friday 14th, Chorus Concert, 7:00 p.m., Multipurpose Room
- Saturday 15th, 1st Annual Reindeer Run/Walk, 9:00 a.m.
- Monday 17th, Chick-fil-A Spirit Night, 5:00-8:00 p.m., Arrowhead location
- Tuesday 18th, Band Concert, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Thursday 20th, Early Release @ 12:20 p.m.
- Thursday 20th, End of Semester
- December 21st - January 6th, No School, Winter Break
- December 31st - Final day to submit Tax Credit at District Office(see article)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 7th, School Resumes
- January 10th, "Future Freshman" Night, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m., @ Mt. Ridge



"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! **

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

From the Cafeteria

LUNCH MENU CHANGE: Monday, December 17th we will **not** be serving mac & cheese. Here is the **new** menu for Monday, December 17th: shrimp poppers, chicken garden salad, turkey & cheese sandwich, yogurt w/cheese crisp, side: cinnamon apples.

HALF DAY LUNCH: Thursday, December 20th 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, December 13th or Friday, December 14th. Please fill out this form and return it to the cafeteria no later than Thursday December 20th at 9:00 a.m. Grades 4th – 8th sign up sheets will be available Tuesday, December 18th and Wednesday, December 19th at both cashiers. Please remind your child to sign up for a lunch if they need one and for them not to forget to pick it up on Thursday 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, Chips, Fruit, & Cookie, along with milk and/or juice.

BREAKFAST GIVEAWAY: Join us for Breakfast the week of December 17th and you can pick a prize from the basket each morning. You can also enter in the daily drawing for a poster "Got Milk featuring A-Rod". The cost for Breakfast is just \$1.00 and we start serving at 8:10 a.m. Hope to see you there!

LOST & FOUND: Please have your child check the box before we go to Winter Break. You are always welcome to come down and check yourself, just make sure you sign in with the office first. The box is located in the Multi-Purpose Room next to the stage. We will be donating all left items to Goodwill on Thursday, December 20th.

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.

ATTENDANCE LINE

623-376-4890



**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!

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



*Wishing your family a safe
and happy Holiday Season!
School resumes on January 7th, 2008*



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