



Deer Valley Unified School District No. 97

# School News

SIERRA VERDE SCHOOL

CHAMPION'S CHATLINE

NEWS FROM SIERRA VERDE SCHOOL & PTSA

DECEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2007

## From the School

**Tax Credit  
Program Deadline  
is December 20<sup>th</sup>**



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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup>, in the boardroom.

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

**Attention 8th grade students and parents**

### Mark your calendars!

"Future Freshman" Night  
is January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008,  
at Mountain Ridge High School  
from 6:30-7:30 p.m.



**6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Ancient Egyptian  
Museum Night  
a Huge Success!**

For the past month Sierra Verde 6<sup>th</sup> graders have been learning about the amazing ways of the Ancient Egyptians. As a culminating activity, students were given many options of projects that they could do to demonstrate their learning. These projects were turned in on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December and displayed for public viewing on the 12<sup>th</sup>. The night was a huge success! Parents and siblings were amazed at the quality of the work and the effort put into each project. From Death Masks to Canopic Jars, the amount of student effort in the room was overwhelming. Our class was packed full of on-lookers and the students left with smiles on their faces knowing they had done well.

I just want to thank all of the students for taking the project to heart and doing such stellar work. The quality was outstanding! Also, thank you to all of the parents who came to visit. It was a pleasure seeing you all and having a chance to visit. Your children are truly amazing!

**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!**

## School Information

School Website: <http://sierraverde.dvusd.org>  
 District Website: [www.dvusd.org](http://www.dvusd.org)  
 Sierra Verde PTSA Website: [www.sierraverdeptsa.org](http://www.sierraverdeptsa.org)  
 Character Counts Website: [www.azcharacterfoundation.org](http://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

## For Your Calendar

**DECEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> – JANUARY 6<sup>th</sup>**

- December 21<sup>st</sup> - January 6<sup>th</sup>, No School, Winter Break
- December 31<sup>st</sup> - Final day to submit Tax Credit at District Office(see article)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

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

# Yearbook Sale

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

Softcover yearbooks are \$28.00  
available for students grades K-6<sup>th</sup>.

Hardcovers are available  
for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008*

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> by going to your school web site or the district web site at [www.dvUSD.org](http://www.dvUSD.org).

### *Public Review for Math Materials Adoption*

Public Review for the math materials adoption will be available for review from December 3<sup>rd</sup> to Jan 31<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> to Jan 31<sup>st</sup>. 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

## 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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](mailto:kim.redding@dvUSD.org).

## 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!



Sierra Verde

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# CORNER

### *Next PTSA General Meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>*

Meet Sierra Verde's new principal Cheryl Paul on Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 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. She will tell us a bit about herself and maybe even answer a few questions. Don't miss this opportunity to warmly welcome Cheryl Paul to Sierra Verde!



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

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