



Deer Valley Unified School District

IMPORTANT PARENT REQUEST: Have you completed an EZMeal Application? We are asking all Mountain Shadows Families to complete an application to help us continue with the Federal Funding applications help us to receive. PLEASE!

<https://secure.ezmealapp.com/ApplicationScreen.aspx>

Dear Mountain Shadows Families,

FRIDAY PLC 90 MINUTE EARLY RELEASE DAYS

Friday PLC 90 minute early release days are crucial to the work our teachers do. Last year, PLC teams requested more collaborative time. As a result, there are **90-minute early release days** on **January 21** and **February 25** despite holidays during those weeks, **and April 29** (outside of the state testing window). All early release days are marked on the District calendar attached.

NO SCHOOL MONDAY JANUARY 17 MLK DAY

We hope you have a great 3-day weekend with your family. **REVISED INFORMATION:**
Friday, January 21 is now a PLC 2PM Early Release day, see the explanation in the paragraph above!



EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY TAX CREDIT-DONATE TO MOUNTAIN SHADOWS

This is a perfect time to consider a tax credit donation to Mountain Shadows and receive a dollar for dollar reduction on your State of Arizona 2021 tax liability. Your school tax credit donations can provide DVUSD students with opportunities to participate in after school and summer programs, field trips, music and athletic programs or any other extracurricular activity. The Arizona tax credit program (A.R.S. 43-1089.01) allows a tax credit of up to \$200 for individuals and up to \$400 for married couples, filing jointly, in support of extracurricular activities. More information and links to donate online are available on the [DVUSD website](#).

If you forgot to donate, donations made between January 1 and April 15 may be applied to the prior tax year. Payments made from January 1, 2022 – April 15, 2022 can be applied to an individual's 2021 Arizona Taxes.

**Thank you for donating and making an impact
in the lives of our students!**



FREE CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION

Our district will once again host a free Childhood Immunization **Constitution Elementary School (18440 N 15th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85023)** this **Friday, January 14, from 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** in partnership with the Maricopa County Department of Public Health. There will be no out of pocket costs for these immunizations. More information about the event is on the [event flyer](#). This clinic will have the COVID-19 vaccine available for anyone 5 years and older. Public health has updated vaccination schedules for COVID-19. Visit this [link](#) to see the most recent information from the CDC regarding what it means to be “up to date” with the COVID-19 vaccine.



FREE COVID-19 TESTING AT DVUSD DISTRICT OFFICE

Throughout January, DVUSD is providing convenient COVID-19 testing opportunities on Tuesdays and Fridays between 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. in the parking lot at the District Office located at 20402 N. 15th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85027. No appointment required.



REPORT ABSENCES

Please report absences to our 24-hour attendance line, 623-445-4390, by 9 AM on the day of absence. If aware, your child will be out for multiple days, you may report those days in advance in order to avoid a daily call/email about your student's absence.



YEARBOOK SALE INFORMATION

Mountain Shadows 2021-2022 book of memories is currently on sale for just \$17. If you purchase now, you can take advantage of this low price! There will be a price increase; so BUY NOW before the price goes up! Purchase online at <https://dvusd.org/Domain/25>. You will be glad you did!



2022-2023 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION AVAILABLE NOW!

Begin Your Student's *Extraordinary* Education Today! The Road to **Success** starts in Deer Valley! Kindergarten registration opened up November 1, 2021. Register for Kindergarten 2022-2023 right now! Complete registration forms online. Students need to be 5 years old by August 31, 2022.

Register for School Online at: dvusd.org/enroll

Future Kindergarten Parents: Mark your calendar to join us for a fun family event, Kinder Sneak Peak Night, for our future kindergartner students and their families! March 3 at Mountain Shadows from 5:30-6:30 PM.



LOST AND FOUND

Please ask your student(s) to check out the Lost and Found if they are missing an item. It is located outside the PE Room door.



DONATION BOX

We have a clothing donation box in our front parking lot; located just left of the entrance driveway. Just drop your donation into our box and let us help you with your unneeded items.



JANUARY CALENDAR

January 14 - 2 PM Release Day, Super Hero Spirit Day

January 17 - NO SCHOOL MLK DAY

January 21 - 2 PM Release Day

January 28 - 2 PM Release Day, Hat Spirit Day



FEBRUARY CALENDAR

February 4 - 2 PM Release Day - Progress Reports

February 7 - GOTR Begins 3:45 - 5:15 PM

February 11 - 2 PM Release Day - Retro/Decade Spirit Day

February 17/18 - K-8 ONLY - Half Day's for Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:05 Release

February 18 - K-8 ONLY - Half Day 12:05 Release - All School Kona Ice Sale

February 21 - NO SCHOOL PRESIDENT'S HOLIDAY



School Information:

Office Hours: Monday-Friday from 7:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Registration Hours: Register M-F 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Main Number: 623-445-4300

24 Hour Attendance Line: 623-445-4390

Health Center: 623-445-4310

Cafeteria: 623-445-4314

Have a great 3-day weekend!



Andrea Rojas
Secretary



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