



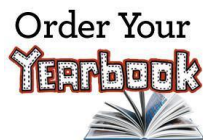
Hello Mountain Shadows Coyotes!

This has been an busy week with Read Across America Spirit days and Camping with the Coyotes ~ Kindergarten Roundup. Both activities were huge success, the students were able to read, win prizes and dress up for Read Across America. For the Kindergarten Roundup ~ future kindergarteners were able to take pictures with our mascot Howler, along with a scavenger hunt, and preview the kindergarten rooms. If you would like to see pictures of all the excitement, go to **Mountain Shadows Lighthouse Leaders** on Facebook.



Lost and Found

Our bins are full again – time to take a moment and look for your students clothes. They will be donated over Spring Break.



Last week to pre ~ order!

Get your student a yearbook for \$20. You will be glad you did as there will be a limited amount of extra books to sell. Don't miss out!

<https://www.dvusd.org/mountainshadows>.



SPRING BREAK ~ NO SCHOOL ~ MARCH 13TH THROUGH 17TH



Fun facts about Dr. Seuss

- Seuss became dedicated to creating books for early readers after stumbling across an article about American children having trouble learning to read.
- Seuss liked that “Soose” rhymed with Mother Goose, so he adopted that pronunciation, rather than “Soice,” which is the correct German pronunciation.
- Seuss is credited with inventing the word “nerd,” which first appeared in *If I Ran the Zoo* in 1950.
- *Green Eggs and Ham* was written on a \$50 bet when his publisher challenged him to write a book using 50 words or less.
- Seuss’s personalized license plate read “GRINCH.”
- *Oh, the Places You’ll Go* was the last book he published alive.



Spring pictures

Pictures are scheduled for March 28th ~ more information coming soon!

State Testing

AASA – Arizona’s Academic Standards Assessment for grades 3-8, is the statewide achievement test for Arizona students. All Arizona public school students in grades 3-8 will take their grade level assessments in English, Language Arts, and Mathematics. Our testing window is April 3rd to April 28th. Please keep this in mind when scheduling appointments or arranging for personal days off. We also recommend that students get a good night’s rest and eat a good breakfast on the days they test.

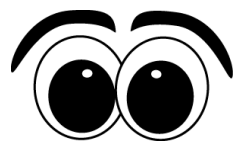
Also, make sure that your student is on time for school. Students, who arrive late to school on a test day, may not be allowed into the classroom if classmates have already begun the test. They can make it up later. Please keep this in mind for students arriving late. We will provide parents with their student’s testing schedule.



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 2022 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, 2023 – April 15, 2023 can be applied to an individual's 2022 Arizona Taxes.



Up Coming Events

March 8th ~ Kindergarten Fun Day 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

March 10th ~ Field Day 4th ~ 6th Grades 9:00 am to 11:00 am, 1st ~ 3rd Grades 12:15 pm to 1:45 pm~
correction

March 10th ~ End of 3rd Quarter

March 13th to 17th ~ SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL

March 24th ~ Report Cards Go Home

March 24th ~ Awards Assembly & Principal's/HR Reward ~ 3rd Quarter



Important School Phone Numbers

Front Office – 623-445-4300

24 Hour Attendance Line – 623-445-4390

Nurse's Office – 623-445-4310

Cafeteria – 623-445-4314 (7AM to 1:30 PM)

Coyote Club – 623-262-2465

You can contact individual staff members at school. All classrooms have telephones and staff have individual phone numbers. From 8:45 AM to 3:30 PM the system blocks incoming calls to the classroom, you will reach voice mail. Please leave a message or reach out through an email.

Sincerely-

Kathi Jenkins

Mountain Shadows Secretary