Welcome to 6th Grade!

We are so excited to start this #extraordinary year with you!

Mr. Marano, Mrs. Schuch & Mrs. Stutesman

HIGHLAND LAKES School
Education and Experience
This is my fifth year at HLS after 18 years at Bellair. I have always taught sixth grade! (because it’s the best)
After many years of teaching math, I have really enjoyed teaching SS and Science for the last 4 of them.
I attended both DVHS and Greenway. I graduated from GCC, ASU West, and finally NAU with my Master’s degree. I enjoy teasing Mrs Stutesman before the ASU/UA football game every year!

Life and Family
My family moved here from Cleveland in 1977. So while I am a near native, my kids were all born here. They’re all grown up now at ages 31, 26, and 25. I’m proud to say that they’re all wonderful people.
When I’m not teaching I like to read a lot, work out, play golf (poorly), and obsess about my fantasy sports teams and sports in general.

The 2020–2021 School Year
Science is generally a lot of labs and we study matter, the planet and the solar system, and of course ecosystems.
SS explores the coolest ancient cultures from around the world, like the Egyptians, the Greeks and the Romans to name just a few.
This year will be very different to start. But it’s not forever, it just feels that way sometimes. If you don’t like it, that OK. I feel the same way. I’m ready to get to to work right now online and I’m really looking forward to seeing you in person someday soon!
All About Me!

Renee Schuch

This year will begin my 24th year in DVUSD and my 27th year teaching!! I have taught grades 5-8 in multiple subject areas. I grew up in Phoenix and after high school graduation, I attended the University of Louisiana.

My family:
Mark - Married 22 yrs
Ryan - 19
Carsyn - 17
Kota - 11 (black lab)
Vega - 2 (golden)

Fun Facts
I love seeing new places, visiting family and spending time at our cabin in Pinetop!

Things I Enjoy:
- Family
- Sports
- Competition
- Reading!!!
- My Dogs!

AND OF COURSE, TEACHING!

I look forward to...
Getting to know all of my students this year!
Meeting each of you face to face and returning to campus!

AND GETTING BACK TO HLS
**All About Mrs. Stutesman... ELA**

**THIS IS ME...**
This is my 12th year of teaching and my 8th year at Highland Lakes. I’ve taught from 1st grade to 6th grade with multiple subjects. I grew up in the valley and am a proud U of A Wildcat graduate. ELA is my passion! Read! Read! Read!

**I LOVE ... My family!**

**Mark,** my husband of 22 years, is principal in Peoria.

**Derek,** a Physical Therapist at The Core, (married to Amanda) along with our new grandbaby... **Dylan Trace**!

**Emily,** a sophomore and long distance runner for New Mexico State... Go Aggies!

**Craig,** a Senior at Sunrise Mountain, who loves playing basketball... Go Mustangs!

**Lulu,** our 2 year old Boxer girl who loves anything!

**THIS SUMMER...**
We enjoyed a fabulous trip to Lake Vallecito outside of Durango, CO. and several trips to our cabin up north. Both great places to read a good book!

**I LOOK FORWARD TO...**
A fabulous year with all our new 6th students... YOU! 6th grade is the best!
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<td>• Gifted Services, READ 180, Dreambox, Math 180 or other intervention programs for support</td>
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<td>Optional wrap-up zoom for questions and answer with any 6th grade teacher (Office Hours)</td>
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**ROTATIONS**

Marano’s Homeroom

- 1st SS/Science
- 2nd ELA
- 3rd Math

*All SAGE Math students will follow this schedule regardless of homeroom*

Schuch’s Homeroom

- 1st Math
- 2nd SS/Science
- 3rd ELA

Stutesman’s Homeroom

- 1st ELA
- 2nd Math
- 3rd SS/Science
Students will be accessing all information through the district portal (portal.dvusd.org) to access our learning platform CANVAS.

**SUGGESTED SUPPLY LIST**

**SS/Science**
- 1 ½ inch binder
- Pencils
- Colored pencils
- College lined notebook paper (reinforced)
- Highlighters
- Tape
- Glue sticks

**MATH**
- 1 inch binder
- Pencils
- Ruler
- Whiteboard markers
- Whiteboard (for home use)
- Headphones/earbuds

**ELA**
- 1 inch binder
- Dividers
- Pencils
- Highlighters
- Colored pencils
- Lined notebook paper
- Headphones/earbuds
**How to Contact Us!**

**Marano**
Learning to use the Canvas messaging system really helps with online work. It’s really just like email.
My email address is [john.marano@dvusd.org](mailto:john.marano@dvusd.org)

**Schuch**
Students may contact me through Canvas
Parents may contact me through district email
[renee.schuch@dvusd.org](mailto:renee.schuch@dvusd.org)

**Stutesman**
Students may contact through their Canvas inbox.
Parents may contact me through my district email:
[Jennifer.stutesman@dvusd.org](mailto:Jennifer.stutesman@dvusd.org)

*Let’s Connect!*
PARENT AND STUDENT TO DO LIST BEFORE MONDAY

1. Sign up for REMIND on our 6th grade website
   REMIND SIGN UP
2. Check out the Highland Lakes Facebook Page
3. Get your supplies ready and set-up the perfect place to learn in your home.
4. Get a good night’s sleep, eat a healthy breakfast and wear your fabulous first day of school outfit with a smile!

-See you all Monday Morning!