

HILLCREST HAPPENINGS



May 8st-12th 2023

Friday, May 12th is an early release day, school ends at 1:30PM. Friday
May 19th is a half day, school ends at 11:35AM.

Chromebook Return

Chromebook returns for 8th graders will take place on Monday, May 15th. Chromebook returns for 7th will take place on Thursday, May 18th. Students will return their Chromebooks during their Science class. Please make sure that your student brings their charger and removes any stickers that they have placed on their chromebook. There is a \$20 fee for lost chargers and a \$125 charge for chromebooks with a cracked screen. The fee is \$50 if you purchased insurance. You can contact Heather Rosinski if you have questions.
heather.rosinki@dvusd.org


Backpacks

Eighth graders cannot bring backpacks to school beginning Monday, May 15th. Seventh graders cannot bring backpacks beginning Wednesday, May 17th. Lunchboxes, purses, and small bags are allowed.


Yearbook Distribution

Yearbooks will be distributed on Monday, May 15th, during 1st hour. Students who purchased a yearbook will be sent to the ramada to collect their yearbook. Any unclaimed yearbooks will be delivered to Science teachers at the end of the day. Students who ordered yearbooks and longer attend Hillcrest can pick up their yearbooks from the front office.

Sonic Fundraiser

PTSA has organized a fundraiser night at the 67th Ave, & Happy Valley Sonic, on Wednesday May 10th from 5PM-8PM. 40% of the profits go back to Hillcrest. You must show the flier: 

Yogurtology Fundraiser

Hillcrest band and choir have a fundraiser night at the 67th Ave Yogurtology on Thursday May 11th from 3PM-Close. Make sure to mention Hillcrest at the register! 


Track & Field

Track and Field has their end of season celebration on Monday, May 8th in the Hillcrest Cafeteria from 5-6PM.

HMS CHEER STUNT CAMP

If you are interested in learning how to do cheer stunts, Hillcrest is holding a camp this summer. If you are interested in learning more please stop by the counseling office and pick up an information sheet.

8th Grade Dance

The 8th grade dance will take place on Friday May 12th from 6-8pm in the Hillcrest Cafeteria. This is for 8th graders only! You must have your school ID and permission slip to enter. Click the link for the permission slip: 

EL SUMMER WRITING WORKSHOP

The English Language Acquisition department is hosting writing workshops for English Language Learners over the summer (May 30th-June 16th) Click the links below for more information.


 

END OF SCHOOL YEAR MEDICATION PICK UP

Parents- Please start making arrangements with the School Nurse to start picking up the medications that your student currently has in the Health Office. You may contact the Nurse at 623-376-3310 or at Kristin.Langdon@dvusd.org to set up a day and time for medication pick up. The last day the Health Office will be open is Tuesday the 23rd of May. If your student has any prescription medication (ie. for diabetes, asthma, ADHD or severe allergies) or over the counter medication (ie. Tylenol, Advil/Ibuprofen) in the Health Office, you will need to come to the Health Office and pick up the medication before the 23rd of May. The Health Office will be open from 0730-4pm the last week of school (May 15th thru 19th) and on May 22nd and then will be open 0730-2 pm on May 23rd. Any medication left in the Health Office after the 23rd of May will be destroyed.


SPORTS PHYSICALS

Mountain Ridge High School, in conjunction with team physicians Dr. Maddox and Dr. Timothy Ratliff, will conduct athletic physicals for the 2023 -2024 school year on Saturday, May13th from 7:30 to 11 AM. Location: HonorHealth Deer Valley Orthopedics, 4344 W. Bell Road

#102, Glendale, AZ 85308 Date/Time: Saturday, May 13, 2023;
7:30-11 AM Cost: \$30, cash or check Benefitting MRHS Sports
Medicine Program To schedule an appointment: • Email
vanessa.douglas@dvusd.org A new physical is required for each school
year. All paperwork is available on the MRHS Athletics website,
<http://mrhsathletics.com/>  MRHS Physicals 2023 flyer.pdf

High School Sports Opportunities

Mountain Ridge is having a girls basketball camp this summer for
current 6th-8th graders. Click the link for more information.


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The Mountain Ridge Boys summer basketball camp consists of
fundamental skill development, agility and strength related to the game
of basketball. Tuesday May 30th - Thursday June 29th Click the link
for more information and the registration form.

 2022 Fall Basketball Camp and Waiver (1).pdf

8th grade girls, interested in joining a competitive girls flag football
team at either Ridge or O'Conner for next year. Please sign up on the
door of room 408 to receive more information. Thank you!

8th graders, interested in playing soccer over at Ridge next year. If
interested in participating in any of our summer camps for the girls
soccer team, please sign up on the door of room 408.

Mountain Ridge has a summer wrestling camp, May 30th-July 20th.
Click the link for more information.  Summer Wrestling Flier.doc

8TH GRADE END OF YEAR INFORMATION:

Attention 8th grade students and Parents, as we approach the end of the year we have many fun activities planned for the 8th graders. On May 12, 2023, there will be the 8th grade dance.

On May 16, 2023, we will be having an 8th Grade Fun Day. This fun day will be at the Main Event in Avondale. The event will cost \$25. In order to ensure that we have a safe and enjoyable time, we are letting students and parents know that if a student has received or receives a referral which resulted or results in a suspension off campus, he/she may not be permitted to attend the dance or participate in the fun day activities.

The Promotion ceremony will be held on May 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm. We will be having our Promotion ceremony at the Mountain Ridge High School Football Field. As with the dance and fun day, students' conduct may prevent them from participating in the Promotion ceremony. Notification will be given prior to the ceremony if a student will not be allowed to participate.

. Please click the link for more information. [2023 PROMOTION LETTER.pdf](#)

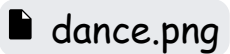
PROMOTION DRESS CODE

Dress slacks or dress jeans, dress shirts, dresses, skirts and blouses, or pants outfit.

- ❖ Due to the artificial turf field – spiked/stiletto high heels are **NOT ALLOWED**.
- ❖ Wedge, block or kitten heels are acceptable.
- ❖ Skirt length to be respectable, no mini, no floor length formal
- ❖ No backless, no midriff, low cut, strapless, or spaghetti strap dresses/blouses
- ❖ Suits/sport jackets are optional. No tuxedos.
- ❖ No shorts, casual t-shirts or hats
- ❖ Undergarments may not be exposed

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CLUBS:

Anime Club's last meeting is on Thursday May 11th from 3-4 pm in room 812, after May 11th there will be no more Anime Club meetings for the rest of the year.

NJHS	madeleine.krull@dvusd.org
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FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES	mary.kenobbie@dvusd.org courtney.biller@dvusd.org
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FCA's last huddle of the year is on Friday May 12th at 7:15AM in the gym.

STUDENT COUNCIL	darci.tipon@dvusd.org clara.valdes@dvusd.org
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There will be no more STUCO meetings this school year! See you next year!

Hillcrest PTSA	hillcrestmiddleschoolptsa@gmail.com
FALCON ATHLETICS	Courtney.biller@dvusd.org
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	renea.herold@dvusd.org

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Hillcrest opens its gates at 7:45 am. The bus gates open at 7:55 am. Students may wait in the ramada area until the first bell rings at 8:10 am. The last bell will ring at 8:15 am. Breakfast will be served in the cafeteria starting at 7:55 am. Only students eating breakfast will be permitted in the cafeteria.

PARKING LOT PROCEDURES

Parents please remember that the parking lot entrance has 2 lanes. If you choose the right lane, you will drive around and drop your student off along the walkway that leads to Hillcrest. If you choose the left lane, you will drive around and turn into the middle lane of the parking lot and drop your student off by the flagpole and crosswalk. We will have a staff member on crosswalk duty to help them cross to the school.

Social/Emotional Learning

"Falcon Flight Lessons"

Hillcrest Middle School understands that the social/emotional needs of our students vary day-to-day, year-to-year. That is why we are dedicated to ensuring that those specific needs are met by conducting quarterly school-wide surveys to see what our students need the most.

Hillcrest Middle School's SEL program is based on providing social and emotional support and growth for every student; our "Falcon Flight Lessons" are created with our students' needs in mind as we prepare them to leave the Falcon nest.

In addition to our SEL program, Hillcrest Middle School is also dedicated to recognizing students that exhibit positive behavior and kindness to others by rewarding them with Kindness Kash that can be used to purchase items in our Falcon Store. If you are interested in donating new or gently used items, please contact Mrs. Gabaldon (jennifer.gabaldon@dvusd.org). You can also purchase items from the Falcon Store's Amazon wishlist. Wishlist items are shipped directly to Hillcrest.



Thank you in advance for your contribution! Your donation will go toward our continuous promotion of academic achievement and behavioral competence. Please contact Jennifer Gabaldon if you have questions about the Falcon store, or donating items.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Please call the attendance line, 623-376-3390, if your student will be absent. If your student will be late we will adjust their attendance once they arrive at school, no need to leave a message. Due to the block scheduling this message has changed. If they will be absent for a full day's absence please leave the student's name, spell the last name,

student ID and date. Please be specific as to the reason such as personal or illness. For illness please list major symptoms.

All calls left after 48 hours of absence will not be accepted. If you need to speak to someone please call the front office at 623-376-3300.

★ Requests for school work will not be accepted. Contact your student's teachers for work or the front office after 3 days.

Early checkout ends at **2:45pm**. Early Release Days check out ends 15 minutes before the bell. The office staff will not sign out students after this time.

FROM THE HILLCREST CAFE:

Parents and guardians, this is to inform you that when you need your students accounts blocked for ala carte or unblocked or to link or unlink them to call the cafeteria at 623-376-3314 or email the cafeteria manager at renee.flagler@dvusd.org. Only food service has the capability of dealing with your students' accounts. Refunds, negatives are also a food service issue.

We also want to inform you that blocking a student's account from buying lunch, whether it's only for a small amount of time or the whole year, will require documentation from the parent or guardian either in an email, or a letter from you. This is a rare occurrence but we just want you to know that unless documentation is written we never refuse a student a lunch.

It is also our policy to only contact the parent or guardian concerning any negatives on your students account. Unless a student asks the status of his

account we do not give out information concerning negatives to them. Thank you and I hope this was helpful.

JUST ONE MOMENT OF YOUR TIME...

We all want our students to have the best opportunities possible, so this is a great way to jump in and help out, simply by grocery shopping. We would really appreciate each and every one of you taking the few minutes it takes to sign up. Please share with other friends and family members to really incorporate our community.

It is a brief and rather straightforward process that can make such a huge difference in the lives of our 1000+ students.

Please click the link to follow the instructions to join Fry's in their support of Hillcrest Middle School!

[instructions to Link Fry's card to Hillcrest Middle School](#)

BELL SCHEDULE

1st Period	8:15AM 9:12AM
2nd Period	9:16AM - 10:08AM
3rd Period	10:12AM - 11:04AM
4th Period	11:08AM - 1:08AM
1st Lunch	11:08AM - 11:38AM
2nd Lunch	11:38AM - 12:08AM
3rd Lunch	12:08PM - 12:38PM
4th Lunch	12:38PM - 1:08PM
5th Period	1:12PM- 2:04PM

6th Period	2:08PM - 3:00PM
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-PLC SCHEDULE

1st Period	8:15AM - 8:58AM
2nd Period	9:02AM - 9:40AM
3rd Period	9:44AM - 10:22AM
4th Period	10:26AM - 11:34PM
1st Lunch	10:26AM - 10:56AM
2nd Lunch	10:56AM - 11:34AM
5th Period	11:38AM - 12:46
3rd Lunch	11:38PM - 12:08PM
4th Lunch	12:16PM - 12:46PM

6th Period	12:50PM - 1:30PM
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PLC EARLY RELEASE DAYS

1st Semester	2nd Semester
Aug. 5	Jan. 13
Aug. 12	Jan. 20
Aug. 19	Jan. 27
Aug. 26	Feb. 3
Sept. 2	Feb. 10
Sept. 16	Feb. 24
Sept. 23	Mar. 3
Oct. 14	Mar. 10

Oct. 21	Mar. 24
Oct. 28	Mar. 31
Nov. 4	Apr. 28
Nov. 18	May 5
Dec. 2	May 12
Dec. 9	No Early Release Days during State testing

Thank you to **all** of our HILLCREST Business Partners!

