



# Mirage Elementary School

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March 2019

Dear Mirage Families,

We are approaching our annual statewide achievement test, AzMERIT (Arizona's Measurement of Educational Readiness to Inform Teaching). During the last week in March and most of April, Mirage students in grades 3-6 will participate in AzMERIT. 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will also participate in the AIMS science assessment.

3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students will take AzMERIT in Writing, Reading, and Mathematics. Each grade level will have specific days that testing will occur. All students will test for 3 days during the testing window, with the exception of 4<sup>th</sup> grade, who will take the AzMERIT assessment, as well as the AIMS science assessment.

Our students will continue to take AzMERIT assessment via computer. Students will need headphones or earbuds for the assessment. We will be providing headphones for the assessment, but **we will allow and encourage students to use their own**. In preparation for this assessment, students have been able to practice this assessment online.

To help ensure that your student is prepared for testing, please make sure that students get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast (at home or at school), and come to school on time. Please schedule appointments on days that your child is not testing. Once a student has started an assessment, the testing session cannot be interrupted, and students cannot be signed out. Thank you for your help with scheduling appointments on days that your student is not testing.

Personal electronic devices, including but not limited to cell phones, smart watches, and other electronic devices, are the single largest source of test security violations. Students will not be permitted to have access to any personal electronic devices during testing. Please have students leave all personal electronic devices at home. If it is necessary to bring them to school, students will be asked to place all personal electronic devices in their backpacks.

Assessment times are approximate, as the assessments are not timed. Students must finish their assessments by the end of each school day.

Please visit the Mirage website for AzMERIT information. The DVUSD website, <http://dvusd.schoolwires.net/Page/31740> contains additional links for families as well.

The Mirage AzMERIT schedule is on the back of this letter, as well as changes to lunches and specials.

Please also know that **Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> is an early release day**. Students will be released at 11:20am. There is also **no school on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding AzMERIT or the Science AIMS assessment. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Jamie L. Wilber  
Proud Principal, Mirage Elementary



**AzMERIT Schedule for Mirage:**

	Monday, 3/25/19	Tuesday, 3/26/19	Wednesday 3/27/19	Thursday, 3/28/19
AM	<b>No Testing</b>			4th AIMS Science
PM				4th AIMS Science
	Monday, 4/1/19	Tuesday, 4/2/19	Wednesday 4/3/19	Thursday, 4/4/19
AM	6th Writing	5th Writing	4th Writing	3rd Writing
PM				
	Monday, 4/8/19	Tuesday, 4/9/19	Wednesday 4/10/19	Thursday, 4/11/19
AM	4th Reading 1	4th Reading 2	3rd Reading 1	3rd Reading 2
PM	4th Math 1	4th Math 2	3rd Math 1	3rd Math 2
	Monday, 4/15/19	Tuesday, 4/16/19	Wednesday 4/17/19	Thursday, 4/18/19
AM	5th/6th Reading 1	5th/6th Reading 2	makeups	makeups
PM	5th/6th Math 1	5th/6th Math 2	makeups	makeups

<u>Specials Changes</u>				<u>Lunch Changes</u>			
<b>Week 1</b>				<b>Week 1</b>			
No Change				No Change			
<b>Week 2</b>				<b>Week 2</b>			
4/1/2019		4/3/2019		4/8/2019		4/9/2019	
Monday		Wednesday		Monday		Tuesday	
8:15-9:00	6th grade Specials	10:30-11:15	4th grade Specials	No Change			
9:00-9:45	5th grade Specials	9:45-10:30					
<b>Week 3</b>				<b>Week 3</b>			
4/8/2019		4/9/2019		4/8/2019		4/9/2019	
Monday		Tuesday		Monday		Tuesday	
10:30-11:15	4th grade Specials	10:30-11:15	4th grade Specials	11:30-12:10	4th grade lunch	11:30-12:10	4th grade lunch
4/10/2019		4/11/2019		4/10/2019		4/11/2019	
Wednesday		Thursday		Wednesday		Thursday	
10:30-11:15	3rd grade Specials	10:30-11:15	3rd grade Specials	11:30-12:10	3rd grade lunch	11:30-12:10	3rd grade lunch
<b>Week 4</b>				<b>Week 4</b>			
4/15/2019		4/16/2019		4/15/2019		4/16/2019	
Monday		Tuesday		Monday		Tuesday	
10:30-11:15	6th grade Specials	10:30-11:15	6th grade Specials	No Change		No Change	