

# DESERT MEADOWS PAW PRINTS

FEBRUARY 2022

Desert Meadows Families,

It is hard to believe we are halfway through the 3rd quarter of school and state testing is less than 30 school days away! Our teachers and students are hard at work making sure that all students are ready for this important assessment. I'm excited about the great growth our students are making!

Earlier this month, our students participated in the Laveen Community Parade and our entry took second place in the "Schools" category. Additionally, Desert Meadows will be recognized at an upcoming Governing Board meeting for raising the most money in the 2022-2023 Laveen Lions Holiday Penny Drive! Thank you to all of our students and families for supporting both our school and the Laveen community.

Please make sure to have your child at school every day. We want to maximize their learning experience but we cannot do that if students are not here consistently. As always, thank you for supporting Desert Meadows School. Our staff is committed to the success of all students and we appreciate your continued assistance. Have a great month!

Sincerely,

J.P. Ketcham



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## Upcoming Events

2/17 TRACK BBQ  
\$1.00 Dress Down



2/20 No School- Presidents Day



2/22 Early Release  
School Bus Driver Appreciation Day



2/27-3/3 National School Breakfast Week



2/27 Football & Girl's Basketball Home Game



3/1 Football & Girl's Basketball Away Game



3/2 Read Across America Day  
Football & Girl's Basketball Home Game  
Governing Board Meeting



3/3 Bobcat of the Month Breakfast  
\$1.00 Dress Down



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## *January Students of the Month*

Luwam Temelso  
Nevaeh Thompson  
Ka'Shawn Patton  
Avangelina Clyde  
Skye Kintscher  
Amilyah Davis  
Agustin Mendivil  
Alexzander Mendez  
William Seats  
Elias Corona  
Cota, Avery  
Eric Cabral Jr.  
Justin Tellez  
Jailyne Chavira  
Luna Soto  
Amelia Smith  
Kaileeann Sam  
Natalie Ramos  
Achan Deng  
Nicolas Cano  
Bobby Nelson  
Iyanna White  
Jaylen Davis

Kimorah Watkins  
Aziah Harper  
Sarah Saavedra  
Quinn Bernal  
Hayden Villanueva  
Jahmod Taylor  
Ellie & Emma Galindo  
Milena Martinez-Moore  
Dayana Esparza Arellano  
Arayla Miles  
Chazell Campos Quezada  
Keahi Thompson  
Kegan Joshua  
Alejandro Aroz  
Jose Lopez II  
Josiah Ware  
Juzoni Williams  
James Morones  
Romy Calhoun  
Irving Lopez  
Layla Espinoza  
Jayden Robles



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## PBIS

Students at Desert Meadows are staying on TRACK (Trustworthy, Respectful, Accountable, Collaborative, and Kind) all over school, and earning TRACK Coins when they show that they are on TRACK.

Students can then redeem their TRACK Coins at our Bobcat Store, for supplies, toys, and prizes!

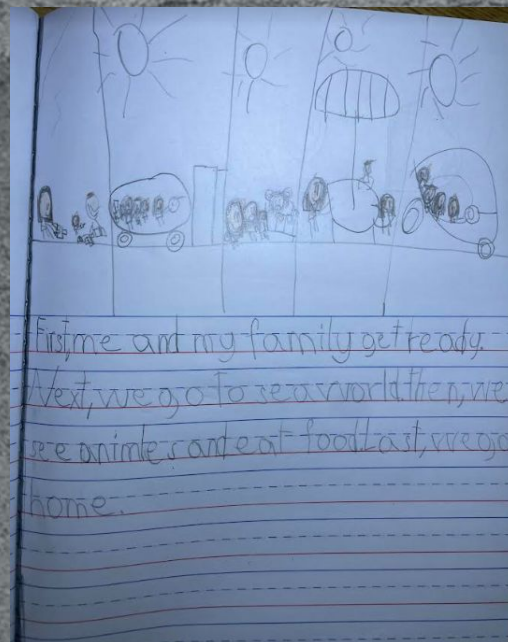
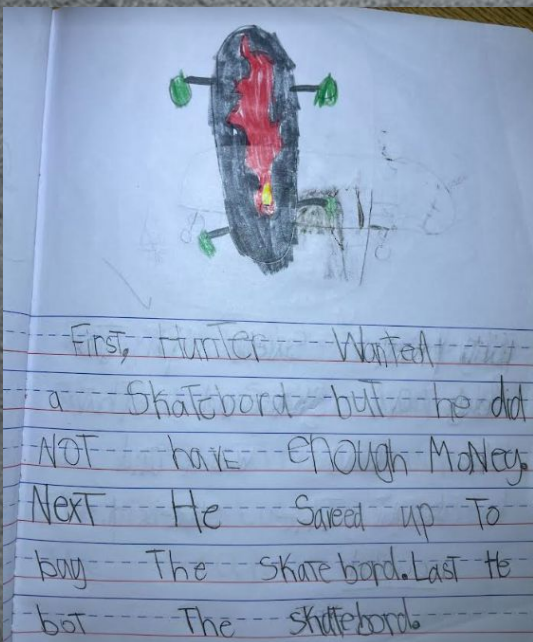
So far this year, our students have earned 88,255 TRACK Coins for their on TRACK Behavior!



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## 1st Grade

First graders have been working hard on their reading, writing, math and science skills. In reading, students are supporting their ideas with text evidence. In math, first graders have moved on from single digit addition. The students are now working on two digit addition problems. In writing, students are writing stories using 3-5 sentences. In science, first graders are learning about shadows, light and the night sky. As we continue, to move through the school year, our first graders will grow in all areas. Soon, they will be considered second graders in training!



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## *8th Grade*

Eighth grade students at Desert Meadows are starting down several different paths at this point in the year. In math, students are calculating volumes of 3D objects as they finish up their geometry units. In English Language Arts, students have been reviewing works of African American authors and are focusing on the question "How do you choose the right words?". Science students are reviewing and investigating physics and Newton's laws of motion. In social studies, students are studying WWII and the horrors of the Holocaust.

However, the most exciting development with the 8th grade is that they are preparing for high school. Registration has begun at different high schools around the valley. Students went on a field trip to Fairfax High School, South Mountain Community College, and soon will be going to Grand Canyon University as they prepare for their future. Their time as Bobcats is quickly coming to an end, and we couldn't be more excited for them.

**PROMOTION**



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PTA

We are extremely excited to have met our goal and delivered sports equipment to the grade level leads. We have a few classrooms we are delivering to this week!

Also, the Family Dance was a huge success. The funds we collected will go towards our goal of purchasing additional sun shade structures.



The next event that PTA will be hosting is a Family Fun Night at Sky Zone. That will take place on April 13th from 5 PM to 7pm.

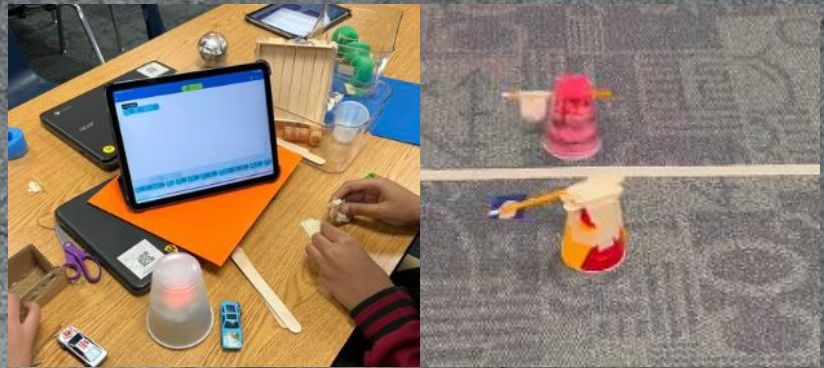
We truly appreciate all the support from administration, staff, parents, and students this academic year!



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## *Computer Science/Coding*

The last few months we have been busy with coding and robotics in the Tech Cave, Room 15. In our STEM/Robotics class, students constructed Tractor Pulls and Jousting horses.



In our elementary classes, students are working in the Kodable application and building upon their coding skills.

The logo for Kodable, featuring the word "Kodable" in a bold, blue, rounded font with a white outline, set against a white rectangular background.

In middle school, students are working on game design with our new program system COSpaces.

The logo for COSpaces, featuring the text "COSPACES" in white on an orange background, with "EDU" in a white box to the right.