

DESERT MEADOWS PAW PRINTS

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Happy Fall!

It is so nice to finally have cooler temperatures. We are now into the second quarter of a great school year and our staff is working diligently with our students to support academic success. It was wonderful to see so many parents on campus for Parent/Teacher conferences earlier this month. Thank you for actively participating in your child's education. Our teachers truly appreciate your support and look forward to working closely with you throughout the school year.

We must continue our focus on learning, consistent attendance, and adherence to the school rules. Consistency in these three areas will allow our students the opportunity to develop the positive habits that will make them successful young adults. We know that parents/guardians can have a great impact in setting the stage. How?

Here are a few ideas:

Learning:

- Let your child know you think school is important.
- Talk to him/her about what they're learning.
- Encourage them to ask questions and let the teacher know if they are not understanding what is being taught.

Encourage persistence:

- Children learn persistence when they are successful at a challenging task.
- Let them know that not everything comes easy. This will help them gain confidence and successfully navigate difficult situations when they are older.



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Talk to them about their future:

- School success is one of the keys to a successful future.
- Talk with them about their dreams/goals and make the connection to how the school fits within this vision.
- Share your own story with your child.

Attendance:

- Encourage your child to get enough sleep to ensure that he/she can get up in the morning.
- Leave home with plenty of time to get to school.
- Try to schedule appointments before or after school hours.

School Rules & Procedures:

- Familiarize yourself with the school rules, guidelines, and expectations in our handbook.
- Reinforce that school is currently their “job” and just like your job, there are expectations. This will help them prepare for high school and beyond.
- Talk to your kids about the rules at your job. Compare them. For example, what is the dress code at your job? This helps students understand the purpose of school rules.
- Talk about how to stay on T.R.A.C.K. at home.

Finally, encourage your child to develop a great work ethic. Vince Lombardi was quoted as saying, “The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary.” A good work ethic will help develop personal pride and ensure that your student feels in control. Hard work pays off!

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. I wish all of our students and families a safe Fall Break. Have a great month!

Respectfully,

J.P. Ketcham, Principal



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Upcoming Events

10/25: Picture Retakes



10/27: DM Rocket League Games



10/27: DME HALL-oween Spooktacular 4:30-6:30PM

10/28: \$1.00 Dress Down



11/3: DM Rocket League Games

11/4: Bobcat of the Month Breakfast



11/4: \$1.00 Dress Down

11/9: Half Day- Early Release



11/11: Veterans Day- No School



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September Students of the Month

Mason Ritchie

Joseph Trevino

Jacqueline Zuniga

Dominic Castro

Sergio Mendoza Rodriguez

Jaylen Johnson-Thompson

Aiden A, Gonzalez

Taishawn Beasley-Jones

Makaylah Waters

Dalevontae Rayford

Yarely Chavira

Jon Gonzalez

Jordan Holmes

Adrianna Arvayo

Yareli Hernandez Morales

Mawujigua Abaya

Giovanni Trejo

Angel Miramontes

Aalilah Jones

Damien Bacon

Jessray Soto

Aaliyah Ortega

Brianna Josytewa

Victoria Ortega

Rebecca Armenta

Rudy Torres

Eleanor Drew

Lila Nguyen

Joseph Herrera Merida

Alexa Aguilar

Heidy De La Rosa

Emily Romero Ortiz

Bilal Jones-Steele

Aria Huff

Devin Dunlap

Annalisia Chavez

Rielle Aurelio Moraza

Ailyn Rodriguez

Santiago Aragon

Madison Fair-Thomas

Eladio Quinonez Obeso



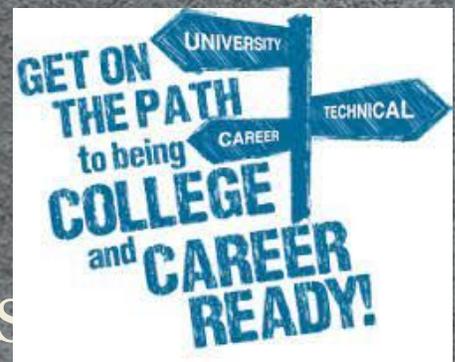
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Counselor's Corner

For the month of August & September, I completed an introduction in all classrooms. I introduced myself to new students and went over expectations for this school year.

year my theme is "Growing College & Career Readiness".

Students will participate in lessons/activities that will help them with school success and prepare them for college & career success and beyond!

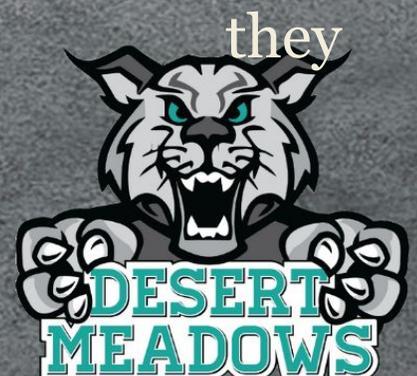


October is National Bullying Prevention month.

I will conduct lessons to help students understand what bullying is and what it is not.

Students will learn how they can respond

appropriately if they experience or witness it.



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Kindergarten

Kindergarten has been busy learning letter names and sounds since August. We've made it through the entire alphabet and we're gearing up to begin creating words!! It's a big, exciting step in our foundational learning. Please practice the random letter page every day to help support your child's progress.



During math we have been mastering the concept of numbers 0-5. We'll be moving on to numbers 6-10 soon. We're working on understanding how to count objects and know which group has more, less, or is equal to when comparing groups of objects. You can help support your at home by counting items in the while cooking or making lunch. also ask your child to count out the produce or cans when shopping. We appreciate your support!!! :-)



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5th-8th Grade Social Studies

5th grade is restarting the American Revolution. We are currently learning about how it started and getting into how the war went. 6th grade is finishing up the Neolithic Revolution and moving into Mesopotamia.



7th grade social studies has been looking at the effects that the Enlightenment had on the American colonies, including the creation of the United States and the writing of the Declaration of Independence.

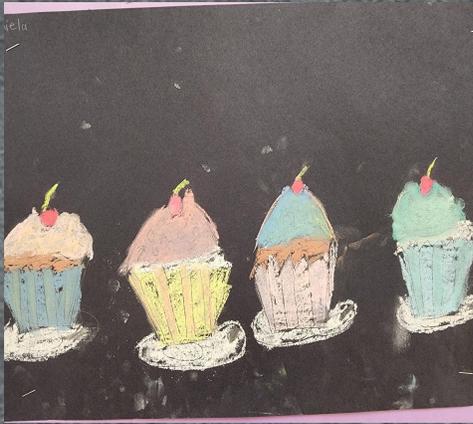


8th grade social studies has been studying the basics of why governments exist. We're now talking about the Constitution, including its creation, and the ideals that were placed in it to limit the government's power.



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Art



First and second grade are learning about repetition in art. We studied the art of Wayne Thiebaud. He is an American artist who became famous for his paintings of all kinds of desserts. We created Cupcakes using chalk and learned how to blend more than one color.

Cupcakes inspired by artist Wayne Thiebaud.



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Computer Science

BEE BOTS are here!

In 1st and 2nd grade, we are working on programming Bee Bots to follow patterns that we create. Students are learning about collaboration and programming.



APPS

In 7th grade, students are learning about the programming of Apps. Through this work, students are creating their own apps to test out.

