

Desert Vista Mustangs

January-February 2018

Local Students Place 1st in Spelling Bee and AJ Kids Idol!



Principal's Corner:

Beautiful weather, amazing celebrations, and learning full speed ahead! Our return from Winter Break was one that showcased many accomplishments of DVES students in our community. As I attended our District Spelling Bee and the AJ Kids Idol, I couldn't be more proud of our students who competed. Congratulations to Nicholas who took 1st place in our District Spelling Bee and to Gage who took 1st place in the K-6th division for AJ Kids Idol!

As our students move forward with their learning and showing growth in what they do, my message to them each day they walk on campus is to BELIEVE. Believe in who they are, what they do, and know they can accomplish anything they put their minds to. We are a team, we are a family and we will do this together! Together we WILL BELIEVE in who we are and the choices we make. Be Kind....believe in one another!

-Mrs. P Smith

Kindergarten: February 1st is career day for kindergarten. We will be wrapping up our unit of community helpers and this will be the ending activity. Visitors from the police department, the fire department and KMLE 107.9 visiting our kinders

First Grade: First grade is working on story elements for fiction and non-fiction stories in reading. In math we have been working on fractions and telling time to hour and half hour using analog and digital clocks. We have been studying winter animals such as penguins, and polar bears.

Second Grade: Second grade will be getting ready to go on their field trip to Superstition Mountain Museum at the end of the month. Mrs. Rice's class is starting a PBL unit on the continent of Asia. Students will be tying in math, reading, science, writing and social studies.

Third Grade: Third Grade has been exploring the Water Cycle!



Fourth Grade: We have been learning about the Ancient Native American tribes of Arizona. Discovering why they came to Arizona, where they settled and so much more. This has been great preparation for our field trip to Tonto National Park. Where we will be able to see where these ancient Arizonan Tribe adobes and how they lived in cliffs. We will also try our hand at being an archaeologist as part of one our tasks. Helping us understand how we are ale to learn about how these people thousands of years ago.

Fifth Grade: Fifth Grade is learning all about 2 and 3-D shape attributes and polygon hierarchy in math. In reading, we are discussing different point of views on the same topic along with primary and secondary sources. Science is all about Chemistry and matter. Social Studies is all about the past, The Articles of Confederation, how a bill becomes a law, and the Mayflower Compact!



Sixth Grade: In sixth grade we have working on a writing project, where the students are creating their own restaurants. They are coming up with a unique theme, creating a floor plan and writing a persuasive business letter to convince an investor to help fund their restaurant. In science we are studying a unit on cells and completing a fun web quest.

Student Council:

Student Council was very excited to receive out our student council shirts from PTO. Desert Vista PTO purchased a shirt for each of the members of the club. We are very grateful for their generosity. The shirts will be worn during Mustang Assemblies and functions where the members are volunteering.

We are looking forward to paying the kindness back to the Desert Vista parent group by helping them out at the Valentine's Dance on February 8. Each of the members will volunteer a half hour to sell candy, roses, treats, and drinks.

Our next big community service project will raise money for Project Help as well as a charity chosen by the council members. This project will be called "Project Pencil" and will begin in March after Spring Break. Look for more information about this project later in February.

SPECIALS:

P.E. K-6 students were visited by a representative from the American Heart Association on Tuesday January 16th to learn about how to keep their hearts healthy. They also received information about our upcoming jump rope for heart event that will take place on February 20, 2018. Students have been asked to get donations to support there jumping efforts on this day. All students will jump rope on February 20th during their regular specials times. Parent volunteers are needed, please contact coach Rumple.



Special Education:

The Special Ed students have been hard at work this past month. They created several diaramas depicting different community resources. The students learned all about Fire Departments, Grocery Stores, Police Departments, Dance Studios, zoo's and other eateries!

