

2019-2020 DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY

19 Meet Your Teacher Night/K-6/4:30-6:30
23 First Day of School/K-6

AUGUST

13 District Board Meeting/6:00 p.m.
14 Mustang Pride Assemblies /
8:45 & 9:15
27 Fall Picture Day
28 Fundraiser Kick-off

SEPTEMBER

2 Labor Day/NO SCHOOL
10 District Board Meeting/6:00 p.m.
11 Mustang Pride Assemblies /
8:45 & 9:15
11 Fundraiser Orders Due
26&27 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Early Dismissal/12:45 p.m.
27 End of 1st Quarter

OCTOBER

1-11 Fall Break/NO SCHOOL
15 District Board Meeting/6:00 p.m.
16 Fundraiser Order Delivery Day
23 Mustang Pride Assemblies /
8:45 & 9:15
25 Spooktacular Event/5:30-7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

8 Veterans' Day Remembrance / 9a.m.
11 Veterans' Day/NO SCHOOL
12 District Board Meeting/6:00 p.m.
13 Mustang Pride Assemblies/
8:45 & 9:15
27-29 Thanksgiving Holiday/NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER

10 District Board Meeting/6:00 p.m.
20 End of Semester/Early Release /
12:45 p.m.
23-31 Winter Break/NO SCHOOL

JANUARY

1-3 Winter Break/NO SCHOOL
6 School Resumes
8 Mustang Pride Assemblies/
8:45&9:15
14 District Board Meeting/6:00 p.m.
20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/NO
SCHOOL

FEBRUARY

4 Spring Picture Day
7 Valentine's Day Dance/5:30-7:30
p.m.
11 District Board Meeting/6:00 p.m.
12 Mustang Pride Assemblies/
8:45 & 9:15
17 Presidents' Day/NO SCHOOL

MARCH

6 End of 3rd Quarter
9-20 Spring Break/NO SCHOOL
24 District Board Meeting/6:00 p.m.
26&27 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Early Dismissal/12:45 p.m.

APRIL

7 Kindergarten Promotion Pictures
8 Mustang Pride Assemblies/
8:45&9:15
Spring Holiday/NO SCHOOL
14 District Board Meeting/6:00 p.m.

MAY

8 Spring Carnival/5:30-8:00 p.m.
12 District Board Meeting/6:00 p.m.
20 Kindergarten Last Day of School
21 Last Day of School/Gr. 1-6
Early Release/12:45 p.m.

2019-2020 Student Handbook

Desert Vista Elementary School



Committed to Creating a Strong School Community

Principal Patricia Smith

pasmith@goaj.org

School Hours:
Monday - Friday
8:25a.m. - 3:00p.m.

Gates Open:
8:05a.m.

*Parents must sign in at the office at all times

**3701 East Broadway Avenue
Apache Junction, AZ 85119**

480-677-7510

*Dates and times are subject to change

A Note From the Principal

Every Child, Everyday, Whatever It Takes

Welcome to the home of the Mustangs! When you enter the gates of Desert Vista Elementary, you are entering a strong learning community that values the partnership of educating children. Our philosophy is one that believes in working together to provide excellence inside and outside of the classroom through rigor, relevance, and 21st Century learning opportunities. By building a strong partnership together, we are investing in each child who attends Desert Vista Elementary. The greatest payoff from our investment will be an increase in student achievement where there are no limits to what can be accomplished. EVERY child is important and deserves to have a safe, nurturing, and positive learning environment and it begins with us working together.

-Mrs. Patricia Smith

Attendance

Regular school attendance is essential for our students. The State Compulsory Attendance Law requires that students between the age of 6 and 18 must attend school. If your child is going to be absent, please call the school office at 480-677-7511. Please indicate your child's first and last name, the date and the reason for their absence. If your child is tardy please make sure you come into the office and sign him/her in.

- Excused absences: Examples of excused absences include illness, doctor's appointments, family emergency, bereavement and religious holidays. In order for an absence to be excused, a parent/guardian must call or provide a note to the front office within 24 hours of the absence. If an absence can be excused with a medical note, please provide the office with a copy. After 7 excused absences, you will begin receiving letters which will include information regarding your child's current attendance, attendance laws, and board policy.

- Unexcused Absences: If parents do not notify the front office of the reason for a child's absence within 24 hours, the absence will be coded as unexcused and may trigger a truancy review. In addition, absences may be coded as unexcused if they become excessive as defined by Arizona State Law. If your child has a chronic illness that results in him/her missing more than 10% of the school days in the year, please request a chronic illness form from the school nurse to be completed by your child's physician.

Mustang Cafeteria

Milk \$0.50

Student Lunch \$2.50

Adult Breakfast \$2.25 • Adult Lunch \$3.40

Pre-Purchase meals at family.titank12.com. Students may also bring lunch money to the cafeteria prior to school starting. If you are writing a check please put students name and classroom teacher on the check.

Party items can be pre-ordered. Choose from cupcakes, cookies, Italian ice and or milk. To order contact the school cafeteria or classroom teacher. Prices start for as little as .25 per student.

Eating Area: Student will be eating on the patio everyday as long as the temperature is 100 degrees or less.

Lunch Schedules:

Regular Day/Recess First

KG: 11:10-11:50
1st: 11:25-12:05
2nd: 11:40-12:20
6th: 11:55-12:35
4th: 12:10-12:50
5th: 12:25-1:05
3rd: 12:40-1:20

Early Release Day/ Recess First

KG: 10:25-11:00
1st: 10:40-11:15
2nd: 10:55-11:30
6th: 11:10-11:45
4th: 11:25-12:00
5th: 11:40-12:15
3rd: 11:55-12:30

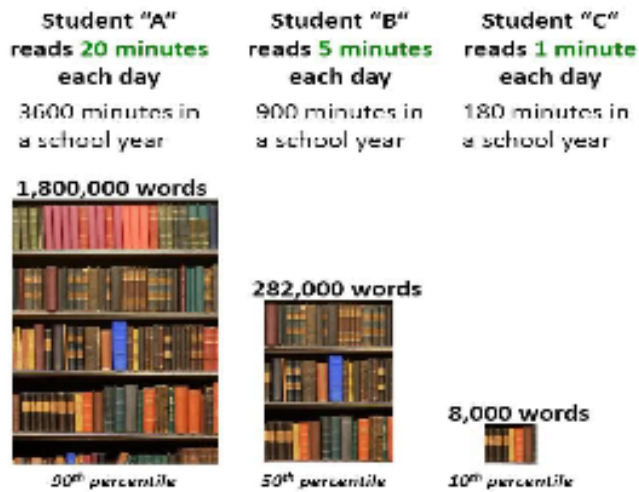


Grades

We have a parent portal, ParentVUE, which allows greater communication between home and school. In order to gain access to this portal, please come into our office to receive your instructions on how to log into this site. If you have more than one child enrolled in Apache Junction Unified Schools, you may gain access to all your children's information with one log on. Calendar, grades, class schedule, immunizations and student demographic information can be viewed from this one portal.

StudentVUE is available for all AJUSD students as well. Students will be advised of their login information from their homeroom teachers when school begins.

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

[Kipp & Bennett, 1992]

Dress Code

- Shirts/tops must be long enough to completely cover a child's midriff at all times and may not have revealing necklines.
- Undergarments may not show.
- Straps must be approximately 2" wide.
- Shorts or skirts must be longer than the child's hand when extended.
- Clothing that displays tobacco, alcohol, drugs, violence, sexual connotations, or is otherwise disruptive to the educational process is not permitted.
- Hats are permitted outside the school buildings provided the visors face front.
- Spikes, excessive chains, straps, and/or other accessories that may be deemed inappropriate, dangerous, or disruptive, may not be worn on school grounds.
- Please be sure that footwear is sturdy and comfortable.

If you have questions, please ask.

Electronic Devices

Electronic devices for educational purposes are provided by the school. For this reason, any cell phones, MP3 players, games and other electronic devices brought on campus must be turned off and remain in your child's backpack during school hours. If any above items are used on campus, they will be sent to the office for pickup by the parent. DVES is not responsible for lost or stolen electronic devices.



Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Please follow the procedures detailed below to ensure student safety

First bell will be at 8:20 a.m. and class will begin at 8:25 a.m. each day.

For students who ride with parents or walk, we ask that you arrive at school not earlier than 8:05 a.m. as there will be not adult supervision until this time.

Students arriving after 8:25 a.m. will be considered tardy. Tardy students need to report to the front office to be signed in by a parent and receive a tardy pass to class. Students that walk home or are parent pickups will be dismissed at 2:55 p.m. each day. Please use our parent pickup lanes or the designated parent pickup door for pick up. Bus riding students will be dismissed at 3:00 p.m. each day. Students may ride bicycles to and from school. A bicycle helmet is required. Students riding bicycles will be dismissed after school buses leave the campus loading area.

If you need to make any changes for after school transportation, you must notify the office before 1:30 p.m.

Please try to make all appointments after school so that your child doesn't miss valuable learning time.

Bell Schedule Regular School Days

Drop Off: 8:05am
1st Bell: 8:20am
Start: 8:25am
Dismissal: 3:00pm
Buses Pull-Out: 3:15pm

Bell Schedule Early Dismissal Days

Drop Off: 8:05am
1st Bell: 8:20am
Start: 8:25am
Dismissal: 12:45pm
Buses Pull-Out: 1:00pm

Student Recognition

Mustang PRIDE Tickets

Students have the opportunity to receive a ticket when they are observed following the PRIDE Philosophy. The student will bring the ticket to the office where it will be placed in a drawing which will be held each Friday.

Student of the Month

Each classroom will select two students each month based on Academic Achievement and Mustang PRIDE to be recognized at monthly Mustang Pride Day Assemblies.

District Student of the Month

Each month, one sixth grade boy and one girl are selected by the teacher as "Kiwanis/Elks Student of the Month". They are recognized at monthly school board meetings and are eligible for "Student of the Year" .

Perfect Attendance

Perfect Attendance will be recognized each quarter.
**Students who have Perfect Attendance for the year will get their name in a drawing for a bike.

Honor Roll

Students with an A/B average will be recognized for their accomplishments each quarter.

AR Awards

Each quarter

Birthday Recognition

The principal will announce birthdays weekly. Students will receive a pencil and free ice cream cone certificate.