Congratulations Class of 2010!

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The 2009-2010 school year has been filled with both great success and challenge. Certainly a highlight of this past school year was our Dysart community coming together to support our students and their education in Dysart. Once again during this school year, our hard working and dedicated teachers, administrators and support staff worked to ensure a year filled with quality instruction and achievement for students. We are proud of our students who committed themselves to their learning and to preparing for the challenges and opportunities of this new century. This school year will be remembered for the Dysart community coming together to renew the district override. The renewal of the override will provide the continuation of funding in Dysart to support all day kindergarten, reading intervention, art, music, PE and band classes as well as helping to maintain class sizes.

The 2009-2010 school year will also be noted as a year when the citizens of Arizona banded together in support of education, public safety and wellness with the passage of Proposition 100. Education will face deep cuts for 2010-11 based on the state budget reductions. Dysart budget cuts total $9.7 million, however, the District has been able to avoid staff layoffs and will continue to provide the critical resources and services our students and community expect of this great District.

Reflecting on this school year, there is much to celebrate with both student and teacher successes abounding. Our three graduating high school classes combined for more than $9 million in scholarship funds for students to continue their learning at the university and college level. The Dysart District saw its second National Merit Scholar in the last four years. The list of awards and accomplishments of our Dysart students, staff, schools and departments is too long to include here, but members of our District and the Dysart District continue to be recognized both at the state and national level.

Dysart continues moving forward in its utilization of data to make informed decisions about student progress and student achievement. Our students benefit from our data focused approach resulting in excellent classroom instruction. Our mission is to exceed standards and make certain students are future ready and all our efforts and resources are geared to support that mission.

Looking ahead to the 2010-2011 school year, I know that our staff, parents and community will once again rise to the challenge of providing the very best education for our students. I look forward to working with our entire school community as Dysart continues its journey of excellence. WE ARE DYSART and together we will work to provide an environment where students are exceeding standards and future ready. Have a great summer!

Gail Pletnick, Ed. D.
Superintendent

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State budget cuts to impact programs, student services

Shortly after the celebration of the passage of the Dysart override in March, the Arizona State Legislature passed the state budget for the 2010-2011 school year, making devastating cuts to K-12 education throughout the state. Due to state budget cuts, Dysart’s budget will be cut by $9.7 million beginning July 1. With the reduction of funding to next year’s budget, coupled with the state budget cuts in the last two years, the Dysart District budget has seen a loss in funding of $11 million. To absorb additional cuts to next year’s budget, the Dysart Governing Board approved the following program and student services cuts:

- A 2.5% reduction in all district level staff
- A 20% reduction in K-12 sports budgets.
- Reducing self-contained gifted bus routes to one bus, discontinuing the concept school student bussing to Canyon Ridge School
- Discontinue signature program shuttle bus
- Discontinue all K-8 after school activity bus routes
- Discontinue all 9-12 after school activity bus routes
- Reduction of data records technician, attendance clerks and site level administrative secretaries work calendars to 219 days, reducing parent services in school offices
- Reducing reading and instructional coaches to one coach position per school
- $4.1 million capital reduction

Per student reduction in spending (due to state budget cuts)

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DUSD Budget Cuts (due to state budget cuts)

- $3 million from DUSD in 2008-2009
- $15 million from DUSD in 2009-2010
- $21 million from DUSD in 2010-2011
The Dysart School District believes that there is a connection between student dress and academic success. In the Spring of 2009, a Strategic Plan committee reviewed and revised Dysart’s student dress code. The committee, consisting of parents, teachers and administrators presented dress code revisions to the Governing Board and the revisions were implemented in the 2009-2010 school year.

Dysart’s student dress code is set to remain unchanged for the 2010-2011 school year. The student dress code can be viewed at www.dysart.org under the tab, “Parents and Students.”

The most prominent items in the K-12 student dress code include:

**Shirts/Tops**
- Must not include tank tops, spaghetti straps, halter tops, strapless tops and racer back tops. Tank tops are any sleeveless top with a strap of less than three inches.
- Must not have a neckline lower than four inches from the collarbone and must not expose cleavage.
- Must not extend in the armpit lower than six inches from the collarbone.

**Pants/Shorts/Bottoms**
- Must be worn at the waist at all times.
- Must be no shorter than four inches above the top of the knee when standing if shorts or skirts.

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**Full-day kindergarten, continuation of programs highlight passage of the override**

The Dysart School District is thankful to its community for the passage of the Dysart override on March 9. The override renewal ensures that funding for the Dysart override will be continued next school year. The override renewal becomes effective for the next seven years. The Dysart Maintenance and Operations override was first approved by voters in 2000 and renewed again in 2004.

With upcoming budget cuts from the Arizona State Legislature, Dysart, and all other Arizona school districts, is forced to make cuts to programs and services to students. However, with the Dysart community passing the override in March, the district will continue to provide free full-day kindergarten to the students in the community.

Additionally, art, music, PE and band classes will continue to be provided to Dysart students as well as the continuation of the K-3 reading program, providing reading interventionists in all K-8 schools. Dysart will also be able to maintain class sizes at an acceptable level, despite state budget cuts, due to the support of the community through the passage of the override.
Do you have concerns about your preschooler’s development? The Dysart Early Childhood Education Center has added additional free Child Find Screening dates to allow families more choices to have their 2 year, 6 month old to 5 year old non-kindergarten eligible children be screened for developmental delays.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (IDEA, 2004) requires that public school agencies ensure that all children from birth through age 21 with delays or developmental disabilities are identified, located and evaluated to receive the supports and services they need.

This includes all children living within the geographic boundaries of the school district including children who are homeless or wards of the state, children with disabilities attending private schools or those who are homeschooled.

Public schools and the Arizona Early Intervention Program are responsible for “finding” eligible children and providing services needed for them to reach their developmental milestones or meet their educational needs. The Dysart preschool screenings, conducted at the Dysart Early Childhood Center, address vision, hearing, motor, speech and language, self-help, cognitive and social skills. The time to complete a screen is approximately one hour. Parents must be present with their child during the screening process.

For more information or to schedule a special needs screening appointment, please contact the Dysart School District at (623) 876-7022. For information regarding screening children ages birth to 2.5 years old, please call the Arizona Early Intervention Project at (602) 771-1700. The Dysart Early Childhood Center is located at 17999 W. Surprise Farms Loop South, in Surprise.

Screening dates for the 2010-2011 school year are:

- August 2
- August 16
- August 30
- September 13
- September 27
- October 25
- November 15
- November 29
- December 13
- January 10
- January 24
- February 14
- February 28
- March 28
- April 11
- April 25
- May 9
- May 18

Transportation changes for the Dysart Unified School District

As a result of state budget cuts, Dysart will be making changes to some of the transportation services provided to students. The changes, outlined below, will not impact transporting students to school and home at the end of the school day. For transportation questions, please call 623.876.7030

Transportation Changes for 2010-2011
- All after school activity busses will be discontinued (this does not include transportation for students immediately following school dismissal)
- Transportation for students at Canyon Ridge School will be limited to students identified in the self-contained gifted program.
- Discontinue signature program shuttle bus
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** These times include both instructional and non-instructional time.

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### Dysart Unified School District No. 89
#### 2010-2011 CALENDAR

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**First Day for Students**  
August 9

**Labor Day**  
September 6

**40th Day**  
October 4

**Fall Break**  
October 8, 11

**Columbus Day**  
Oct. 11 [part of Fall Break]

**K-8 Parent/Teacher Conf.**  
Oct. 21-22 [1/2 days K-8]

**K-8 Report Cards Issued**  
October 22

**Veterans Day**  
November 11

**Thanksgiving Recess**  
November 25-26

**High School Final Exams**  
Dec. 16-17 [1/2 days HS]

**Early Release**  
Dec. 17 [1/2 days K-8]

**Winter Break**  
Dec. 20-31

**School Resumes**  
January 3

**K-8 Report Cards Issued**  
January 7

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
January 17

**100th Day**  
January 18

**President’s Day**  
February 21

**K-8 Parent/Teacher Conf.**  
March 10-11 [1/2 days K-8]

**K-8 Report Cards Issued**  
March 10

**Spring Break**  
March 14-18

**Spring Holiday**  
March 18

**No School/Staff Development**  
April 20

**High School Final Exams**  
May 18-19

**Last Day for Students**  
May 19 (1/2 day K-8)

**Graduation Day**  
May 19 [1/2 day K-8]

**No School**  
May 19 [part of Fall Break]

**K-8 Quarters End/Days**  
May 19

**HS Semesters End/Days**  
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**Summer Break**

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**K-8 Quarters End/Days**  
December 17

**HS Semesters End/Days**  
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**K-8 Quarters End/Days**  
October 15

**HS Semesters End/Days**  
December 17

**First and Last days of School Year**

**No School**

Students are dismissed early every Monday beginning Aug. 16 to provide time for teacher professional development.
## Dysart School Directory

### K-8 Schools
- **Ashton Ranch**
  14898 W. Acoma Drive
  Surprise, AZ 85379
  623.523.8300

- **Canyon Ridge**
  17359 W. Surprise Farms Loop N
  Surprise, AZ 85388
  623.523.8450

- **Cimarron Springs**
  17032 W. Surprise Farms Loop S
  Surprise, AZ 85388
  623.523.8600

- **Countryside**
  15034 N. Parkview Place
  Surprise, AZ 85379
  623.876.7800

- **Desert Moon**
  23251 N. 166th Drive
  Surprise, AZ 85387
  623.523.8900

- **Dysart**
  12590 W. Varney Road
  El Mirage, AZ 85335
  623.876.7100

- **El Mirage**
  13500 N. El Mirage Road
  El Mirage, AZ 85335
  623.876.7200

- **Kingswood**
  15150 W. Mondell Road
  Surprise, AZ 85374
  623.876.7600

- **Luke**
  7300 N. Dysart Road
  Glendale, AZ 85307
  623.876.7300

- **Marley Park**
  15042 W. Sweetwater Road
  Surprise, AZ 85379
  623.523.8200

- **Mountain View**
  18302 W. Burton Avenue
  Waddell, AZ 85355
  623.523.7450

- **Parkview**
  16066 N. Parkview Place
  Surprise, AZ 85374
  623.523.8650

- **Rancho Gabriela**
  15272 W. Gabriela Drive
  Surprise, AZ 85374
  623.523.8500

- **Riverview**
  12701 N. Main Street
  El Mirage, AZ 85335
  623.523.8950

- **Sonoran Heights**
  11405 N. Greer Ranch Parkway
  Surprise, AZ 85379
  623.523.8550

- **Sunset Hills**
  17825 W. Sierra Montana Loop
  Surprise, AZ 85388
  623.523.8700

- **Surprise**
  12907 W. Greenway Road
  El Mirage, AZ 85335
  623.876.7400

- **Thompson Ranch**
  11800 W. Thompson Ranch Road
  El Mirage, AZ 85335
  623.523.8400

### High Schools
- **Dysart High School**
  11425 N. Dysart Road
  El Mirage, AZ 85335
  623.876.7500

- **Shadow Ridge**
  10909 N. Perryville Road
  Waddell, AZ 85355
  623.523.5100

- **Valley Vista**
  15550 N. Parkview Place
  Surprise, AZ 85374
  623.523.8800

- **Willow Canyon**
  17901 W. Lundberg Street
  Surprise, AZ 85388
  623.523.8000

### Specialized Programs
- **Dysart Early Childhood Center**
  17999 W. Surprise Farms Loop S
  Surprise, AZ 85388
  623.876.7350

- **Sundown Mountain**
  10909 N. Perryville Road
  Waddell, AZ 85355
  623.876.7250

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