



SCHOOL NEWS

SURPRISE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A Message from the Principal

Dear Surprise Families,

This month, our schoolwide theme is problem solving. In our morning announcements and school assembly we'll be reminding students to use the *Second Step* Problem-Solving Steps:

- S: Say the problem
- T: Think of solutions
- E: Explore consequences
- P: Pick the best solution

As you can see, the first letter of each step spells the word "step." Remembering "step" helps students solve problems with each other in safe and respectful ways.

Second Step lessons specifically teach students to use each step and reinforce the message that solutions need to be safe and respectful. You will be receiving Home Links about the steps that describe why solving problems is important and including fun activities to do with your child to help him or her learn and practice the steps. We hope the steps will be helpful for you and your child when there are problems at home.

Please tell your child's teacher if you would like more suggestions about how to use the Problem-Solving Steps at home.

Sincerely,

Karie Burns

Principal
HIGH FIVE, TEAM SURPRISE!

Important Information for Parents

Upcoming events and holiday schedule:

- December 6 - Winter Festival for kindergarten, 1st grade & theater 5:00 –6:30 pm
- December 9 - Band Concert rehearsal at Thompson Ranch Elementary School for Surprise and Thompson Ranch students.
- December 12 - Band concert for Surprise and Thompson Ranch Elementary Students at 6:00 pm at Thompson Ranch Elementary School
- **December 20 - Early Release Day at 12:00 PM for kindergarten through 8th grade students**
- **December 20 - No Preschool Classes**
- December 23—January 3 - Winter Break, No School
- School resumes—January 6, 2020

Canned Food Drive for St. Mary's Food Bank:

The FOR group is sponsoring a canned food drive through Dec 19, 2019. Food collected will benefit St. Mary's Food Bank and the local community.

Toy Drive:

The FOR group is sponsoring a toy drive through Dec 6, 2019. Toys collected will benefit children under the care of Department of Child Services.

No Preschool Classes on December 20, 2019

There will be no preschool classes on December 20, 2019.

Early Release-Dec 20 and Winter Break-Dec 23-Jan 3

December 20 will be early release day at 12:00 pm. Kindergarten through 8th grade students will be dismissed at 12:00 PM (Noon) on this date.

The school will be closed December 23, 2019 through January 3, 2020 for Winter Break. School resumes on January 6, 2020 at regular times.

Open Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year

Open Enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year will be available beginning Tuesday, December 3, 2019.

Parents whose students are currently enrolled at the school of their choice will not need to reapply. Open enrollment status is evaluated annually based on capacity and the student's grades, discipline and attendance.

Open enrollment allows parents the opportunity to request that their children attend a Dysart school outside of their residential boundary area. This includes all 20 Dysart elementary schools, including the new Freedom Traditional Academy, and four high schools. Information on K-8 signature programs and academies may be found by visiting www.dysart.org/signature. Details about high school focuses and Career and Technical Education programs offered are available at www.Dysart.org/highschool.

Open enrollment applications are due on or before January 5, 2020. After this priority period, submitted applications will continue to be accepted and will be reviewed on a monthly basis as capacity becomes available.

Parents needing access to an online computer may visit any District school or the front lobby of the Dysart District Office located at 15802 North Parkview Place in Surprise, Arizona.

Family Resources

As the holiday season approaches we understand that some families may be in need of resources. If your family or a family you know is in need for anything please contact the school, we have a variety of resources that can help. Please contact the office at 623.876.7400.

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Calendar for December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Early Release 1:45pm	3 Science Olympiad (8am & 4pm) Ice after school	4 Drama Rehearsal 4pm NHS 4pm Sports Group 4pm	5 Science Olympiad 8am Choir rehearsal 4pm	6 Winter Concert (KG, 1st & Choir) 5:00 - 6:30 PM	7
8	9 Early Release 1:45pm Band Rehearsal (Surprise & Thompson Ranch) at Thompson Ranch Elem 5 pm	10 Science Olympiad (8am & 4pm) Ice after school Band Concert (Surprise & Thompson Ranch) at Thompson Ranch Elem 6 pm	11 Science Olympiad (8am & 4pm) Governing Board Mtg 6pm	12 Science Olympiad (8am & 4pm) Frozen Family Reading Night 5-6:30 PM	13	14
15	16 Early Release 1:45pm	17 Science Olympiad (8am & 4pm)	18 Science Olympiad (8am & 4pm) Cheer Parent Mtg 5 pm	19 Winter Dance Grades 5-6:30 pm	20 No Preschool Classes Early Dismissal 12 pm	21
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CUBS Sports Page

Soccer Schedule

Boys Soccer coaches—Kim Corallo and Kim Rosevear

12/3/19 — game cancelled

12/5/19 — Surprise vs. West Point at 6:00 pm at Countryside Elem.

Volleyball

Volleyball coach—Lindsay Fritts

12/3/19 — West Point vs. Surprise at 6:00 pm at Kingswood Elem.

12/5/19 — Surprise vs. West Point at 6:00 pm at Kingswood Elem.

Upcoming Seasons:

Boys Basketball

Season starts January 21, 2019

Coach - Lee Coles

Lee.Coles@dysart.org

Cheer Season for Boys Basketball

Season starts January 21, 2019

Parent meeting scheduled for December 18 at 5:00 pm

Cheer Coach - Michelle Hudson

Michelle.Hudson@dysart.org

Girls Soccer

Season starts January 21, 2019

Parent meeting scheduled for December 18 at 5:00 pm

Boys Soccer coaches—Kim Corallo and Kim Rosevear

Kimberly.Rosevear@dysart.org

Kimberly.Corallo@dysart.org

All Pay to Participate fees are due now. If your student participated in a sport, you can pay online through the [online payment portal](#) or in person at school.

There is no fee for Cross Country.

SURPRISE CHEER

Two, Four, Six, Eight

Surprise Kids are really great!

Three, Five, Seven, Nine

Surprise Kids are really fine!

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Dysart Community Coalition (DCC) Information

Formerly known as PTSA

The Dysart Community Coalition supports Surprise Elementary, Riverview Elementary and El Mirage Elementary Schools.

Get Involved in Team Surprise! Do you want to make a difference?

DCC Spirit Wear online store is now available for online orders. Paper order forms are available in the front office if you would like to send in your cash or check payment. When ordering online, choose Surprise Elementary School and place your order. Remember to add your students name in the notes sections so we know who to deliver the shirts too. Buy Online at: <http://bit.ly/surpriserecess>. There are many shirts styles to choose from online.

Thank you for your support!

Contact Us:

Office: 623-876-7400 and **press 0 for the office.**

Attendance: to report your student *absent or arriving late* please call the attendance line at **623-876-7403**.

This phone line is available 24 hours a day,

7 days a week and is monitored Monday through Friday.

Cafeteria: 623-876-7408

Nurse: to contact the nurse, please call **623-876-7400** and **choose #2 option.**

Fax: 623.876.7411

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30

Breakfast in the Classroom:

8:40-9:00 — free for all students

K-8 grade hours:

Monday- 9:00 am - 1:45 pm

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am - 3:45 pm

Preschool hours:

AM Session:

Monday—9:00 -10:45

- Arrival - gate opens at 8:55 am
- Dismissal - gate opens at 10:35 am

Tues—Fri — 9:00—11:45

- Arrival - gate opens at 8:55 am
- Dismissal - gate opens at 11:35 am
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PM Session:

Monday — 12:00—1:45

- Arrival - gate opens at 12:00 pm
- Dismissal - gate opens at 1:45 pm

Tues -Fri — 1:00 -3:45

- Arrival - gate opens at 1:00 pm
- Dismissal - gate opens at 3:45 pm

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DCC Surprise Booster - Spirit Shirt - \$5 each – For Recess Equipment

Buy Online at: <http://bit.ly/surpriserecess>

Student First/Last Name:

Teacher/Grade:

Choose Size & Quantity

Youth S _____ Youth M _____ Youth L _____ Youth XL _____

Adult S _____ Adult M _____ Adult L _____ Adult XL _____

Adult 2XL (\$7) _____ Adult 3XL (\$7) _____ Adult 4XL (\$7) _____

****Forms may be submitted to front office with \$\$ attached****



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