



# SCHOOL NEWS

## SURPRISE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### A Message from the Principal

Dear Surprise Families,  
We would like to inform you that the new A-F letter grades were released by the Arizona State Board of Education. Our school has grown by more than 6 percentage points and we maintained a "B" Label. This "B" represents that our school has solid performance and student growth on statewide assessments. Our students' continued growth has put us 1.4% point away from an A! This is a mark of achievement and our teachers and students have worked hard for this recognition. Our goal is to become an A school, and we will do that by increasing the number of students who pass this assessment. Each of our students will establish their individual goal of increasing their performance label, or maintaining the highest level of Highly Performing. Each student will help us meet our school wide goal of becoming an A school!

It is important to keep in mind that Teachers have multiple ways they measure student learning. The A-F Accountability System is just one of those tools. Throughout the school year, teachers assess how students are doing in their classroom in a variety of ways including classwork, homework, quizzes, projects, and teacher observations about your child's growth. Remember, your child's teachers and our administrative team is your best resource for information about individual and overall academic progress.

Sincerely,

*Karie Burns*

Principal  
HIGH FIVE, TEAM SURPRISE!

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### Important Information for Parents

#### Picture Retake Day

Picture retake day will be held on Tuesday, November 5th. If you plan on having your student retake pictures, please return the package you received to the photographer on retake day. If your student was not here on the original picture day, they may take pictures on this day. Order forms will be available in the front office, with the photographers or you may order online through Grad's Photography.

#### Spelling Bee

The annual Spelling Bee will be held on Thursday, November 7th.

- 3rd-4th grade bee—12:30-1:15 pm
- 1st-2nd grade bee— 1:30-2:15 pm
- 5th-8th grade bee— 2:15-3:30 pm

Top speller in 5th—8th grade will represent Surprise Elementary in the District Spelling Bee at a future date.

#### Veteran's Day

Surprise Elementary school will be closed on Monday, November 12th for Veteran's Day. Surprise Elementary School would like to thank all the Veterans for their service!

#### Thanksgiving Luncheon and Thanksgiving Break

Our annual Thanksgiving luncheon will be held on Tuesday, November 19th during regularly scheduled lunch times. We invite families to join their students for a feast of turkey and all the fixings! Surprise Elementary School will be closed November 27-29, 2019 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

#### Reading Under the Stars Night at Surprise Elementary

Surprise Elementary School Reading Under the Stars event will be held on Friday, November 15th from 5:00—7:00 pm. Arizona Science Center will bring the Science Dome where you can see the skies and moon. Keep an eye out for more information on this exciting evening. Adult supervision is required.

#### Annual Student Updates

The annual student updates (previously called Census Verifications) are being done online this year through your parent portal. Please take a moment to complete this, it is required by the state of Arizona to complete this at the beginning of each school year.

### Reminders from the health office:

#### Immunizations:

The State of Arizona requires student attending school to have all required Immunizations to attend school. The laws and rules governing school immunization requirements are Arizona Revised Statutes §15-871-874; and Arizona Administrative Code, R9-6-701-708. Please review the school requirements in Table 7.1 and "catch-up" schedule in Table 7.2, located in R9-6-701-708. Students must have proof of all required immunizations in order to attend school.



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## Calendar for November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Quarter Awards Assembly	2
3	4 Early Release 1:45pm	5 8th grade course selection Picture retake day Kona Ice after school NJHS Meeting 4pm	6	7 Spelling Bee Choir rehearsal 4pm Science Olympiad 4pm	8	9
10	<b>11 Veteran's Day - No School</b>	12 FOR activity meeting 8am Kona Ice during lunches College 101 Night -VHS 6-8 pm	13 Governing Board meeting 6pm	14 Choir rehearsal 4pm Science Olympiad 4pm	15 Reading Under the Stars	16
17	18 Early Release 1:45pm	19 Thanksgiving Dinner Luncheon Butter Braids delivery Kona Ice after school El Mirage Cares event	20	21 DCC Meeting-Riverview Elem. 5-7 PM	22 8th grade field trip to VHS	23 Science Olympiad Invitational - Casa Grande
24	25 Early Release 1:45pm	26 Kona Ice during lunches	<b>27 Thanksgiving Break—No School Nov 27-29</b>	<b>28 Thanksgiving Break—No School Nov 27-29</b>	<b>29 Thanksgiving Break—No School Nov 27-29</b>	30

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## CUBS Sports Page

### Soccer Schedule

**Boys Soccer coaches—Kim Corallo and Kim Rosevear**

- 11/4/19— Riverview vs. Surprise at 7:00 pm at El Mirage Elem.
- 11/12/19—Surprise vs Freedom at 6:00 pm Countryside Elem.
- 11/14/19— Freedom vs. Surprise at 6:00 pm at Countryside Elem.
- 11/18/19—Surprise vs Asante at 5:00 pm at Countryside Elem.
- 11/20/19—Asante vs Surprise at 5:00 pm at Countryside Elem.
- 12/3/19 — West Point vs. Surprise at 6:00 pm at Countryside Elem.
- 12/5/19 — Surprise vs. West Point at 6:00 pm at Countryside Elem.

### Volleyball

**Volleyball coach—Lindsay Fritts**

- 11/4/19— Riverview vs. Surprise at 7:00 pm at Dysart Elem.
- 11/12/19—Surprise vs Freedom at 6:00 pm Kingswood Elem.
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**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?

PTSA ButterBraids fundraiser delivery date is November 19th. A portion of the proceeds from the sales will benefit the students.

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:

**Refer to new times on when the gates open for each session.**

### AM Session:

Monday—9:00 –10:45

Tues—Fri — 9:00—11:45

### PM Session:

Monday — 12:00—1:45

Tues –Fri — 1:00 –3:45

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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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