



# SCHOOL NEWS

SONORAN HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

December 2019

Home of the HAWKS

Greetings Hawk Families!

The holiday season is upon us and we have so much to be thankful for. We have had lots of participation over the last couple months for our donation drives for canned food and water bottle recycling. All of our community drives are benefiting students and families that are in need of additional support. We would also like to thank you for making our Thanksgiving Day Lunch, Family Movie Night, Love Our School Day and Turkey Trot such beautiful and special events. They were a true representation of our Sonoran Hawks community and culture.

During the month of December we have several events and learning activities planned. We just completed our middle of the year benchmark assessment for DIBELS(K-3rd) and we will be having our math and reading benchmark assessments the week of December 9th. Please be sure to have your child eat breakfast, get a good night's rest and to school on time. We are also excited to be hosting Holiday and Concert Night, Glee Club Concert, Band Concert and a sixth & seventh grade movie night during December. We look forward to seeing you at these events.

Thank you for a wonderful first semester. We look forward to a great second half of the school year.

Thank you,

Andrew Frazier

## *School Information*

- School Hours

Monday 8:15am-1:00pm

Tues-Fri 8:15am-3:00pm

- Office Hours

Mon-Fri 7:15am-3:45pm

- Office Numbers

623-523-8550

623-523-8561(FAX)

623-523-8553 (Attendance Line)

## Sonoran Info

- Facebook:  
@SonoranHeightsEL
- Twitter: @SOHESHawks
- Instagram:  
@soheshawks
- YouTube: @DysartUSD

[www.dysart.org/sonoranheights](http://www.dysart.org/sonoranheights)

## PTA Info

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Did you know that many of the extra-curricular activities Sonoran Heights holds for our students are paid for entirely through Arizona Tax Credit donations?

Our sports teams, fine arts and enrichment programs are possible *only* through the tax-credit donations of community members.

Tax credit money can be used to pay for:

- Stipends for teachers who sponsor extra-curricular activities
- Supplies and equipment for extra-curricular activities
- Athletic uniforms and equipment for middle school sports
- Furniture, technology, and instructional aids

Some of our clubs/activities at Sonoran Heights include:

Journalism  
Crafters Crew  
Glee Club  
ART Club  
Drama (Musical)

Per Arizona state law, married couples filing joint taxes may donate up to \$400 per year; individuals may donate up to \$200 per year. This tax credit is available to all who reside in Arizona and have a tax liability at least equal to that of their donation. (Tax credits are not available for businesses.) You can receive a dollar-for-dollar state tax credit. You can select a category to support and 100% of your donation goes to the activity and school of your choice. You do not have to be a parent of a child enrolled at a Dysart school to benefit from this law. Donations may be made through April 15, 2020.

These activities fall under four categories:

- 5500 - School May Designate
- 5501 - Athletics
- 5502 - Fine Arts
- 5505 - Enrichment

How can I make a Tax Credit contribution?

You can make a tax credit contribution online or you can complete a Tax Credit Contribution Form and make your contribution at any Dysart school or you can mail your check and form to the address below:

Dysart Unified School District No. 89  
Attn: Tax Credit Program  
15802 North Parkview Place  
Surprise, AZ 85374

Thank you for your support!!

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### Office Reminders:

If you come to eat lunch with your student, please follow all cafeteria rules. Due to confidentiality, you may have lunch with your student at the parent table only. Due to allergies/dietary restrictions, you should only be eating/providing food for your student.

Only store bought and individually wrapped items are permitted for any birthday, special occasion, event for students. No flowers/balloons will be allowed in the classrooms.

Please remember to have your photo ID present when picking up a student and/or going to be a visitor on our campus.

### Parent Portal

We strongly encourage all parents/guardian to create their parent portal account. You will have access to your student's attendance record, current grades and receive vital information regarding school updates and upcoming events via the INBOX. Also, through the parent portal, you have access to update and/or confirm your student information, parent/guardian contact information, student health and emergency contact information. It is essential to have accurate and up-to-date contact information in our system.

### Middle School Sports 6th-8th grade

Boys Basketball- Coach Ben Cohen

Tryouts: 12/17-19 from 3:20-4:30pm

Parent Meeting: 1/07 @4:30pm in courtyard

Girls Soccer- Coach Stephanie Rodriguez

Tryouts: 12/17-19 from 3:30-4:30pm

Parent Meeting: 1/06 @4pm in courtyard

Cheer- Coach Rachael Greene

Tryouts: TBA

Tryout permission slips are available in the front office

### Musical - for all grade levels

Ms. Magruder and Ms. Forest- featuring Into The Woods Jr

12/17- Clinic from 3:15-4:30pm in room 307 // 12/18- Auditions from 3:30-6pm by appointment // 12/19- Call backs (if needed)

### Parking Lot

Please be mindful of your speed while in and around the school area including the cross walks. We appreciate your help by pulling forward while in our drop off/pick up lane to ensure a successful arrival/dismissal experience for all.

### Stay Connected

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### Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found prior to December 19th.  
Any remaining items will be donated on December 20th.

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