Dear Students and Families,

Maintaining a safe learning environment is one of our highest priorities. Our school and the school district regularly plan and practice various responses to emergency situations. This letter will inform you of some of the procedures we will follow to protect our students during an emergency.

What happens during an emergency?

School administrators, along with support from district office and city/county agencies, will evaluate the incident and initiate the appropriate response to either evacuate outside or away from buildings, or secure the campus in lockdown, modified lockdown, or shelter in place. School personnel work closely with public safety officials during emergencies.

Students may be kept on campus. In the event of a hazard or other immediate danger to health and safety outside of the school, public safety officials may direct the school to keep students on campus, even after school hours, until it is safe enough for the all-clear signal to be given. If such an emergency occurs, the school will begin a controlled release dismissal, in which students will be released only to an adult who has been identified as a parent, guardian or emergency contact. The school district is prepared to provide food, water and the medications listed on your child’s Medication Administration Release form to your child if we are directed to hold students on campus.

Students may be relocated off campus. An emergency situation may require students to be relocated to a location different from their home school. Our district high schools will serve as relocation sites for all K-8 schools. Updated information sent by telephone auto dialer, email and text messaging will apprise parents of the reunification site details.

What to do if your child is kept on campus during an emergency.

1. To keep phone lines free for emergency use, PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL. We understand and respect your concern for your child, yet it is essential that the telephone system be available for emergency communications. Additionally, if our school is in lockdown, staff members will NOT be available to answer the phone as they will be working to protect your children and themselves from the threat. The district will keep parents informed and updated regarding specific school responses through phone calls and emails during an emergency situation. Information and updates will also be shared via www.dysart.org and social media on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram on @DysartUSD.

2. Do not come to the school unless instructed to do so. We realize how difficult it will be for you to keep your distance from the school, but this will be crucial to keep the surrounding streets and parking lot clear for emergency vehicles.

3. If you speak with or text your child on a cell phone, please remind them of the importance of following the directions of their teachers and public safety officials.

We are proud that Dysart is a safe, and we are doing everything possible to keep it that way. We appreciate your cooperation and support. If you have any questions about this letter or any other aspect of the school’s safety procedures, please contact us.

With Gratitude,
Mrs. Miller
Principal, M.Ed

Mrs. Miles
Assistant Principal, M.Ed

Upcoming Dates
10/7 - Volleyball and Boys’ Soccer Tryouts this week
10/9 - Governing Board Mtg, 6pm @ District Office
10/10-10/11 - Early Release 1:45 for Parent-teacher conferences
10/14-18 - Fall Break, No School
10/23 - 4th-8th grade award assemblies
10/23 - Governing Board Mtg, 6pm @ District Office
10/24 - Fall Picture Retakes Day
10/25 - MVS PTA Trunk or Treat
10/29 - MVS Site Council, 4:15pm

Call the Attendance Line if your child will be tardy or absent!
623-876-7453
Available 24/7

Student Arrival Reminders

Please remember: Students are not allowed to be on campus before 8:40 unless they are scheduled to be here. There is NO supervision before this time!

Please remind students not to ride their bikes, scooters or skateboards on school grounds. Advise students not to throw, toss, or bounce balls before or after school in the front of the building. This can be a danger as other students and families are close by. As stated in the Dysart Student Parent Handbook on page 7, bikes, scooters and skateboards must be walked in crosswalks and once on school grounds.
Thank you to all the families who attended our first S.T.E.A.M. event of the year! Our students and staff loved being able to demonstrate their problem-solving skills. See the next few pages for some examples of what our students demonstrated.

Kindergarten was all about motion and force on STEAM night. Our Kinder kids learned about how force is needed to move an object. We learned how gravity can affect how things move. We also learned that we can create force and energy to move an object. Kinder kids studied cars and ramps using a kit from A World In Motion to discover how the height and weight of something can affect how fast an object is, and how it can transfer energy to something else. They also designed and created mazes to blow a ball through using a straw. This illustrated how we can provide a source of force and energy to move something without an incline or gravity.
S.T.E.A.M. NIGHT AT MVS

In First Grade, students are learning about sound, pitch, and vibrations. Students designed their own instruments and wrote about their project using the Engineering Process. Students played their final designs in class!
S.T.E.A.M. NIGHT AT MVS

Students in 4th grade tried their hand at two design challenges: First, they were challenged to create a device that could stop ice cream from melting. Secondly, they were challenged to create a toy that transfers energy with recycled materials. Pictures of their projects mid-design are below!
S.T.E.A.M. NIGHT AT MVS

The 6th grade scholars were given a real-world scenario to construct a weather radar tower to increase successful flight patterns during the upcoming winter months. The team challenge was to implement the Engineering Design Process in order to design and build the tallest free-standing weather radar tower with only the supplies provided. Scholars had only 1 piece of construction paper, 10 pipe cleaners, and tape. The conditional aspect on the challenge was that the tower also had to hold the circumference and mass of a plastic golf ball. The extension if successful was for the tower to then hold the mass of an actual golf ball. Scholars did an amazing job with design, function, and many teams were able to meet the extension goal. It was a great way to practice implementation of the Engineering Design Process in a relevant way.
S.T.E.A.M. NIGHT AT MVS

Students in our SkillsUSA club - our middle school Career and Technical Education team - sold water bottles, and our students showed off some of their original creations in iExplore, including a homemade burglar alarm, and demonstrated their coding expertise using robotics!
Arizona Tax Credit Contributions

Did you know that many of the extra-curricular activities MVS holds for our students are paid for entirely through Arizona Tax Credit donations? Our sports teams, fine arts programs, tutoring, and STEAM activities are possible only through the tax-credit donations of community members.

What types of things are Tax Credit funds used for?

Great question! Tax credit money can be used to pay for:

- Stipends for teachers who sponsor extra-curricular activities
- Supplies and equipment for extra-curricular activities
- Registration fees for participation in societies (like National Junior Honor Society), for competitions (Spelling Bee, Geographic Bee), or at conferences
- Athletic uniforms and equipment for middle school sports
- Activities or presentations to reinforce the application of character traits to include PBIS or Character Education programs
- Furniture, technology, and instructional aids

At Mountain View, we have a host of clubs and activities for students to choose from, and they all depend on tax credit donations to run each year!

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 you can 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

18302 W. Burton Ave., Waddell, AZ 85355 • Phone: 623.876.7450 • www.dysart.org/mountainview
facebook.com/MountainViewSchool
The Dysart Unified School District Governing Board has called for a Bond and Override Election on November 5, 2019. As designated by the Maricopa County Elections Office, this is an ALL MAIL-IN election. The bond program would be $152 million to fund safety and security upgrades, buses, technology, school renovations, land for a new high school, and construction of two elementary schools. The 15% override would maintain funding for programs currently serving Dysart students such as Arts, Physical Education and Athletics as well as academic support programs for Math and Reading. Funding to retain highly qualified teachers and staff, maintain manageable class sizes and offer free all-day Kindergarten for the community would also continue with the override renewal. With election costs typically over $100,000, the board felt it would be an efficient use of taxpayer funds to combine the override election with the bond election in order to save on those fees.

Important Dates to Remember

- October 7, 2019 - Last Day to Register to Vote
- November 5, 2019 - Election Day

For more information about the Bond and Override Election, go to www.Dysart.org.
Fall Picture Retakes Day
Did you miss Picture Day? You're in luck - Fall Picture Retakes day is on October 24th! If you have questions about your picture order, you can call Grads Photography at 623-580-4723.

Photo ID Required for Pickup
Reminder: a current photo ID is required to pick up a student, visit a classroom, or to volunteer. Please always have a photo ID with you when you come to our campus. A Dysart Volunteer badge is acceptable as your photo ID even if you are not volunteering. Please remind all emergency contacts to have their photo ID if they are picking up your child from Mountain View.

Privacy Issues
The front office often deals with issues involving the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). We are respectfully asking that parents limit their time waiting in the front office area to 5 to 10 minutes during school hours so that the privacy of other parents and students is not violated. We appreciate your help in this.

No Dogs on Campus
Please remember that no dogs are permitted on campus, for the safety of our students. Thank you for your cooperation!

PTA Corner
It's time again for the annual Book Fair! The book fair will be held on campus the week of October 7th. Students will visit the book fair during the school day. Parents are welcome to visit the Book Fair during parent-teacher conferences on Thursday, October 10th. Kids, bring your grandparent for pastries at 8am on Friday, the 11th!

Join the PTA for a fun and safe Trunk or Treat night. We will have popcorn, snow cones, nachos, and more for sale. Friday, October 25, 6-8pm.

PTA general meeting Tuesday, Oct 8th, 4:15 pm.

The Mountain View PTA has a new website! Check us out online for information about our fundraising and activities! Contact the PTA at MountainViewSchoolPTA@gmail.com

Free & Reduced Lunch Applications
The grace period for free and reduced meal eligibility for the prior school year has passed. If you have not yet turned in an application for the current school year, we encourage parents to apply online at www.schoolcafe.com or complete a paper application, available in your school’s front office. If you have already completed an application and received approval for the 2019-2020 school year please disregard this message. We encourage all parents to use schoolcafe.com to track your student's purchases, set low balance reminders, make deposits to cafeteria accounts, or place restrictions on cafeteria accounts. This service is free of charge. The free app may be downloaded in the App Store or Google Play Store. Please refer to the Dysart Nutrition Services webpage for more information.

Parent Portal
We highly encourage all parents and guardians to create their parent portal account now. Once created, you will have access to your child's attendance record, current grades, and links to pay online for field trips, athletics, etc. Each parent can have their own account and can see all of their children from one account. You will need one of your student's ID numbers to sign up.

Office Reminders
If you come to eat lunch with your child, please follow all cafeteria rules - sit at the family table and follow any rules as explained by the Cafeteria staff and School Aides. Thank you!

Please remember that the office is not permitted to call a student down to wait for a parent/guardian in the office prior to the adult's arrival on campus. The parent/guardian must be present, and the office staff must check your identification. This is for the safety of all students. Thank you for your cooperation!

Contacting Teachers
If you need to contact your child's teacher, you can find their email on the “Teacher Pages” portion of the Mountain View website. You may also call the front office to be transferred to their classroom before or after school. Once students begin arriving at 8:40 a.m., all phone calls will be transferred to the teacher's voicemail. If you wish to meet with your child's teacher, please make an appointment beforehand. Thank you.

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