



SCHOOL NEWS

CANYON RIDGE SCHOOL

Welcome Back Cougar Families -

August 2020

Canyon Ridge faculty and staff are thrilled to begin the 2020-2021 school year; it is a special year as Dysart celebrates its 100th year of operation! Our staff is committed to delivering the highest quality instruction - we truly have no time to waste to ensure all learning gaps that may have developed during the closure are eliminated. The teachers have been busy aligning curriculum, developing inquiry based lessons, and attending professional development training to enhance their instructional practices. Our plant manager worked throughout the summer to ensure the building is ready for students when they can return back to face to face learning. The office staff started back to school on July 6th, and they have been busy enrolling students, ordering supplies, and communicating with families. This year's theme is aligned with Habit 2 - Begin with the End in Mind. Ask the staff to share their vision and goal for the year.

We are experiencing unprecedented times due to COVID-19, but we will continue to modify and adjust to deliver the highest quality instruction while keeping students and staff safe. Our remote learning looks different than it did in the spring of 2020. Students are required to participate daily, submit assignments that are graded, and make a commitment to learning. Teachers are using Florida Virtual School online curriculum to deliver standards based instruction, will be taking attendance, and putting grades into the Grade Book.

When we return to face to face learning, we will implement new health and safety routines and processes:

- All students will receive 2 temperature checks daily with a touchless thermometer.
- To reduce office visits no forgotten homework, projects, instruments, etc. will be dropped off in the office during the day. Students may bring them to school the following day without penalty.
- We are asking that students pack a lunch or purchase a lunch to limit visitors in the office
- There will be a K-8 soft start - students will go directly into their classrooms in the morning instead of playing on the playground. There is a second recess built into the K-5 master schedule and teachers will be responsive to the students' need for a break.
- Classroom supplies will not be shared, students will have individual supplies.
- Masks are required per Maricopa County guidelines.
- Hand washing - minimum every 2 hours.
- Students must wash/sanitize hands before lunch and after recess.
- No visitors will be allowed to eat lunch with students.

We will continue using the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People throughout the year to support us with developing student leaders. Each month we will focus on a different habit, beginning this month with Habit 1: Be Proactive. This habit teaches students to take responsibility for their own actions, take initiative, and understand they are in control of their moods, attitudes and choices.

We are a school with extraordinary students, staff and families! As I begin my fourth year as principal, I continue to be honored to serve this great community. If at any time you have ideas that will help us achieve our goals, please contact me - jill.hoppe@dysart.org.

Have a YES kind of month!
Principal Hoppe

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School Office Hours

The school office is open 7:15am to 3:45pm by appointment. Please call us at (623)523-8450 if you need to come in for any reason. All visitors are required to wear a mask in Dysart facilities.

Upcoming Events

August 4th - First Day of School: remote learning

August 12th - Virtual Governing Board Meeting, 6pm

August 18th - Virtual PTA General Membership Meeting, 5:30-6:30pm

August 26th - Virtual Governing Board Meeting, 6pm

Attendance Line

The attendance line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If your child will be absent, please call their absence into the attendance line at (623)523-8453. ***This will still apply during remote online learning.***

School Newsletters

All newsletters will be available on the Canyon Ridge website.

A Message From Our Social Worker

Greetings Parents and Students!

I know the past few months have been challenging. I'm here for you and your student(s) that come to Canyon Ridge. We are one big family and need to be there for one another during the start of this school year. We are all facing uncertainties, but you are not alone. Please contact me at angela.bernhardt@dysart.org if you have questions about your child, need community resources or social emotional learning.

Maya Angelou once said, "You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them."