Welcome Back Cougar Families - August 2021

Canyon Ridge faculty and staff are looking forward to an extraordinary 2021-2022 school year. We are committed to delivering the highest quality instruction. In an effort to avoid the “summer learning slide”, we welcomed nearly 400 students on campus during June and July. Summer school was an intense program focused on helping students master key priority standards found within their grade level. The students and teachers worked exceptionally hard and students made great gains.

Teachers have been busy studying curriculum, creating lessons, and attending trainings to enhance their instructional practices. Our plant manager worked throughout the summer to prepare the building for students. The office staff started back to school on July 6th, and they have been busy enrolling students, ordering supplies, and communicating with families. Over the summer we submitted an application to be reconsidered an A+ School of Excellence by the Arizona Department of Education. This year’s theme is “Find your A+” in alignment with our A+ School of Excellence journey. Ask the staff to share with you what their A+ focus is this year!

In alignment with the Dysart Unified School District’s strategic plan, we have identified key goal areas that are included in this year's Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP):

- **Impact Goals**
  - **SMART Goal #1**: By May 2022, a minimum of 75% of students in grades 3-8 will achieve a proficient/highly proficient level as measured by AzM2 ELA assessment.
  - **SMART Goal #2**: By May 2022, a minimum of 75% of students in grades 3-8 will achieve a proficient/highly proficient level as measured by AzM2 Math assessment.
  - **SMART Goal #3**: By May 2022, a minimum of 75% of students in grades 5 and 8 will achieve a proficient/highly proficient level as measured by the State Science assessment.
  - **SMART Goal #4**: By May 2022, 100% of students and staff will have Social Emotional Health needs met as evidenced by the end of year staff and student survey.

- **Process Goals**
  - **SMART Goal #5**: By May, 2022, 100% of K-8 Canyon Ridge students, through personalized learning, will demonstrate mastery of grade level priority standards as evidenced by identified key measures at every grade level (which may include: DIBELS, DRA, 95%, priority standards assessment tracking, HMH/FLVS/unit tests, and district benchmarks).
  - **SMART Goal #6**: By May 2022, 100% of teachers will follow Academic Conversation structures and routines as evidenced by students engaging in level 3 conversations aligned to DOK 2 and higher questions (quarterly walk through data will be gathered).

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 fifth 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!
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IMPORTANT UPDATE TO ABSENCE POLICY
Arizona Department of Education defines **excused** absences as: Illness, Doctor/Medical Appointment, Bereavement, Family Emergencies, Suspension and Family Vacation (Principal Approved).
If a student is absent for a reason other than the ones listed, it will be considered unexcused.
When leaving a message on the Attendance Line, please be sure to leave the reason for the student’s absence.

**Attendance Line**
The Attendance Line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If your child will be absent or arrive at school later than 9:00am, please call their absence/tardy in. **(623)523-8453.**

**PARENTS:**
In an effort to preserve the learning environment and minimize classroom disruptions, we ask that you remind your child to be prepared for school each day with their lunch, backpack, school work, band instrument, etc. so we do not interrupt class time when delivering these items.

**Before School Procedure**
Students are not to arrive on campus before 7:55am, unless they are attending a previously scheduled activity. After the 8:10am bell, students will have to enter campus through the front office. Gates and all other external doors will be locked at that time.

**Early Pick Up**
To avoid excessive learning disruptions, we will not call classrooms to release students for early check out after 2:45pm. Please keep this in mind when scheduling appointments, planning for pick up, etc. Also please allow yourself at least 10 minutes when checking a student out early for the day. Sometimes it takes a few minutes to locate your student.

**After School Pick Up**
Students are to leave campus as soon as the 3:00pm bell rings. Students being picked up, need to be picked up no later than 3:00pm (1:00pm on Mondays). Both teacher and parent permission is required for students to remain on campus after 3:00pm. Please call the front office if you will be late picking up your child.

**School Breakfast and Lunch**
Dysart Nutrition Services will be providing breakfast and lunch to students free of charge this year. Menus are located on the Dysart website.

**School Newsletters**
All future newsletters will be available on the Canyon Ridge website.