



SCHOOL NEWS

CANYON RIDGE SCHOOL

Greetings Cougar Families,

December 2020

As we are heading into the final weeks of 2020, students and teachers are busy wrapping up the second quarter. Please be sure you are checking your student's Infinite Campus Gradebook so that you are aware of academic progress. You are vital in the home school connection, if there are missing assignments, poor assessment results, or you would like to see your child challenged even more, don't hesitate in reaching out to teachers. We love to work with families. Our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students are preparing for segment exams in their core subject areas so that teachers can assess master of content taught throughout the first semester. The exam will count toward 10% of their grade and will be taken the week of December 14th. Mr. Griesel and I are routinely walking through classrooms, and we can say with confidence that we are impressed with the hard work teachers and students are putting into teaching standards and creating an engaging learning environment.

We continue to put the health and safety of our students and teachers at the forefront of decisions and routines. We know winter is known for being cold and flu season, this year COVID-19 brings an extra layer of concern. It is important to check your child's wellness each day before going to school. Do not send your child to school if he/she is sick so that we can do our best from keeping germs from spreading. Students are doing a fantastic job wearing masks, please pack an extra mask just in case it gets dirty, breaks, or gets lost during recess. Families should be aware of their wellness too, if you suspect COVID-19 is positive in the home, keep your child home. When we all work together, in person teaching and learning can continue.

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Kalah Masterson to our campus as our newly hired Social Worker. Mrs. Masterson comes with many years of Social Work experience primarily working with children and parents to create positive relationships. She will be working with students in whole groups, small groups, and one on one. If you would like to contact her, please feel free to email her at kalah.masterson@dysart.org.

December will be a review of the first four Habits students have been learning about since the beginning of the school year. **Habit 1 - Be Proactive:** We are responsible and dependable by taking initiative and having a continuous improvement mindset. **Habit 2 - Begin with the End in Mind:** It is important to plan ahead and set goals. Students understand that they are an important part of the Canyon community and contribute to the mission and vision by looking for ways to be a good citizen. **Habit 3 - Put First Things First:** Spending time on things that are most important is a central idea of Habit 3. This means saying no to things we should not do, determining priorities, making a schedule, and following plans. **Habit 4 - Think Win-Win:** We approach life knowing we are stronger together than we can ever be individually so cooperation, collaboration and encouraging others to be the best benefits the entire Canyon Ridge community.

I wish you all a healthy, safe and merry December!

Have a YES! kind of month,
Jill Hoppe, Principal

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 5 Cross Country All District Meet, 8am at Shadow Ridge High School.

Dec. 9 Governing Board Meeting, 6:00pm (virtual).

Dec. 11 Video Submission for Talent Show due to Mrs. Mutai.

Dec. 12 Winter Band Concert, 12pm at Heritage Park.

Dec. 15 Kona Ice at School; 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Dec. 17 Reindeer Run - NO Visitors Allowed on Campus.

Dec. 18 EARLY RELEASE Special Time at 11:15am Winter Break Begins.

Winter Choir Concert Recording Release, 7pm. More information will follow.

Dec. 21st through Jan. 1 - WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL

**Have a safe and happy holiday and winter break!
We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, January 4, 2021.**

Tardy Procedure

It is the expectation that students arrive to school on time. If a student arrives after the final bell rings (8:15am), please sign them in tardy in the front office. If they aren't signed in, they will receive an Unexcused Tardy for that day.

Attendance Reminder

The Attendance Line - 623-523-8453 - is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you know your child will be absent or late, please remember to call in their absence by 9:00 a.m. on the day of the absence. Please always contact the Attendance Line even if you have spoken with your child's teacher.

Traffic Safety

The speed limit in the school zone is 15 mph. For the safety of our students, parents and staff, we ask that you please adhere to this speed limit at all times.

The parking lot in the back of the school is for STAFF only, please refrain from dropping off or picking up in this area.

Dismissal

Students are to leave campus as soon as the 3:00 p.m. bell rings. Both teacher and parent permission is required for students to remain on campus after 3:00 p.m. Students will need to be picked up **NO LATER** than 3:00 p.m. (1:00 p.m. for Mondays). **Please call the front office if you will be late picking up your child.**