Happy New Year! I want to take this opportunity to wish all our Canyon Ridge families a happy and healthy 2022. Each new year brings a sense of optimism and hope that goals will be accomplished, great memories created, and engaging learning opportunities experienced. It is our commitment to families that CRS staff will do our part to make 2022 extraordinary.

Before leaving for winter break, K-8 students completed a variety of assessments. Teachers have thoroughly analyzed and interpreted data and will use results to plan instruction for students. We are eager to see all of our students reach their academic goals. We do need your help! Teachers can’t educate students alone. Parents, you are your child’s first teacher. Please read, write, talk, check homework, and communicate often to school so that our partnership is strong. Additionally, we need students in school. The average student misses 6 days of school the entire year. When a student misses 10 days of school, that is considered excessive and families who are open enrolled are at risk of revocation.

Dysart Schools has begun accepting Open Enrollment applications for 2022-2023 on Friday, December 10, 2021. Parents or guardians who would like their child to attend a school outside of their residential attendance boundary must apply for open enrollment online at dysart.org/oe. Parents whose students are currently open enrolled at Canyon Ridge will not need to reapply. However, open enrollment status is evaluated annually based on capacity, student’s grades, discipline, and attendance. The priority open enrollment period ends January 14, 2022. After this priority period, submitted applications will continue to be accepted and will be reviewed on a monthly basis as capacity becomes available.

To provide your child with a positive start to the day, please plan your morning so your child arrives when our doors open at 7:55 a.m. and in the building no later than 8:10 a.m.. Our teachers start instruction at 8:15 a.m., and we would like students in their seats at that time. As a gentle reminder, the speed limit is 5 mph when driving in school parking lots, please follow the speed limit for the safety of all of our community.

This month we continue our journey using the 7 Habits. We are focusing on Habit 5 - Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood. Communication is one of the most important skills in life. People spend years learning how to read and write, and years learning how to speak. We also want to emphasize listening because many people listen with the intent to reply, not to understand. We will work with students to practice listening to understand what the other person is saying and thus empathizing and connecting emotionally with others. Talk to your student about Habit 5 and look for evidence of full body listening.

As always, thank you all so much for your support and focus on excellence.

Have a YES! kind of month,

Jill Hoppe,
Principal

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**Honors Assemblies**
January 11, 2022
4th Grade - 8:30am
5th Grade - 9:00am
6th Grade - 9:30am

January 12, 2022
7th Grade - 8:30am
8th Grade - 9:00am

**Absences**
As a reminder, the Arizona Department of Education defines an **excused** absence 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.
If you are planning a vacation, please email Mrs. Hoppe, the school principal, at jill.hoppe@dysart.org in order to request approval. If it is not approved, the vacation will be marked as unexcused.

**Attendance Reminder**
The Attendance Line is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week. If you know your child will be late or absent, please call in by 9:00am on the day of the absence.

**Before School Procedure**
Students are not to arrive on campus before 7:55am, unless they are attending a previously scheduled activity such as tutoring, club meetings, etc. There is no supervision anywhere outside on campus before 7:55am. After the bell rings at 8:10am, students will have to enter campus through the front office. Gates and all other external doors will be locked at that time.

**Meetings With Teachers**
Please remember you MUST schedule an appointment with a teacher if you would like to meet with them. Very often they are in meetings before and after school, preparing for the school day/week or they have morning or afternoon duties. They have equal concern for your child and want to make sure they can give you the time that you need.

**Boys Basketball and Girls Soccer**
Visit the Canyon Ridge website for the Boys Basketball and Girls Soccer schedules. Come out and support the Canyon Ridge Cougars!

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Jan. 4** Boys Basketball
Parent Meeting, 4:30pm in the Gym

**Jan. 6** Sports Awards Ceremony for Girls Volleyball, Boys Soccer, Cross Country, 8:30am - Students Only

**Jan. 11** Honors Assemblies, 4th-6th Grades in Cafeteria
Kona Ice - Available for purchase after school. Prices start at $3.00 each.

**Jan. 12** Honors Assemblies, 7th-8th Grades in Cafeteria
Cougar Choir Performance, 6pm at WCHS
Governing Board Meeting, 6pm at District Office

**Jan. 13** Talent Show Auditions, Kinder-4th, 3-4:30pm in Music Room

**Jan. 14** Talent Show Auditions, 5th-8th, 3-4:00pm in the Music Room

**Jan. 17** NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Jan. 18** PTA Monthly Meeting and Canyon University, 3:30pm in the Media Center

**Jan. 21** Jump Rope for Heart Kicks Off

**Jan. 25** McDonalds McTeacher Night, 5-7pm. 16547 W. Bell Road

**Jan. 26** Governing Board Meeting, 6pm at District Office

**Jan. 27** Canyon Ridge Talent Show, 6:00-7:30pm in the Cafeteria