



# SCHOOL NEWS

SURPRISE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope you had a wonderful Holiday Break and were able to spend time with your loved ones.

As we begin Semester Two, we would like to remind you that attendance is important. Students should be here each day, ready to learn. Please remind students that phones should be kept in their backpacks during the school day unless they receive permission to use it by their teacher.

Each student was assigned a chromebook at the beginning of the school year. We do offer insurance on this technology. If you are interested in purchasing insurance please contact the school office.

We still have some space in many of our 21st CCLC before and after school tutoring classes. Please contact Shannon Garner if you have any questions or are interested in having your child attend a class. Shannon can be reached at [shannon.garner@dysart.org](mailto:shannon.garner@dysart.org) or by phone at 623-876-7415. Students are enrolled on a first come, first served basis.

Sincerely,

**Karie Burns**  
Principal  
HIGH FIVE, TEAM SURPRISE!

## Important January/February Dates

**January 5 - School resumes at regular times**  
**January 15 - Outstanding fees and/or fines payments are due**  
**January 16 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School**  
**January 23 - 100th day of School**  
**February 6-10 - Parent Teacher Conference Week**  
**February 9 and 10 - Early Release Days at 1:45 PM**  
**February 9 and 10 - No Preschool Classes**  
**February 20 - Presidents Day, No School**

### Upcoming Events:

**Scholastic Book Fair - dates to be announced**  
**Reading Night - March 2023**  
**Yearbook sales will begin soon - online sales only**  
**Online School Spirit Wear Store - available January 2023, more information to follow**

### Open Enrollment for 23-24 school year

With the top-rated schools in the area, the Dysart Unified School District is proud to offer our community a choice in school enrollment. Dysart will begin accepting open enrollment applications for the 2023-2024 school year on Tuesday, December 6, 2022. Parents or guardians who would like their child to attend a school outside of their residential attendance boundary for the 2023-2024 school year, must apply for open enrollment online at [Dysart.org/OE](https://www.dysart.org/OE).

Parents whose students are currently open enrolled at the school of their choice will not need to reapply. **The priority open enrollment period ends January 8, 2023.** After this priority period, submitted applications will continue to be accepted and will be reviewed on a monthly basis as capacity becomes available. Parents needing access to a computer to complete the open enrollment application may visit any district school or the front lobby of the Dysart District Office, located at 15802 N Parkview Place, Surprise, AZ 85374, during regular business hours.

**Free and Reduced Lunch Forms -** If you have not completed your free and reduced lunch form for the 22-23 school year, there is still time! [Please complete your application by clicking here today.](#) Everyone is encouraged to complete this form, even if they don't think they qualify. Simply create your SchoolCafe account, or login into your existing account, and follow the instructions. Online applications are processed faster than the paper copies. If you would like a paper copy, contact the office.

### How to set up your Parent Portal - [www.dysart.org/parentportal](https://www.dysart.org/parentportal).

If you do not have a parent portal, please take a moment to create one. It is a great way to monitor grades, attendance, contact teachers, and more. The Campus app is available on iTunes, Google Play, and Amazon devices.

**Outstanding Fees and Lost Library Book Fines -** Payments for any outstanding fees or fines are due by January 30th. These fees/fines will not be waived and will follow the students throughout their time in Dysart. To check outstanding fines or fees, log into your parent portal and click on the fees tab on the left side which will direct you to the online payment portal. To make your payment online with a credit or debit card, *this is the preferred way* - [please click here for the online payment portal](#)

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**CUBS SPORTS and AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

**FLAG FOOTBALL**

Coach Kim Rosevear  
 Email address: kimberly.rosevear@dysart.org

**Flag Football**

Practice: Jan. 17-27  
 Season: Jan. 30-March 3  
 Playoffs: March 6-10

**VOLLEYBALL**

Coach NoraLeigh McGinley  
 Email address: noraleigh.mcginley@dysart.org

**Volleyball (Girls)**

Practice: Jan. 17-27  
 Season: Jan. 30-March 3  
 Playoffs: March 6-10

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR: JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2022**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL DEC 21- JAN 4	WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL DEC 21- JAN 4	WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL DEC 21- JAN 4	Jan. 5 SCHOOL RESUMES AT REGULAR TIMES	6
9 EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM	10	11	12 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING 6 PM	13
16 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. - NO SCHOOL	17	18	19	20 DRESS LIKE A PENGUIN FOR NATIONAL PENGUIN DAY - WEAR BLACK & WHITE
23 EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM  100th DAY OF SCHOOL	24	25	26 TENTATIVE SITE COUNCIL MEETING 4:15 PM  GOVERNING BOARD MEETING 6 PM	27
30 EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM	31	Feb 1	2	3
6 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE WEEK  EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM	7 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE WEEK	8 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE WEEK	9 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES  EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM  GOVERNING BOARD MEETING 6 PM	10 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES  EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM