



SCHOOL NEWS

SURPRISE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A Message from the Principal

Dear Surprise Elementary Families,

We are off to an incredible start this school year! I want to thank you for preparing your child to begin a new and exciting school experience. We are so pleased with the progress our students are making in all areas of their personal growth and learning. The beginning of the year testing has been completed and we are excited to begin our small groups during tier 2 and tier 3. Our interventionist will begin small groups in the last week of August. We are looking forward to the continued gains our students will have.

Your child's classroom teacher will update you on their academic growth at our upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences the week of **October 2nd -6th**. We are striving for 100% parent participation. We know that gaining your partnership will be the common denominator that will increase our chances for helping your child meet his/her best potential this school year.

School pictures will be coming soon. These pictures will be the ones used for the school yearbook. If you have checked that you don't want your child's photo displayed (on the beginning of the year Annual Student Update) your child's picture will not be in the yearbook, or on any class celebrations, newsletters, or website. If you want your child to be in any of these types of multimedia then please go in and make sure you have answered the statement to allow photos to be used. Please go to the Annual Student Update page to complete this process. Here is a video to assist you: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wgPDwKvxqBY>

If you were unable to attend our annual Title I Parent Night here is the link for the powerpoint from the meeting. [Title I Presentation](#)

Part of our Title I process is to collect data from you on how we are doing and how we can improve. Please take a few minutes to complete this [survey](#).

Parents can access their child's assessments through Schoology. Parent accounts are associated with a student account on Schoology.

[Schoology Parent Log In Instructions](#); [Getting Started on Schoology for Parents](#); or [Parent Help Center](#)

Our school goal for daily attendance is 95%. It is important for students to attend every day so they can continue to grow academically. Daily attendance is also calculated and part of our State letter grade.

Students are expected to be in school every day, unless they are sick. School is open at 8:45 a.m. for our students to eat breakfast in the classroom, and get extra support from teachers to increase their reading skills. School starts at 9:00 a.m. and students should be in their seats by then, ready to learn. There is too much at stake for students to be tardy or missing a lot of days of school. We are committed to helping them improve their academic skills. If they are not in school, they are missing important instruction. Please help us increase student success by bringing your child to school on time, every day.

Per Arizona School Attendance Law students are allowed 18 days of absence, excused or unexcused. They are only allowed 5 days of unexcused absences before the parent or student is cited by the truancy officer. Please make sure all appointments are made after school hours if possible.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Wick
Principal
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Guide to Solving Problems

If you have a concern or looking for help, Dysart has a [Guide to Solving Problems](#) as a resource on our Parent webpage to help parents and community members identify the district staff member that would have the most information to provide answers to questions and concerns or solve problems. Please don't hesitate to contact us, using the steps listed, whenever you have questions or concerns related to the school, district or your child's progress."

Annual Student Updates

Each year, school districts are required to verify student information. This process is updated through your parent portal available at www.dysart.org/parentportal. The online form allows you to update your contact information, address, student health and emergency contacts. Complete your Annual Student Update today in three easy steps:

1. Log into your parent portal account at www.dysart.org/parentportal.
2. Click on Annual Student Update
3. Click on the "Register New/Update Existing Information" button to begin.

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.

A QR code was emailed to all families and in your inbox on your parent portal. Need assistance, please contact the office at 623-876-7400.

CUBS SPORTS CORNER

CROSS COUNTRY

Coach Alex Carrion

Email address: alex.carrion@dysart.org

- Season competition dates will be 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/18, 12/2
- The All District Meet will be held at Shadow Ridge High School on December 9, 2023
- The top runners will move on to compete in the Northwest Valley Athletic Championship Cross Country Meet with students from Peoria and Deer Valley on December 16, 2023.

BASEBALL

Coach Kim Rosevear

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Aug 29, 2023	Thompson Ranch vs Surprise	@ Dysart HS 7:00 pm
Aug 31, 2023	Surprise vs Asante	@ Valley Vista HS 7:00 pm
Sept 5, 2023	Freedom vs Surprise	@ Valley Vista HS 5:30 pm
Sept 7, 2023	Surprise vs West Point	@ Dysart HS 5:30 pm
Sept 12, 2023	Surprise vs Luke (Exhibition)	@ Dysart HS 5:30 pm
Sept 14, 2023	Kingswood vs Surprise	@ Valley Vista HS 7:00 pm
Sept 19, 2023	Surprise vs Riverview	@ Valley Vista HS 7:00 pm
Sept 21, 2023	Thompson Ranch vs Surprise	@ Dysart HS 7:00 pm
Sept 26, 2023	Asante vs Surprise	@ Valley Vista HS 7:00 pm
Sept 28, 2023	Surprise vs Freedom	@ Dysart HS 7:00 pm

SOFTBALL

Coach Kelly Parker

Email address: kelly.parker@dysart.org

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If your student participated in a sport, you can pay online through the [online payment portal](#) or in person at school.

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Dysart Community Coalition (DCC) Information

(Formerly known as PTSA)

The DCC supports Surprise Elementary, Riverview Elementary and El Mirage Elementary Schools individually and collectively.

Upcoming fundraisers:

Peter Piper Night - Sept 13th 4-8 PM

Are you interested in helping with these events? Contact us today at dccsurprise@gmail.com or contact the school office at 623-876-7400.

Members are always needed!

News from the Health Office

As students get back into their school routines, please remind them to wash their hands throughout the day to combat germs from spreading.

Keep in mind a few reasons to keep a student home:

- **Pink Eye** · **Persistent cough** · **Diarrhea** · **Fever** · **Head lice** · **Vomiting** · **Strep throat**
- **COVID** - if a student tests positive, 5 day isolation suggested or until symptom free

If you are in doubt, do not hesitate to contact the front office or the health office with any questions.

Health records should be kept up to date with the health office. Students who receive new shots/boosters should provide an updated copy of their shot records to the health office as soon as possible.

Contact Us:

Office: 623-876-7400 and **press 0 for the office.**

Attendance: to report your student **absent** please call the attendance line at **623-876-7403**, listen to the choices for the absence. The choice you make will determine if the absence is excused or unexcused. This phone line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is monitored Monday through Friday.

Cafeteria: 623-876-7408

Nurse: to contact the nurse, please call **623-876-7400** and **choose #2 option.**

Fax: 623.876.7411

Contact Teachers: visit the [Surprise Elementary School website](#), click on School Directory/Teacher Pages to find who you are looking for. You can also contact them through [the Parent Portal](#).

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00-4:30

Gates open at 8:45 am.

**Breakfast in the Classroom:
8:45-9:00 — free for all students**

Please complete your free and reduced lunch application on [SchoolCafe.com](#) today to see if you qualify.

K-8 grade hours:

Monday- 9:00 am - 1:45 pm

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am - 3:45 pm

Preschool hours:

AM Session:

Monday—9:00 -10:45

- Arrival - gate opens at 8:50 - 9:00 am
- Dismissal - gate opens at 10:45 - 10:55 am

Tues—Fri — 9:00—11:45

- Arrival - gate opens at 8:50 - 9:00 am
- Dismissal - gate opens at 11:45 am - 11:55 pm

PM Session:

Monday — 12:00—1:45

- Arrival - gate opens at 11:50 am - 12:00 pm
- Dismissal - gate opens at 1:45 - 1:55 pm

Tues -Fri — 1:00 -3:45

- Arrival - gate opens at 12:50 - 1:00 pm
- Dismissal - gate opens at 3:45 - 3:55 pm

Please be on time for drop off/pick up of students.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR: SEPTEMBER 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
4 NO SCHOOL, LABOR DAY	5 TUTORING BEGINS	6 21ST CCLC FAMILY FIRST EVENT NIGHT 5:15-6:15 PM	7	8 KONA ICE ON CAMPUS DURING LUNCH
11 EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM	12	13 PETER PIPER FUNDRAISER 4-8 PM	14 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING 6 PM	15
18 EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM NO PRESCHOOL CLASS	19	20	21	22 KONA ICE ON CAMPUS DURING LUNCH
25 EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM	26	27	28 SITE COUNCIL MEETING 4:15 PM GOVERNING BOARD MEETING 6 PM	29
2 PARENT TEACHER CONF WEEK EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM	3 PARENT TEACHER CONF WEEK	4 PARENT TEACHER CONF WEEK 21ST CCLC FAMILY FIRST EVENT NIGHT 5:15-6:15 PM	5 PARENT TEACHER CONF WEEK NO PRESCHOOL CLASS EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM GOVERNING BOARD MEETING 6 PM	6 PARENT TEACHER CONF WEEK NO PRESCHOOL CLASS EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM
9 FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL	10 FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL	11 FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL	12 FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL	13 FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL

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