



SCHOOL NEWS

SURPRISE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We want you to be aware that all Dysart Schools set aside one minute every day for a Moment of Silence in all K-12 classrooms. We encourage you to discuss with your student(s) how to best use the Moment of Silence each day. Please remember that, per A.R.S. 15-506(A), students are prohibited from interfering with other students' participation in the Moment of Silence, so we ask you to remind your students to avoid activities that could distract others during this time. We appreciate your partnership and support in this daily observance.

As we come to the end of the first quarter please keep communication open with the teacher and your children, checking your child's grades is a great way to assure that your child is keeping up with assignments. The parent portal is a great way to do this. We encourage you to create a portal today. Parent Teacher Conference week will be the week of October 3rd to October 7th. We look forward to seeing you there. On behalf of our teachers and staff, we look forward to partnering with you to help your child have a very successful school year. To assist us with this goal please make sure your child spends some time reading every day.

Sincerely,

Karie Burns
Principal
HIGH FIVE, TEAM SURPRISE!

Important Information for Parents

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. Please complete this no later than September 15, 2021.

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."

Parent Teacher Conferences

Fall Parent Teacher Conference week is schedule for October 3 - 7, 2022. Students will have early dismissal on October 6 and 7 at 1:45 pm. There will be no preschool classes on October 6 and 7.

No preschool classes on October 6 and 7 due to early release days.

Fall Break

There will be no school October 10-14, 2022 for Fall Break. School resumes on October 17, 2022 at regular times.

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications are online now.

Parents and Guardians are encouraged to complete a free and reduced lunch application this year. Breakfast is still free for all students but lunches are not this year. One application per family is all that is needed. Application are [online on the Parent webpage](#).

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CUBS SPORTS and AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

BASEBALL

Coach Kim Rosevear

Email address: kimberly.rosevear@dysart.org

Sept 20, 2022 Asante vs Surprise DHS Field 5:30 pm
 Sept 22, 2022 Kingswood vs Surprise VVHS Field 7:00 pm
 Sept 27, 2022 Freedom vs Surprise VVHS Field 5:30 pm
 Sept 29, 2022 Asante vs Surprise DHS Field 7:00 pm

SOFTBALL

Coach Kelly Parker

Email address: kelly.parker@dysart.org

Sept 20, 2022 Surprise vs Freedom VVHS Field 5:30 pm
 Sept 22, 2022 Kingswood vs Surprise VVHS Field 7:00 pm
 Sept 27, 2022 Freedom vs Thomp. Ranch DHS Field 5:30 pm

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR: SEPTEMBER 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
19 EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM	20	21	22 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING 6 PM	23 SANDRA DAY O'CONNOR DAY
26 EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM	27	28	29 SITE COUNCIL 4:15 PM	30
3 PARENT TEACHER CONF WEEK EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM	4 PARENT TEACHER CONF WEEK	5 PARENT TEACHER CONF WEEK 21ST CCLC FAMILY FIRST EVENT NIGHT 5-6 PM	6 PARENT TEACHER CONF WEEK NO PRESCHOOL CLASS EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM GOVERNING BOARD MEETING 6 PM	7 PARENT TEACHER CONF WEEK NO PRESCHOOL CLASS EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM
10 FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL	11 FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL	12 FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL	13 FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL	14 FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL
17 EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM	18	19	20 FALL PICTURE DAY	21
24 EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM	25	26	27 SITE COUNCIL 4:15 PM GOVERNING BOARD MEETING 6 PM	28

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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 - Nov 2nd 4-8 PM

Butterbraids fundraiser - November
-dates TBD

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-19 symptoms, positive test or exposure to someone who has tested positive.

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

Breakfast in the Classroom:

8:40-9:00 — free for all students

Lunch is no longer free for all students. Please complete your [free and reduced lunch application](#) 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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