



Wolf Pack Press

Desert Willow Elementary



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May 2017

Principal Pieper's

Mark your calendar:

1st-5th: Teacher Appreciation Week
 8th: Band Concert 11:30 am
 10th: 5th Graders visit Middle Schools
 11th: PTSO Family Dinner & Movie Night
 15th-17th: BOGO Free Book Fair 7:30-3:00 Daily
 17th: Early Release @ 12:45 pm
 18th: Talent Show 9:00 am & 1:00 pm
20th: Dr. Davidson's Community Farewell @ CGMS
 22nd: Kindergarten Grad @ 9:30am
 23rd: 5th Grade Moving on Ceremony @ 1:30
 Last day for Boys & Girls Club
 24th: Award Assemblies Grades 1-4
 26th: Last Day Of School!!!
 Early Release @ 12:45 pm
 June 5th: Summer Camps Start



We have had a busy Spring here at Desert Willow! This year has flown by, and it's hard to believe that our year is coming to an end. Students and staff have been working hard to ensure that every minute counts! Our students are wrapping up the AzMERIT testing, and benchmark testing the first two weeks of May. I am so proud of the students and staff that have been focusing and working hard to make sure, they are doing their personal best.

Teacher Appreciation week is May 1st – May 5th. The staff at Desert Willow work tirelessly to provide students a great education. Please take some time to let your child's teacher know you appreciate their hard work – whether it is by phone, card, email or a simple “thank you.”

The month of May will surely go quickly, as we have many fun events planned to celebrate a year of learning. Be sure to mark your calendars for the dates listed, as we wrap up a successful year.

Thank you to everyone for a great year at Desert Willow. I wish everyone a happy, fun and safe summer. I'm excited to see everyone back to school on August 9, 2017.

This year, the last day of our Boys & Girls Club after-school programs will be Tuesday, May 23. Please notify our front office of transportation changes by 2:00 pm daily.





Health News May

Summer is approaching and here in Arizona it arrives early with high temperatures and lots of sunny days. The Department of Health strongly encourages parents to be aware of the dangers of over exposure to the sun. Please protect children from the damaging effects of the sun by teaching them to take the following steps.

Wear Sunscreen: SPF of 15 or higher should be applied to your students face arms and legs every morning before school and again after school if they are outdoors or involved in sports. Lip balm should also have an SPF of 15 or greater.

Wear a Hat: Encourage your child to wear a hat to school and during recess, it is also recommended that they wear long sleeve clothing; lightweight cotton will keep your student cool and provide extra protection from the sun.

Drink Water: Your student should bring a water bottle to school every day, it can be refilled at the water fountain as often as needed. Children are not aware they are getting dehydrated and can complain of stomach pains, headaches and lethargy when they are dehydrated. Personalize their bottle so that they know it is theirs.

On another note:

Students who have medication in the health office will need to have it picked up by their parents the last week of school. We will be sending a reminder home with your student in May. By law, any medications not picked up by the end of the school year will be discarded.

Retirement Celebration



You are invited to celebrate

Dr. Davidson's
Extraordinary career on
Saturday, May 20, 2017 2:00 p.m.

CGMS Auditorium
300 W. McMurray Blvd.
Casa Grande, AZ 85122

Please R.S.V.P. online at <http://www.cgesd.org/departments/superintendent/drdauidsonretirement>

Reception 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. on the lawn.

Additional Support may be available for students whose families are experiencing transitional housing situations (such as foreclosure, doubling up with friends or relatives, homeless)

If your family lives in any of the following situations you may qualify for services:

In a shelter, motel, vehicle or campground; on the street;
In an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodation; or doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing.

**Contact: Anita Salazar,
McKinney-Vento Liaison, at
(520) 876-3245 for more information.**

Our wonderful Librarian is hosting an End of Year Book Fair! Mrs. Rael will allow students to purchase items from the buy one get one free book fair during their normal library time, during recesses, as well as before and after school. Families are welcome to come to the book fair before or after school.

Join Us: May 15th-17th

7:30 am - 8:00 am or 2:45 pm - 3:00 pm



Notification of

Pesticide Application

Pesticide application at Desert Willow takes place on the first Friday of each month at approximately 3:30 PM. A complete list of products used and areas sprayed is available in our school office.

Lunch Times:

Kindergarten 10:50 a.m.

1st Grade 11:20 a.m.

2nd Grade 11:40 a.m.

3rd Grade 12:00 p.m. *

4th Grade 12:20 p.m.*

5th Grade 12:40 p.m.*

*Times change for Early Release



Title 1 is the largest federal aid program for elementary, middle and high schools. Through Title 1, the federal government gives money to school districts around the country based on the number of at-risk students. The purpose of Title 1 is to ensure that all children have a fair and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education. We are considered a school wide Title 1 school and the funds are used to support our at-risk students through reteach and intervention.



See you next school year!

The 2017-2018 School
Year will begin on
Wednesday,
August 9, 2017

