



# Wolf Pack Press

## Desert Willow Elementary

### 2018 May Edition



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## Principal Pieper's Message

### What's Happening at DW

#### May

- 1st: Kindness Club Meeting @ 7:30 AM
- 1st-16th: PTSO Basket Raffle Ticket Sales
- 2nd: Early Release 12:45 PM  
Candy Bar money due
- 4th: Brown Bag Lunch
- 7th-11th: Teacher Appreciation Week
- 9th: Kinders to the Zoo  
5th Grade Middle School Visits
- 11th: PTSO Spirit Night at Peter Piper Pizza
- 14th: 3rd Grade to AZ Science Center
- 15th: WINGS Showcase 5-6 PM
- 16th: Early Release 12:45 PM
- 17th: Talent Show 9 AM & 1:15 PM  
PTSO Meeting @ 5:30 PM
- 18th: 4th Grade to the Bowling Alley
- 21st: Kinder Graduation @ 9:30 AM
- 22nd: 5th Grade Moving on Ceremony  
@ 1:15 PM
- 23rd: Award Assemblies -  
1st-9:00 / 2nd-9:25 / 3rd-9:50 / 4th-10:25  
5th Grade Celebration to the Pool
- 24th: Character Celebration
- 25th: Early Release 12:45 PM



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 our 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 celebrated May 7<sup>th</sup> – May 11<sup>th</sup>. The staff at Desert Willow work tirelessly to provide students a great education and learning experience. 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. Keep the "What's Happening at DW" dates in mind as we wrap up a successful year!

Thank you to everyone for another 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 6, 2018.

This year, the last day of our Boys & Girls Club after-school programs will be Tuesday, May 22nd. 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.

Source: eatright.org

**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.

Please return your over due books to Mrs. Rael in the library. The last day to checkout a book is Thursday, May 10th.



**Reminder: Students should not be dropped off before 7:20 a.m.**



**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 12:50 p.m.\*

5th Grade 12:25 p.m.\*

\*Times change for Early Release



**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.

**Important: Third Grade Retention Legislation**

Due to an amendment to Arizona Revised Statute 15-701, school districts are required to notify parents of a new promotion requirement for students in third grade. This change requires third grade students to score higher than "Falls Far Below" or equivalent score as determined by the Arizona State Board of Education on the Reading portion on the state-wide achievement assessment in order to be promoted to the fourth grade. The law does provide for exemptions for some students and parental appeals if warranted. If you have questions or would like more information on this law the full document can be found on line at

<http://www.azleg.state.az.us> or you may contact Dr. Barbara Wright, CGESD Assistant Superintendent for Instruction at (520) 836-2111.

**See you next school year!**

**The 2018-2019 School Year will begin on**

**Monday, August 6, 2018**

