



# Wolf Pack Press

## Desert Willow Elementary



Melissa Pieper - Principal 2172 N. Arizola Rd. Casa Grande, AZ

### October 2018

### Principal Pieper's Message

#### Mark your calendar:

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- 3rd: Early Release - 12:45 PM
- 5th: Brown Bag Lunch
- 10th: Early Release - 12:45 PM
- 15th - 19th: DW Fall Book Fair
- 18th: Early Release - 12:45 PM  
Parent Teacher Conferences
- 19th: Early Release - 12:45 PM  
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- 22rd - 26th: No School - Fall Break**

October is an exciting month at Desert Willow. We will have our second Brown Bag Lunch of the school year on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Students and staff have been working hard focusing on academics and preparing for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Conferences will be held on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Information will be coming home soon, so please be sure to reserve a time to meet with your child's teacher. We will also have our fall book fair available for our families to visit starting on Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Fall Break is October 22<sup>nd</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>, I hope our families spend time together and make wonderful memories to last a lifetime.

Our Wolves have been bursting with great character this year! We will be celebrating their character at our first quarter character celebration on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. Students will be able to participate in a variety of activities – from arts and crafts to watching a movie, playing outside and many other choices. We are excited to celebrate all the hard work and great character at DW!

Our students are taking part in campaigning for a position on our Student Council and Kindness Club. Students are working hard on their speeches and excited to showcase great character traits! I am very proud of all of my students who worked hard to be a Leader in our school. I will announce our Leaders in next month's article.

A great way to stay in touch is to visit our school website: [www.cgesd.org](http://www.cgesd.org) Choose Desert Willow under the tab "Our Schools." We also have our Desert Willow Facebook page: [DesertWillowCGESD](https://www.facebook.com/DesertWillowCGESD). Thank you for being a part of a successful first quarter at Desert Willow!

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

- DOMINIC DUCHESNE
- NATHAN OSUNA
- EMILYN PAREDES
- RJ LUCK
- ALEXANDRA BARRETT
- MYA'LYNN CAMPBELL
- RYLEE SHERWOOD
- NICHOLAS LOHR
- KACEY FLASHER
- HAYDEN BRYANT
- LJ GONZALEZ
- ADDALIE DICKEY
- SAMUEL MARONEY
- LANDON HEINONEN
- BRIAN DANG
- KAYLA TACKER
- ELI NAVARRO
- FAITH GRANDERSON
- MIGUEL SOTO
- COLE RICE
- NICHOLAS OTERO-PELLAND

#### Lunch Times:

- Kindergarten 11:00 a.m.
- 1st Grade 10:50 a.m.
- 2nd Grade 11:10 a.m.
- 3rd Grade 11:30 p.m.
- 4th Grade 12:10 p.m.
- 5th Grade 11:50 p.m.





**Health Room News:**

Flu season is fast approaching, although it can begin earlier or later. The flu can worsen chronic medical conditions, such as heart disease and diabetes or you could face the threat of serious complications such as pneumonia, bronchitis and sinus infections. The flu vaccine is the best way to prevent both the flu and its complications.

Preventing the spread of colds and flu is easier than you think. Just take these simple steps to help:

Get the flu shot, this is particularly important to children who suffer from Asthma or anyone with a chronic health condition.

Teach your children how to cover their mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing and how to wash their hands correctly, by wetting both hands, singing the birthday song while lathering both hands with soap before rinsing and drying thoroughly.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, germs spread this way.

Get sufficient rest, stay home when you are sick and avoid people who are sick when possible.

Other fun facts:

The Flu virus can live on surfaces for 2 to 8 hours. If someone in your house has the flu wipe surfaces like light switches, faucets, your phone and door handles with antiseptic cleaner frequently throughout the day.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that provides the books kids want to read. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long-lasting benefits. It unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Please make plans to come to our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits. Remember, all purchases benefit our school. See you at the Book Fair!

***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.**

**Parent Pick Up & Drop Off**

Please remember pick up and drop off procedures are to drive through the loop; or park in a parking spot and walk to the loop to pick up your student.

Please do not park in red zones or in the parking lot aisles. Handicap parking is reserved for those with a handicap license plate or tag.

**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 Andrea Munoz, Director of Teaching & Learning at 836-2111.

**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.



**Office Hours:**

7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**School Hours:**

7:55 a.m. First Bell

8:00 a.m. Tardy Bell

2:45 p.m. Dismissal

12:45 p.m. Early Release Dismissal

**Cafeteria Breakfast Hours:**

7:30 a.m. - 7:50 a.m.

**\*\*\* Students should not**

**be dropped off prior to 7:15 a.m. \*\*\***



**Our next Brown Bag Lunch of the school year is Friday, November 2, 2018**

**New Lunch Prices**

Meal prices for adults are \$2.50 for breakfast and \$3.50 for lunch. Single entrée or side salad will be \$2.00

