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ASHTON RANCH WEEKLY DISPATCH

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE RANCH

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Greetings Mustang Families and happy Friday,

This week we have had many concerns regarding the safety of our students and campus due to unfounded social media posts. Throughout this week during Round Up we have extensively covered Dysart Schools' safety protocols and defined each type of emergency (lockdown, modified lockdown, shelter in place, evacuation, parent reunification etc). These procedures can be found at the end of the DUSD handbook.

We also reviewed Maricopa County's "Report, Don't Repost" campaign that is in alignment with online threats of any kind.

We have already held evacuation and lockdown drills this year so students and staff can be familiar with our procedures.

Thank you for your trust in us as we work daily to serve our students.

Now more than ever, take time to be kind and as always - PROUD to be a Mustang! - Ms. Parachini, principal

**MISSION:** ASHTON RANCH MIDDLE SCHOOL CULTIVATES A CULTURE OF STUDENT SUCCESS.

**VISION:** ASHTON RANCH MUSTANGS WORK TOGETHER TO DEVELOP A SAFE, CARING ENVIRONMENT TO MEET HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL.



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# ARTS, ATHLETIC, ACTIVITIES & ACADEMICS

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Dysart Schools are members of the Northwest Valley Athletic Conference which includes Deer Valley and Peoria schools. Dysart athletics are split into two regions with Ashton Ranch in the Green Region. Sports schedules can be found online at [dysart.org](http://dysart.org).

## ACADEMICS

We will be recognizing our Academically Distinguished Mustangs next Friday, September 20, 2024 at 8:45 am. Students who earned honor roll, principal's list and Mustang PROUD awards will be recognized. We welcome families to come and celebrate with us. All visitors must check in and have valid ID to enter campus.

## Mustang PROUD

Positivity-Respect-Ownership-Unity-Determination

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### MORE FROM OFFICER MOORE

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Hello Mustang family,

Hello Mustang family, as many of you are aware there were several threats towards schools this week sent to multiple states throughout the country, including Arizona. These types of threats are meant for disruption, and to incite fear, so I wanted to take a moment and address exactly how we handle these types of threats.

Once a threat is identified, we work closely with our threat liaison officer at the Surprise Police Department, our partners from (ACTIC) Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center, and in some cases the FBI Counter Terrorism division to ensure a quick response to any known threat. We are always in constant contact with SPD patrol, surrounding agencies, and the school district to ensure we respond immediately to anything that may arise.

As your SRO I take safety personally. I work closely with Principal Parachini and the entire staff to ensure your child is safe at all times and will never waver on that commitment. I want to thank the staff and your patience this week as we navigated through the threats that were circulating. To date, there are no known threats towards Ashton Ranch or the Dysart school District. I am always available for you and your student if there are any questions or concerns. I look forward to a great school year ahead!

Officer Moore #2255  
SRO Ashton Ranch Middle

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA



### Next Week's Schedule

Baseball	Sept 17, 6:30pm Sept 19 5:00pm	Dysart High School
Softball	Sept 16, 6:30pm Sept 18, 5pm	Dysart High School
Cross Country	Starts this week	

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### HANDBOOK FOCUS OF THE WEEK: ATTENDANCE

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September is **Attendance Awareness Month**. Being in class is essential for student academic success. From our Student and Parent Handbook: Arizona

State Law (A.R.S. § 15-802 and § 15-803) states that every person who has custody of a child between the ages of six and 16 years shall make sure the child attends school for the full-time school is in session.

If your student is going to be absent, please make sure to call in to excuse them within 24 hours of the absence. If chronic absenteeism occurs, a meeting will be held with parents and student to enact a plan of action for student success.

Please review the handbook regarding attendance and tardies and what they mean. You can find the [Student and Parent Handbook](#) online. These topics are found on pages 17-19.

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## PARENTSQUARE

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Stay up-to-date with all things Ashton Ranch via ParentSquare. Please make sure to sign up to receive emails, alerts and text messages about the school and district.