



SCHOOL NEWS

SURPRISE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We held an attendance challenge for grades kindergarten through eighth grade during the week of January 22nd through January 26th. Our goal was to reach 95% attendance rate for, not only each day, but for the entire week. Unfortunately we only reached 89.86% for the week. Meaningful instructional time is invaluable to the learning process. Benchmark testing was completed the last week in January and our state testing season will begin in March. Please make sure your child is here on time everyday.

February is Love the Bus month. Please take a moment to thank the bus drivers who take care each day to bring our students to school safely.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are February 5th through February 9th. This is an important time for you to meet with your child's teacher to discuss academic progress. I highly encourage you to take this opportunity to celebrate the progress your child is making or perhaps discuss concerns you may have.

We are in the planning stages for Eighth Grade promotion. The promotion ceremony will take place on campus on May 23rd. More details, including information regarding tickets and requirements for the end of year activities, will be shared at a future parent meeting and in the Eighth grade weekly newsletter. Students have met with the High School Counselors to discuss their classes for Freshmen year. If you have any questions regarding this process please reach out to your students teachers.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Wick
Principal
HIGH FIVE, TEAM SURPRISE!

Important Dates for Parents

January 29th - Online Yearbook Sales begin, limited quantities
January 29th - No Preschool Classes
January 31 - Outstanding fees and/or fines payments are due
February 5-9 - Parent Teacher Conference Week
February 8 and 9 - Early Release Days at 1:45 PM
February 8 and 9 - No Preschool Classes
February 12 - Student Council Spirit Week, themes TBD
February 16 - Quarter 2 awards assembly
February 19 - Presidents Day, No School
February 22 - Bus Driver Appreciation Day
February 28 - 21st CCLC Family Night
February 29 - Leap year day

Outstanding Fees and Lost Library Book Fines -

Ledgers were sent home with students in December for any outstanding fees and/or fines. Payments for any outstanding fees or fines were due by January 31st. These fees/fines will not be waived and will follow the students throughout their time in Dysart. To check outstanding fines or fees, log into your parent portal and click on the fees tab on the left side which will direct you to the online payment portal.

To make your payment online with a credit or debit card, *this is the preferred way* - [please click here for the online payment portal](#)

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CUBS SPORTS -

Flag Football - Coach Jayden Gawronski

- 1/30 Asante vs. Surprise @ Countryside 5:00 PM
- 2/1 West Point vs. Surprise @ Riverview 5:00 PM
- 2/6 Surprise vs. Riverview @ Countryside 5:00 PM
- 2/8 Surprise vs. Freedom @ Riverview 5:00 PM
- 2/13 Thompson Ranch vs. Surprise @ Riverview 6:00 PM
- 2/15 Surprise vs. Luke @ Riverview 6:00 PM
- 2/20 Kingswood vs. Surprise @ Riverview 6:00 PM
- 2/22 Surprise vs. Asante @ Riverview 6:00 PM
- 2/27 Surprise vs. West Point @ Countryside 6:00 PM
- 2/29 Riverview vs. Surprise @ Riverview 6:00 PM

Cheer- Season 1 - Coach Megan Starr Sneesby

Volleyball - Coach Mallory Stradley

- 1/29 Thompson Ranch vs. Surprise @ Freedom 6:00 PM
- 1/31 Surprise vs. Asante @ Kingswood 6:00 PM
- 2/5 Freedom vs. Surprise @ Kingswood 5:00 PM
- 2/7 Surprise vs. West Point @ Freedom 5:00 PM
- 2/12 Surprise vs. Luke @ Freedom 5:00 PM
- 2/14 Kingswood vs. Surprise @ Kingswood 6:00 PM
- 2/20 Surprise vs. Riverview @ Kingswood 6:00 PM
- 2/21 Thompson Ranch vs. Surprise @ Freedom 6:00 PM
- 2/26 Asante vs. Surprise @ Kingswood 6:00 PM
- 2/28 Surprise vs. Freedom @ Freedom 6:00 PM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR - FEBRUARY 2024

29 EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM BENCHMARK TESTING WEEK NO PRESCHOOL CLASSES	30	31 OUTSTANDING FEES/FINES ARE DUE	FEB 1	2
5 EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE WEEK	6 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE WEEK	7 PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE WEEK	8 NO PRESCHOOL CLASSES EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE WEEK GOVERNING BOARD MTG 6PM	9 NO PRESCHOOL CLASSES EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE WEEK KONA ICE ON CAMPUS DURING LUNCHESES (Kinder - 4th grade only)
12 EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM	13	14 VALENTINE'S DAY	15	16 RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY
19 PRESIDENT'S DAY - NO SCHOOL	20	21	22 GOVERNING BOARD MTG 6PM	23
26	27	28 21st CCLC FAMILY NIGHT 5:15 PM	29	MAR 1

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