



# SCHOOL NEWS

SURPRISE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## A Message from the Principal

Welcome back. It's hard to believe we are halfway through the school year. I hope you and your family had a wonderful winter break. As we begin 2nd semester we want to remind everyone that attendance is important and our goal is to have 95% or higher each day. We are having an attendance contest against Thompson Ranch **January 22 to January 26**. We are hoping that our school attendance will be higher.

Here is a reminder of our school goal for academics:

**Goal: By May 2024, SUPES 3rd - 8th grade students will increase the percent proficient and highly proficient students by 5%, and decrease minimally proficient by 10% (at each grade level tested) as measured on the 2024 AASA. For K-3 students (at each grade level), no more than 17% will be minimally proficient on Acadience grade level measures: K: NWF, 1st - 3rd ORF.**

Don Lancaster, an American author, inventor and microcomputer pioneer said, "Most "impossible" goals can be met simply by breaking them down into bite size chunks, writing them down, believing them, and then going full speed ahead as if they were routine." We will be helping students look at their mid-year progress, breaking what they have left to do into bite size chunks and then going full speed ahead as if it is just the routine. We know how to do hard things at Surprise Elementary and we know we can achieve our goals.

Sincerely,

**JoAnn Wick**  
Principal  
HIGH FIVE, TEAM SURPRISE!

### Important Dates for Parents

**January 9 - School resumes at regular times**  
**January 12 - Kona Ice for Kinder - 4th grade only**  
**January 17 - 21st CCLC Family Night**  
**January 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School**  
**January 23 - 100th day of School**  
**January 26 - Kona Ice for 5th - 8th grade only**  
**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 19 - Presidents Day, No School**  
**Yearbook online sales to begin soon.**

### 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 are 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**

Tryouts: Jan 8-12  
 Practice: Jan 16-26  
 Season: Jan 29-Mar 1  
 Playoffs: Mar 4-8

**Volleyball**

**Coach Mallory Stradley**

Tryouts: Jan 8-12  
 Practice: Jan 16-26  
 Season: Jan 29-Mar 1  
 Playoffs: Mar 4-8

**Cheer- Season 1**

**Coach Megan Starr Sneesby**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR: JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL	2	3	4	5
8 EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM	9	10	11 GOVERNING BOARD MTG 6PM	12 KONA ICE ON CAMPUS DURING LUNCHESES (Kinder - 4th grade only)
15 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY - NO SCHOOL	16	17 21ST CCLC FAMILY FIRST EVENT SCIENCE NIGHT 5:15-6:15 PM	18	19
22 EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE WEEK	23 ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE WEEK 100th DAY OF SCHOOL	24 ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE WEEK	25 ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE WEEK GOVERNING BOARD MTG 6PM	26 ATTENDANCE CHALLENGE WEEK 3RD GRADE FIELD TRIP KONA ICE ON CAMPUS DURING LUNCHESES (5th - 8th grade only)
29 EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM BENCHMARK TESTING WEEK NO PRESCHOOL CLASSES	30	31 OUTSTANDING FEES/FINES ARE DUE	FEB 1	2
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