



SCHOOL NEWS

SURPRISE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As mentioned in the September newsletter, our school goal for daily attendance is 95%. During the first quarter our average daily attendance was 93%. It is important for students to attend every day so they can continue to grow academically. Daily attendance is also calculated and part of our State letter grade.

As a reminder, students are expected to be in school every day, unless they are sick. School is open at 8:45 a.m. for our students to eat breakfast in the classroom, and get extra support from teachers to increase their reading skills. School starts at 9:00 a.m. and students should be in their seats by then, ready to learn. Please help us increase student success by bringing your child to school on time, every day. Remember to make sure all appointments are made after school hours if possible.

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for the week of October 2. I hope you had an opportunity to meet with your child's teacher(s). Parent Teacher open communication is a part of students learning success. If you have created your parent portal, it is another way to keep track of your child's grades, attendance and communication from their teacher.

We are looking forward to a successful Quarter 2.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Wick
Principal
HIGH FIVE, TEAM SURPRISE!

Important Date and Information for Parents/Guardians

Check out [the Surprise Elementary School website](#) for important information and dates for Surprise Elementary School families including athletic game schedules, parent organization information, important dates and events and more.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Fall Parent Teacher Conference week is scheduled for October 2 - 6, 2023. Students will have early dismissal on October 5 and 6 at 1:45 pm.

No preschool classes on October 5 and 6 due to early release days.

Fall Break

There will be no school October 9-13, 2023 for Fall Break. School resumes on October 16, 2023 at regular times.

Butterbraids Fundraiser begins October 16 - 30 - All orders must be turned in on or before October 30th. No late orders will be accepted. Delivery date to be November 15th. All orders must be picked up as there is no storage.

Parent Organization Members and Officers are needed. Parents and community members are needed to continue our parent organization. Without officers and members the parent organization will not be able to continue and we will no longer be able to have the Book Fair, Trunk or Treat, family events or fundraisers. If you are interested please **contact us today at dccsurprise@gmail.com or contact the school office at 623-876-7400.**

Fall Picture day is October 19th, all orders will be placed online through Grad's Photography. A link will be shared when your student takes their picture. This is the photo that will be placed in this year's yearbook.

Trunk or Treat - October 25th from 5-6:30 pm. Families of Surprise Elementary School students are welcome to join us at our Trunk or Treat event. Masks should not be worn. If you would like to donate items, games, etc. for Trunk or Treat, please contact the office.

The school office will be closed on October 30th from 2:30 - 4:30 pm for staff training.

Please remember no costumes should be worn to school on Halloween.

Canned food drive October 30 - November 6th benefiting St. Mary's Food Bank.

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CUBS SPORTS

Boys Soccer

Coach Kim Rosevear

Email address: kimberly.rosevear@dysart.org

Girls Soccer

Coach Lacey Falkenberg

Email address: lacey.falkenberg@dysart.org

Tryouts to be held the week of October 16th.

Games begin the week of October 30th with the exception of the girls soccer game on October 25th.

Pay to participate fee is \$60 per student and cannot be waived. Payments are due before the student can receive their uniform. **If your student participated in a sport, you can pay online through the [online payment portal](#) or in person at school.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR: OCTOBER 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 PARENT TEACHER CONF WEEK EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM	3 PARENT TEACHER CONF WEEK	4 PARENT TEACHER CONF WEEK	5 PARENT TEACHER CONF WEEK NO PRESCHOOL CLASS EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM GOVERNING BOARD MEETING 6 PM	6 KONA ICE ON CAMPUS DURING LUNCHES PARENT TEACHER CONF WEEK NO PRESCHOOL CLASS EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM
9 FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK	10 FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL	11 FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL	12 FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL	13 FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL
16 EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM BUTTERBRAIDS FUNDRAISER BEGINS NATIONAL BUS SAFETY WEEK	17	18 DCC PARENT ORGANIZATION MEETING AT 5 PM AT SURPRISE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	19 FALL PICTURE DAY LIBRARY CARD DELIVERY DATE	20
23 EARLY RELEASE DAY - 1:45 PM RED RIBBON WEEK	24	25 TRUNK OR TREAT 5-6:30 PM	26 SITE COUNCIL 4:15 PM GOVERNING BOARD MEETING 6 PM	27

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