



What's Up, Wildcats?



Chat from 'Chini

Greetings Wildcat Families and happy Friday!

This week we celebrated being back to learning with a WCHS spirit week culminating in an assembly today. The school spirit shown by our students in their class chant competition was energizing! Our student council did an amazing job supported by our band, choir, pom and cheer teams. They all epitomize our Winning Culture.

It was great seeing so many of you who braved the heat to come out to Open House to meet your student's teachers. Based off sign in sheets and teacher reports this was one of the best attended Open Houses we have hosted.

Thank you to all of our parents who support a club or team here at WCHS and attended the parent meeting this week at district office. Your support means the world to us and positively

impacts the lives of so many of our students. A special thank you to our PTSA who oversee so much. If you are interested in supporting our staff and students please consider joining or making a donation.

Monday marks the end of the warning period for both dress code and tardies. Students who are out of dress code will be asked to change in the health office. Continued infractions will result in disciplinary action. Students who are late to first period will be swept to the front of the school to get a pass. Those late between 2nd -6th periods will need to go to the sweep room to get a pass. Continued tardies will result in consequences. Those late more than half the period will be marked absent.

As always, thank you for your support. Take time to be kind...

Lisa Parachini -
principal



Senior Sunrise
Football Field
Aug 28 - 5:30 am

PTSA Goodwill Drop Off
Fundraiser
Greenway & Reems
Aug. 29

Friday Night Lights Return
Neon Theme
Sept 4

NO SCHOOL - LABOR DAY
Sept 7



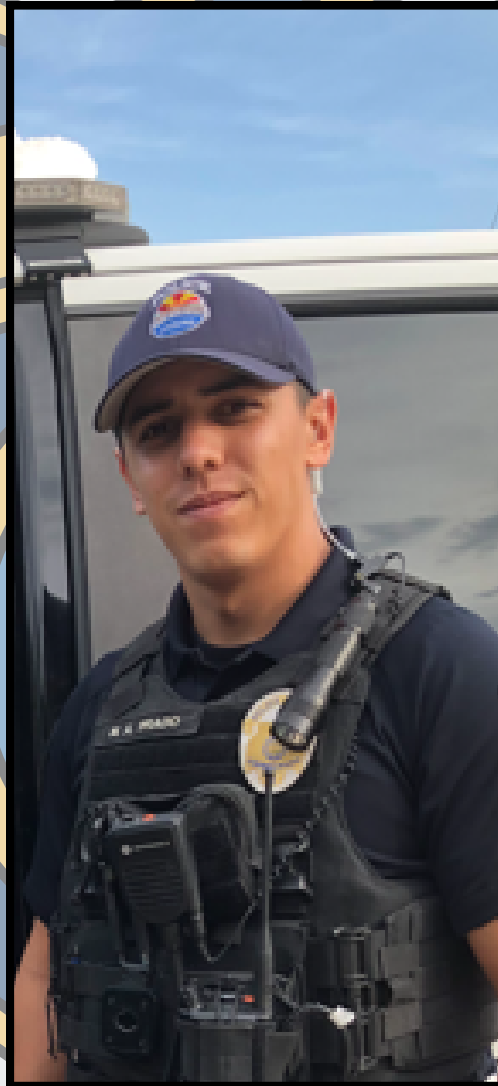


introducing...

Officer Michael Prado

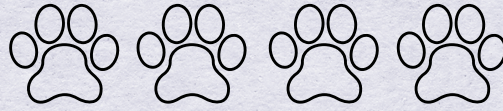
Please welcome Officer Prado to Willow Canyon. Officer Matthews is out right now and we are fortunate enough to have Officer Prado step in in his absence. Officer Prado has been with the Surprise Police Department for 6 years and has served as a school resource officer (SRO) for three years. He is married and has a 9-year-old son. Outside of work, Officer Prado enjoys spending time with family, coaching youth football, and following sports.

He has already begun creating relationships with our Wildcats and we are happy to have him as part of our Winning Culture!





handbook & reminders



Parent Drop Off and Pick Up



Please follow the information that was sent out regarding traffic flow when dropping off and picking up your Wildcat. There are only two areas for this - the front loop and the east parking lot. Please do not use the bus loop or staff parking to drop off students. It is also requested that U-turns and dropping off students in traffic not occur as it is dangerous. There are directional signs posted to help determine prohibited areas.



Tardies, Sweep and Attendance

Students are expected to be in class when the bell rings. Students who are late will be required to go to sweep and receive a pass to class. After three tardies, students will receive a detention. Consequences escalate from there. Students who have excessive absences will be placed on an attendance contract and have the potential to lose credit.

Vaping and Restrooms

It is only the first week of school and we have seen a scary increase in the amount of vaping incidents in our restrooms. Our security and admin team have been trying to be extra diligent on our sweeps of campus to keep your students safe. Students caught vaping or in stalls together will be suspended. We have posted reminder signage in our restrooms. Please help us deter vaping by regularly checking your student's backpack.

Dress Code Reminders

Students who are out of dress code will be sent to the health office for a change of clothes. Prohibited items include: visible undergarments such as underwear and bra straps; low cut shirts; spaghetti straps, halter tops, and tube tops; shirts that expose the midriff; pajamas. Bottoms need to cover buttocks.

Please see the handbook for full guidelines.

OTE Prop 421

The Dysart Unified School District Governing Board has placed Proposition 421 on the November 3, 2026 ballot to maintain safe, functional learning environments and support continued growth. Learn the facts and make sure you are registered and ready to vote! To learn more about Proposition 421 visit

Dysart.org/Prop421





Did you know...

Every year Willow Canyon reviews student and teacher performance, survey feedback and other forms of data to help guide our course for the following year. We use this information to set goals that align with our mission, vision and values. Collectively, these drive all that we do to ensure a Winning Culture.

Mission - Vision - Values - Goals

MISSION: To provide a safe learning environment where students *WIN* everyday—mastering rigorous academics through strong *work ethic*, *innovative thinking*, and *noble character*.

VISION: Willow Canyon sets the standard as a premier high school relentlessly pursuing excellence and a winning culture.

VALUES: Winning Culture

Goal #1

Willow Canyon will achieve a 1.0 composite growth score.
Willow Canyon will increase AzSci proficiency rates by 1% and/or be above state average.

Goal #2

All collaborative teams at Willow Canyon will implement PLC processes with fidelity focusing on student learning, collaborative culture/collective responsibility and being results oriented.

Goal #3

Willow Canyon will implement Winning Culture values to increase the quality of relationships among staff, students, families and community as indicated on DUSD annual survey.



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