

# DESERT VISTA STORM REPORT

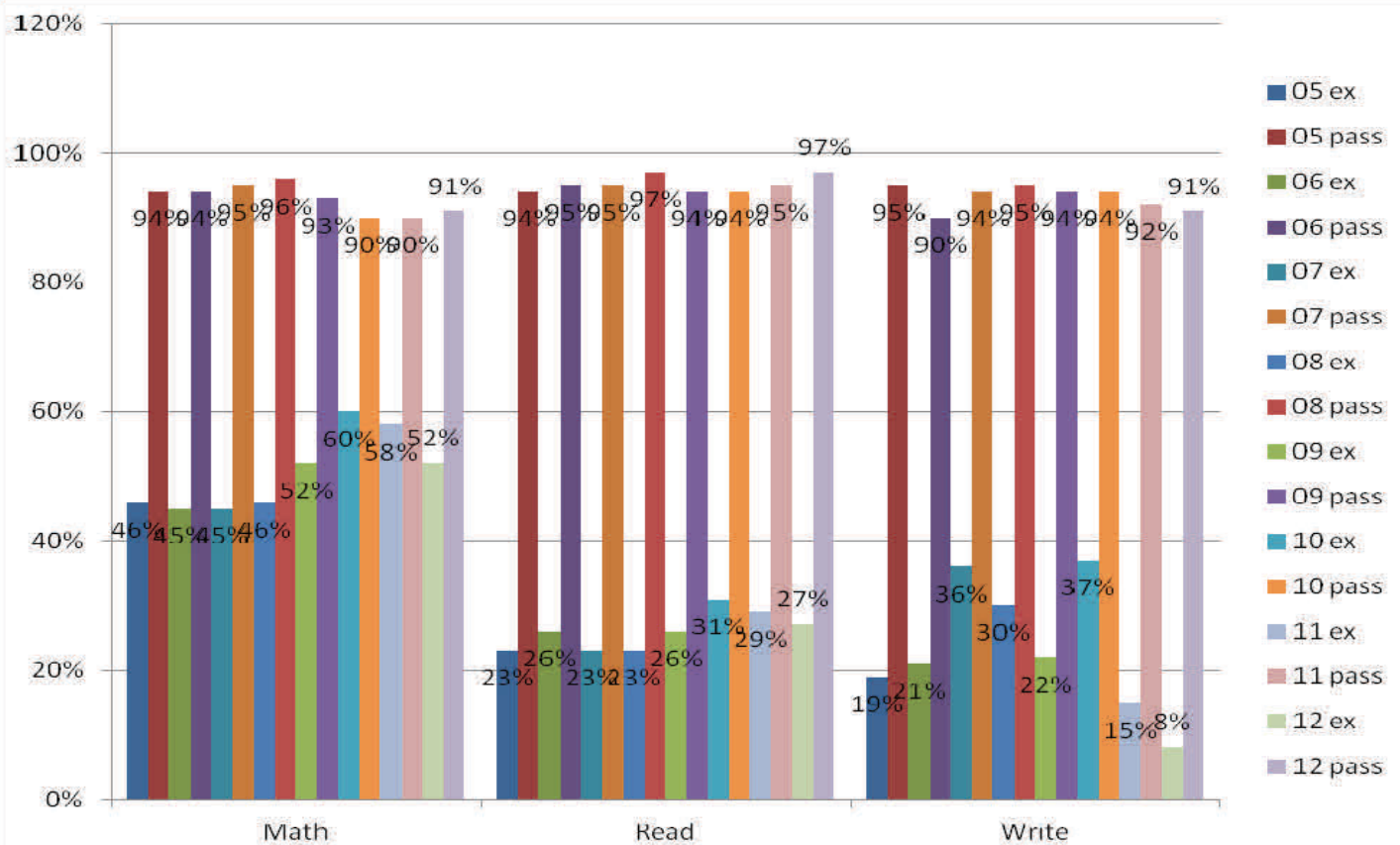
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## DESERT VISTA CELEBRATES STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

This marks the 18th anniversary of Desert Vista High School. Desert Vista has received an “A” from the Arizona Department of Education each of the past two years. While we are a highly performing school, we continue to see significant growth relative to the formula used to grade schools in Arizona. Continuous improvement is the result of Desert Vista taking deliberate action to garner excellent performances from our teachers and students. We strive to ensure that all of our students are prepared for college and careers. *Phoenix Magazine* has previously rated Desert Vista High School as the Best College Prep High School in the state. Desert Vista ranks among the best schools in the world. Students in the class of 2012 were offered over \$19.6 million in scholarship funds, and thousands of students have grown up here, preparing for the world ahead. Parents have instilled the importance of academic and extra-curricular involvement, as well as community service. We take great pride in serving the Ahwatukee community and will continue our mission of excellence in education. This issue of the Storm Report highlights the achievements of 2012: the statistics speak for themselves in demonstrating the comprehensive nature of the success of our talented students, faculty, and administrators. Thank you all for providing the support needed for such outstanding endeavors.

	07 exceed	07 pass	08 exceed	08 pass	09 exceed	09 pass	10 exceed	10 pass	11 exceed	11 pass	12 exceed	12 pass
Math	45%	95%	46%	96%	52%	93%	60%	90%	58%	90%	52%	91%
Read	23%	95%	23%	97%	26%	94%	31%	94%	29%	95%	27%	97%
Write	36%	94%	30%	95%	22%	94%	37%	94%	15%	92%	8%	91%



## 2012 AIMS - 10th Grade - Comparison to Similar High Schools

School	ME	MP	RE	RP	WE	WP	SE	SP	TOTAL
<b>DV Rank</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>T1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>T2</b>	<b>T4</b>	<b>T5</b>	<b>T4</b>	<b>T3</b>	
<b>Desert Vista High School</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>493</b>
Catalina Foothills High School	42	81	32	96	10	93	57	80	491
Hamilton High School	49	85	24	92	11	89	58	79	487
Desert Mountain High School	43	87	29	95	5	90	46	78	473
Horizon High School	38	83	21	93	5	85	52	82	459
Chaparral High School	40	84	23	94	8	90	46	71	456
Basha High School	32	78	18	94	6	87	58	82	455
Corona Del Sol High School	38	79	23	93	8	87	48	74	450
Mountain View High School	42	80	24	90	8	85	47	72	448
Highland High School	41	83	24	93	7	90	39	64	441
Pinnacle High School	31	79	23	94	5	89	45	74	440
Campo Verde High School	36	80	22	92	7	87	46	69	439
Red Mountain High School	35	78	20	90	7	80	49	73	432
Cienega High School	27	74	21	93	7	86	49	73	430
Presidio High School	24	77	10	98	1	72	57	91	430
Sunrise Mountain High School	37	81	18	90	6	86	36	64	418
Perry High School	36	80	19	92	5	86	36	63	417
Highland Lakes School	36	71	17	88	8	67	48	80	415
Ironwood Ridge High School	32	70	24	88	11	86	37	64	412
Liberty High School	37	77	14	91	4	81	39	63	406
Sabino High School	29	80	16	91	6	80	34	68	404
Sunnyslope High School	30	70	15	84	7	78	48	71	403
Cactus Shadows High School	27	71	18	88	8	84	36	67	399
Williams Field High School	28	66	16	89	2	80	44	71	396
Mountain Ridge High School	30	71	16	89	4	83	38	62	393
Chandler High School	35	73	18	84	7	76	38	61	392
Ironwood High School	31	70	19	86	6	77	33	60	382
Gilbert High School	26	72	15	90	4	84	32	58	381
Greenway High School	26	66	15	84	6	73	42	68	380
Higley High School	24	63	15	88	3	79	40	66	378
Canyon Del Oro High School	29	65	21	87	6	78	32	58	376
Boulder Creek High School	25	66	14	87	3	77	40	63	375
Sandra Day O'Connor High School	22	65	13	85	7	80	38	65	375
Mountain Pointe High School	26	64	13	84	5	79	40	62	373
Prescott High School	22	66	17	89	4	71	39	64	372
Cactus High School	23	68	13	82	6	73	39	66	370
McClintock High School	24	66	14	82	8	71	39	65	369
<b>Tempe Union</b>		<b>75</b>		<b>88</b>		<b>81</b>		<b>60</b>	
<b>Arizona</b>		<b>60</b>		<b>80</b>		<b>69</b>		<b>42</b>	

M—Math      S—Science  
R—Reading    E - Exceeds  
W—Writing    P - Passes

# AIMS 2012 WRITING AND READING

## Parents' Countdown to Writing and Reading AIMS for Fall 2012

The countdown has begun for junior and senior students and their parents. Graduation is just on the horizon, and unfortunately, some students still need to pass AIMS in order to graduate. The writing section of AIMS is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23; the reading section of AIMS is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24; and the math section of AIMS is scheduled for Thursday, October 25. Desert Vista is committed to ensuring all students graduate on time, so the following information is being shared to help parents support their teenagers in preparing for AIMS testing.

### What Parents Should Do Throughout the Year

- ◆ Stay on top of your teenager's academic progress.
- ◆ Make sure your teenager is handing in homework regularly to stay caught up in class.
- ◆ Have your teenager read, read, and read some more. Research shows that free voluntary reading improves reading comprehension and bolsters vocabulary and writing skills.
- ◆ Build an age-appropriate vocabulary. Go to [www.wordempire.com](http://www.wordempire.com) for a list of sample vocabulary words and definitions.
- ◆ Help your teenager summarize what he or she has read, identifying significant details, interpreting information from graphics, and identifying persuasive strategies, for instance.

### What Parents Should Do in August/September

- ◆ Look at your teenager's previous AIMS scores. This will offer an indication of where he or she stands in terms of readiness to graduate.
- ◆ Get a copy of standards from Arizona

Department of Education Web site:

<http://www.azed.gov/>

This will spell out what skills on which students will be tested.

- ◆ If there is a serious concern about your teenager passing AIMS, ask for a group conference to help you identify or target areas where your teen is struggling. Parents see things teachers don't know about a son or daughter, and teachers will see things that parents don't.

- ◆ Consider hiring a tutor.

### What Parents Should Do September through October

- ◆ If tutoring is needed, make sure that your teenager works with his/her teacher.
- ◆ Sit with your teenager and watch him or her work through previous year's questions.
- ◆ Have your teenager read newspaper articles and write summaries. He or she can also take practice tests on multiple-choice headlines.
- ◆ Review your teenager's English and language arts assignments.
- ◆ Have him or her practice grammar and writing exercises. This could be as simple as capitalizing letters and correcting punctuation or as complex as making the right word choice and re-writing awkward sentences.
- ◆ The day before the test, send your teenager to bed early.
- ◆ On the morning of the test, have him or her eat a healthy breakfast and get to school on time. Your teenager also needs to drink plenty of water **BEFORE** taking the test.

\*Information is taken from a 26 November 2003 article in *The Arizona Republic* and modified for this publication.



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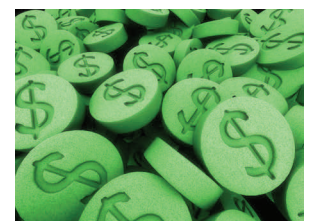
The "AIMS" Scholarship is still in place, however, the qualifications are different for the Class of 2013 and beyond. Please check the following website for details for all graduating classes:

<http://www.azed.gov/endorsement-tuition-scholarship/>

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**AIMS Scholarship Information**



## AIMS TEST DATES 2012-13

The registration window for juniors who would like to sign up to exceed the standards on one or more AIMS test in the fall of 2012 will be September 1 to September 30. Keep in mind that students must exceed the standards on all three AIMS tests by the spring test during their junior year to be eligible for the ABOR tuition waiver scholarship.

AIMS test dates for the 2012-13 school year are as follows:

<b>FALL TESTING:</b>	<b>Juniors and Seniors ONLY</b>	
	Tuesday, October 23	<i>Writing</i>
	Wednesday, October 24	<i>Reading</i>
	Thursday, October 25	<i>Mathematics</i>
<b>SPRING TESTING:</b>	Monday, February 25	<i>Writing</i>
	Tuesday, February 26	<i>Reading</i>
	Tuesday, April 9	<i>Mathematics</i>
		<i>Stanford 10 (Freshmen only)</i>
	Wednesday, April 10	<i>Science</i>

*(As per A.D.E., every effort will be made to maintain these dates. However, they are subject to change.)*

## COLLEGE APPLICATION AND SAT/ACT INFORMATION

### In-State College Applications

Seniors planning to apply to ASU, NAU or U of A should submit their applications at the beginning of October. The universities will review applications for admittance and forward scholarship offers starting in October. The application process requires the following documentation:

1. On-line applications available at:

- [www.asu.edu](http://www.asu.edu)
- <http://admissions.arizona.edu/freshmen/applications-incoming-freshmen>
- [www.nau.edu](http://www.nau.edu)

2. High school transcript, sent from [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com).

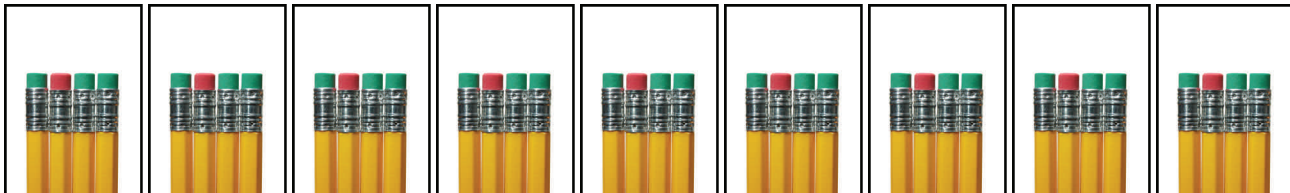
3. SAT/ACT scores sent directly from the testing source.

Students choose which schools to send the scores to at the time of registration for the test, otherwise they will need to contact College Board or ACT to request that the scores be sent.

## ACT TEST DATES 2012-13

Please register for the ACT at: [www.ACT.org](http://www.ACT.org)

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Regular Registration Postmark Deadline (regular fee)</u>	<u>Late Registration Period (regular fee plus late fee)</u>
September 8, 2012	August 17, 2012	August 18–24, 2012
October 27, 2012	September 21, 2012	Sept. 22–Oct. 5, 2012
December 8, 2012	November 2, 2012	November 3–13, 2012
February 9, 2013	January 11, 2013	January 12–18, 2013
April 13, 2013	March 8, 2013	March 9–22, 2013
June 8, 2013	May 3, 2013	May 4–17, 2013



## SAT AND SAT SUBJECT TEST DATES 2012-13

Please check registration deadlines and register at: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Test</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
October 6, 2012	SAT and SAT Subject Tests	September 7, 2012
November 3, 2012	SAT and SAT Subject Tests	October 4, 2012
December 1, 2012	SAT and SAT Subject Tests	November 1, 2012
January 26, 2013	SAT and SAT Subject Tests	December 28, 2013
March 9, 2013	SAT Test only	February 8, 2013
May 4, 2013	SAT and SAT Subject Tests	April 5, 2013
June 1, 2013	SAT and SAT Subject Tests	May 2, 2013

# PSAT REGISTRATION



Juniors Begin Registration:       **9/10/12**  
Sophomores Begin Registration:   **9/17/12**  
Freshmen Begin Registration:      **9/24/12**  
**All Registration ENDS Friday, October 5, 2012**

The PSAT (non-qualifying) is **October 20** starting at 7:45 AM—bring your receipt and a picture ID! Go to the DV Bookstore to pay for your test, the testing fee is \$20. Please make checks payable to Desert Vista High School. Your receipt from the Bookstore and a photo ID will be required to check in on the day of the test. **If you do not have a photo ID you will not be admitted to the test.**

If you have questions please contact Amanda Domino at  
[adomino@tuhsd.k12.az.us](mailto:adomino@tuhsd.k12.az.us)



## STUDENT DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Our Security Staff has become concerned that procedures for picking up students are often being disregarded in the student parking lot at the end of the day. Security is looking out for the safety of your children, and over the years has created a system for parents to pick up their student in an efficient manner. It is not the perfect solution; however, the **SAFETY** of the children comes first! Trying to circumvent the system and avoiding Security directing traffic may result in an unfortunate accident. We want to be proactive in preventing any such mishaps. We ask for your patience and respect for our Security Staff as they are there for the safety of your children. Timing is everything, if you're coming before or when the bell rings at the end of the school day, you can expect delays. If you arrive 10 - 15 minutes later your experience will be vastly different and move much quicker. From the time the bell rings at 3:12 PM until approximately 3:30 PM when the lot is almost empty is 18 minutes. Staggering your pickup time will reduce everyone's stress and risk of mishaps.



## TEACHER APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

Approximately four times a year the teachers and staff are treated to desserts prior to their meetings. The Hospitality Committee would like to thank the DV families and friends who have been involved in this in the past. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Mrs. Shellie Wenhold is chairing this important

team of parents this year and would welcome your assistance. Items that will be needed include snacks, drinks and door prizes; the Committee will contact you through e-mail. If you are interested in helping please contact Deb Benedict, the DV School Improvement Steering Committee Leader, at

[dbenedict@tuhsd.k12.az.us](mailto:dbenedict@tuhsd.k12.az.us), or Shellie Wenhold at [shellie.wenhold@gmail.com](mailto:shellie.wenhold@gmail.com)

Thank you in advance for your support!



## EVIT TOUR 2012-13

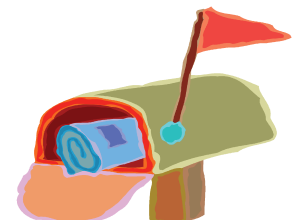
Considering taking an EVIT course next year? The Guidance Office has set up a tour for those students interested in EVIT for next year on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:15 - 11:30 AM. If your student is interested, please have them sign up in the Guidance Office. A permission slip is required, so plan ahead and sign up before November 13<sup>th</sup>.

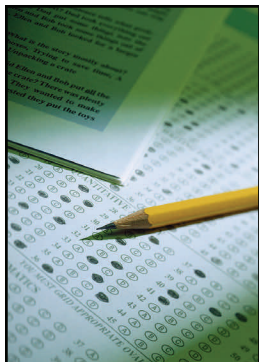


Desert Vista is proud to partner with the East Valley Institute of Technology.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS?

The Post Office will not forward school or district mail, so if you move, you need to provide the Attendance Department with your current utility statement reflecting your new address. Thank you!





## 2012 FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 19		Thursday, December 20	
Zero Hour	7:00 am to 8:15 am	Period 4/5	8:20 am to 9:35 am
Period 1	8:20 am to 9:35 am	Period 6	9:45 am to 11:00 am
Period 2	9:45 am to 11:00 am	Period 7	11:10 am to 12:25 pm
Period 3	11:10 am to 12:25 pm		

## EARLY OUT DATES, 2:12 PM

Students will be released at 2:12 PM on the following dates; lunch will be served on these days:

The 2012-13 early out days are:

August 15, 2012	October 17, 2012	January 30, 2013
August 20, 2012	October 31, 2012	March 6, 2013
August 29, 2012	November 14, 2012	March 20, 2013
September 12, 2012	November 28, 2012	April 17, 2013
September 26, 2012	December 12, 2012	May 1, 2013
	January 16, 2013	



## HALF DAYS, 12:15 PM RELEASE

There are two half days scheduled for Professional Development, on August 22, 2012 and February 13, 2013. Please note that **lunch is not served on those two half days.**

## SEMESTER ONE SCHOOL CALENDAR 2012-13

August 3	Friday	First day of school for freshmen
August 6	Monday	First day of school for all other students
September 3	Monday	Labor Day Holiday
October 5	Friday	End of first quarter
October 8-12	Monday-Friday	Fall Break
October 15	Monday	Start of second quarter
October 23-25	Tuesday-Thursday	State AIMS testing
November 12	Monday	Veterans' Day Holiday
November 22-23	Thursday-Friday	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 19-20	Thursday-Friday	First Semester Exams
December 21	Friday	Beginning of Winter Holiday





## COUNSELING OFFICE DUTIES 2012-13

In an effort to improve your ability to get in touch with your child's counselor, we have implemented a "telephone tree" system. Reach the Counseling Office by calling the school's main phone number at 480.706.7900, and press option number 5. The greeting will then prompt you to choose an option for the counselor. The option numbers immediately follow the names as listed below.

**Mrs. Amie Hickel** 1

Department Chair  
Class of **2013 Gifted Counselor**  
Freshman Thunder Day Coordinator  
AP Test Coordinator  
AA/AGEC Degree Coordinator

**Mr. Mark Kulik** 2

Classes of **2014/2115/2016 Gifted Counselor**  
Scholarship/Financial Aid/Facebook Coordinator  
Pre-College Program Coordinator  
AIMS Coordinator  
College Visitation Coordinator  
\*District Scholarship Coordinator

**Mrs. Chris Jones** 3

Counselor for **all grades A-C**  
Group Counseling Coordinator  
Rio Salado Team Member  
ECAP Team Member  
\*Curriculum Committee

**Mrs. Karen Hinds** 7

Class of **2013 & 2015 Counselor D-M**  
Homeless Student Liaison  
Freshman Thunder Day Team Member  
504 Team Leader  
Achievement Gap Team Leader (Native & African American)  
\*Special Olympics Coach  
\*Thunder Buddies Sponsor  
\*RTI

**Mrs. Kari Fischer** 5

Class of **2013 & 2015 Counselor N-Z**  
Rio Salado Team Leader  
Department Website Maintenance  
Department Technology Liaison/Data Collection  
\*AdvancEd

**Ms. Josephine Levy** 6

Class of **2014 & 2016 Counselor D-M**  
Rio Salado Team Leader  
Crisis Counselor  
Group Counselor  
AdvancEd

**Mr. John Matthews** 8

Class of **2014 & 2016 Counselor N-Z**  
NCAA Eligibility  
Military Liaison  
EVIT Liaison  
Stanford 10 Coordinator  
Group Counselor

**Mrs. Beth Lyon** 0

Counseling Department Assistant  
College Visitation Team Member  
Child Find Program Coordinator  
Facebook Administrator  
New Student Transcript Data Processing  
Counseling TA Coordinator

**Mrs. Diana Brown** 4

Career Technician  
ECAP Team Member

**Mrs. Helen Hale** 9

Tempe Social Services Counselor  
Support Group Facilitator

\*Additional Assignment

For more information [CLICK HERE](#) to visit the Counseling Department website.



## COLLEGE INFORMATION

Students: If you are having a difficult time deciding which college to attend or would just like more information on a college, you can attend presentations provided by college representatives.

To attend an event of interest to you, sign up in the Special Events Binder on the round table in the Counseling Office at least two school days prior to the event.

Be sure to check the Counseling Department [web site](#) and "like" our [Desert Vista Counseling Department page on Facebook](#), as new opportunities are continually added.



## COUNSELING DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE

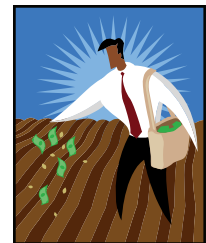
The Counseling Office hours are 7:30 am to 3:45 pm every day, with Counselors taking their lunch from 11:55 am to 12:30 pm. Students are always welcome to visit the department before school, after school and during their lunch period. Additionally, we invite you to "like" our [Desert Vista Counseling Department page on Facebook](#) for regular updates.



## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarship information and applications can be found on the Desert Vista Counseling Department website by [CLICKING HERE](#). Every scholarship opportunity Desert Vista receives is posted on this site. This site is

updated regularly. Seniors should check the site weekly; juniors, sophomores and freshmen should check every two weeks.



## NOTES FROM THE DV BOOKSTORE

If your students still have outstanding debt or books, please take care of this as soon as possible. The Bookstore staff can help you determine what remains outstanding on your students' records

If you have textbooks that you no longer need because of schedule changes, please return them as soon as possible as we may have other students who need those textbooks.

Senior Parents and Seniors: please remember that your student will not receive a diploma at graduation if they still have outstanding debt or books. Start early and keep up with this as the year progresses, so there are no surprises at the end of the school year.

Have a wonderful school year! Please let us know if we may assist you in any way.

Becky Salazar, Bookstore Manager

## 24-HOUR ATTENDANCE LINE

### 480-706-7906

Only parents or legal guardians may call the attendance line. Please call the Attendance Line and choose one of three options:

- Option 1 If the student needs to leave campus early and receive an off campus pass, please leave the following information: the student's name and student ID number, spelling the last name clearly; your name and relationship to the student; and the time and reason the student will be leaving campus. **It is imperative you state that the student is allowed to drive or walk off campus, or who will be picking them up. Students are to sign out through the front office before leaving campus.**
- Option 2 To report an absence or late arrival for a freshman or sophomore student please leave the following information: the student's name and ID number, spelling the last name clearly; the date(s) and reason for the absence; your name and relationship to the student; and a daytime phone number.
- Option 3 To report an absence or late arrival for a junior or senior student please leave the following information: the student's name and ID number, spelling the last name clearly; the date(s) and reason for the absence; your name and relationship to the student; and a daytime phone number.

**If you have questions regarding an attendance matter press 0.**

\*Excessive absences, (11 or more) excused or unexcused, may result in a loss of credit per class, per semester. Eleven absences in four or more classes may result in the student being withdrawn from school.

Desert Vista has implemented an automated calling system. If your child is marked absent in one or more classes, you will receive an automated phone call. If your child was absent, please call the appropriate attendance line option. If you think your child was marked absent in error, please have the student check with his/her teacher the following day.

Desert Vista is a closed campus. Do not call to request off campus passes for your children to leave for lunch. Students will not be released during their lunch hour unless picked up by parents or legal guardians. Please come in and sign the student out. Students are not to be picked up curbside.

Parents going out-of-town and leaving students in the care of a designated adult must provide the attendance office with a notarized statement with the caretaker's name and telephone numbers.

**In our attempt to keep classroom interruptions to a minimum and student learning to a maximum, instruction time will not be interrupted except in emergency situations. The front office staff will not be able to hold, take or deliver student items. However, we do understand that a student may forget some items, therefore a parent/guardian may wait in the front office until passing period whereby the front office staff will page the student. The parent will then be able to hand the items to his or her child.**

## DESERT VISTA DRESS CODE 2012-13

A dress code at Desert Vista has been established to promote a positive school environment. We want to provide the freedom for students to express themselves within the set of parameters listed below.

- Attire or accessories which advertise, display and/or promote any drug, alcohol or tobacco, sexual activity, violence, disrespect and/or bigotry towards any group or person are not allowed.
- Dress, jewelry and other accessories that present risk to the health, safety, and general welfare of the students, or which express obscenities, immodestly expose the chest, abdomen, legs or buttocks are prohibited. (No BBBB (breasts, bellies, backs or butts). Spaghetti straps, tube tops, halter tops, razor back or dresses without over-the-shoulder straps are not acceptable forms of attire. Low cut or see-through shirts, underwear worn as outerwear, tube tops, halter tops, tops that are low-cut, pants must pulled to hip level and secured tightly to ensure that undergarments are not exposed and that pants are not dragging on the ground, cut-offs, muscle tee's, spiked jewelry and/or wallet chains are examples of clothing which are not permitted to be worn at school.
- Shoes must be worn. House slippers or shoes with soles similar are deemed unsafe and not school appropriate.
- Sunglasses and hats may not be worn in the classroom.
- Pajamas are prohibited.
- No bandanas or doo rags are allowed at school or school activities.



On campus, the faculty, staff and administration have the responsibility to interpret and enforce this policy. The administration retains the final discretion to determine that the garment or accessory meets the dress code. Dress code policies will be displayed on and around campus.

Any student violating this policy is subject to disciplinary action including, but not limited to, warning, parent conference, in-school suspension, short-term suspension or long-term suspension. In addition, the student will remove the garment or accessory and replace it with an appropriate alternative provided by the school, the student, or the parent, depending upon the circumstances.

## CELL PHONE AND OTHER DIGITAL DEVICES POLICY 2012-13



In order to meet our goals, we have modified our school cell phone usage policy. We must minimize distractions if we are to maintain academic excellence. Cell phones will be prohibited during instruction time and between passing periods. Phones may be used before school, during lunch, and after school only. Students caught using their phones during those unauthorized periods will result in the phone being confiscated by staff or security personnel. The phone will be available for parent pickup only. If students do not follow school policies, they will be considered to be insubordinate and appropriate discipline will result. Students are encouraged not to bring iPods, paging devices, mp3 players, laser pointers, portable dvd players, headsets, cameras or video recorders, any game-playing device, CD players, or any personal electronic or digital music devices on campus. Lost or stolen cell phones or devices are the responsibility of the student. Bringing the item to school is at the students' own risk for loss/theft.

Desert Vista is not responsible for stolen or missing equipment and it is strongly encouraged that they not be brought to campus.

# SENIOR PHOTOS AND YEARBOOK RECOGNITIONS



## Yearbook

Yearbooks are on sale now in the bookstore for \$65. Reserve your copy today. Create the story of our year together with the Storm Yearbook staff! [ReplayIt.com](http://ReplayIt.com) is an interactive website that allows our school community to upload and share the most memorable photos from the year. Since the yearbook staff can't be everywhere at every moment, you can help everyone see DV from all perspectives. It's your chance to have more of you and your friends in the yearbook. Go to [ReplayIt.com](http://ReplayIt.com) and login to send your best photos directly to the Storm yearbook staff. Let's capture the best year of your life...in a book that last a lifetime. For more details, you can contact Mrs. Coro in A-156 or at [mcoro@tempeunion.org](mailto:mcoro@tempeunion.org).

## Senior pics

Lou Coopey's All Pro School Photography is the official yearbook photographer for the 2012-2013 year. The studio will photograph underclassmen at DV August 29 and 30 and all seniors at the studio through September. There is no sitting fee for the yearbook portraits, but packet information will be distributed by the studio for underclassmen and onsite for Seniors. Only All Pro Photography photos are used in the portraits section of the yearbook. Contact the studio at 480-830-5667 with questions and for deadlines.

## Senior Recognition Ads

Be sure to turn in your Senior Recognition Ads to the Storm Yearbook staff. Sizes include 1/8 page (\$85), 1/4 (\$150), 1/2 (\$250) and Full (\$425) page ads. The deadline for placing an ad is December 1, 2012. Pick up order forms in the Bookstore or front office. Contact the Storm Yearbook staff through the School Fusion Site or at [yearbook.dv@tempeunion.org](mailto:yearbook.dv@tempeunion.org) for additional details.



# ATTENTION SENIORS!

Desert Vista, Mountain Pointe and the Arizona High School/ College Relations Council present In-State College Night. Representatives from approximately 25 colleges and

universities will be present to offer information and answer questions about their programs. This event will take place at the Mountain Pointe High School Auditorium from 6:00 to 8:00

PM on Monday, September 24, 2012. Registration is not necessary. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the colleges and universities of your choice!

# NOTES FROM THE NURSE



As we approach the cooler months of flu season-remember that the seasonal flu and H1N1 vaccines are available at many local pharmacies, so you can immunize before it gets you and your family down.

Also, it is important that you remember that you SHOULD NOT send your child to school with temperature of 100.0 or higher. Keep your kids home when they are sick.

Please emphasize good hygiene. This means teaching them to cough/sneeze into their elbows, good hand washing habits and keeping their hands away from their faces.

The school has hand sanitizer placed in many locations around the campus. If you would like to donate bottles of sanitizer (or boxes of tissues) for the school's common areas or classrooms, please send them in to school with your students.

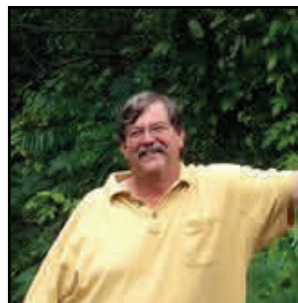
We are grateful for all you do to help us keep Desert Vista a healthy campus!

If you have any questions please contact our school nurse, Jean Kennedy.

# DESERT VISTA FORWARD

## DAN ZAVALETA HONORED BY CBS CHANNEL 5— PAYING IT FORWARD

Please congratulate Engineering and Technology Instructional Leader Dan Zavaleta on being a recipient of the Channel 5 "Paying It Forward" Award. On Friday, August 17, Dan was recognized by his nominating friend and Channel 5 for all of his hard work with DV's award-winning robotics team, the ongoing work he does in Fiji educating both teachers and students on sustainable energy, focusing on solar technology, and the water purification work he has done in poor Mexican communities. CBS Channel 5 gave Dan \$500 for him to use any way he'd like. Way to go, Mr. Z!



## KRIS RADEMACHER-GOROVITZ RECEIVES 2012 BARTLETT MERIT AWARD

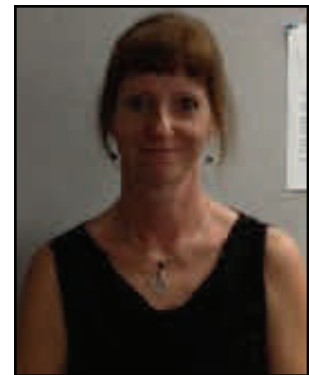


Kris Rademacher-Gorovitz, one of Desert Vista's amazing Science teachers, has been honored with the 2012 Bartlett Merit Award.

The Richard C. Bartlett Environmental Education Awards annually recognize outstanding middle and high school teachers who successfully integrate environmental education into

their curriculum and engage students in interdisciplinary solutions to environmental challenges. The awards recognize educators who can serve as an inspiration and model for others.

As a Merit winner this year, Ms. Rademacher-Gorovitz will receive a \$750 award. Congratulations, Mrs. Rademacher-Gorovitz!



# *Fifth Annual Dig Pink in Tukee*

**Coming Thursday, October 25th, 2012**

Come watch competitive girls volleyball teams as the Desert Vista Thunder take on the Mountain Pointe Pride. All teams will play for the win and the fight against Breast Cancer. The two school teams will make a donation to the Side-Out Foundation, a non-profit organization supporting Breast Cancer Awareness and education.

**Desert Vista High School Gymnasium  
Freshman 4:00 PM • Junior Varsity 5:00 PM • Varsity 6:00 PM**

**Students and Parents: here's how you can get involved in this worthy cause:**

Come to the match and **WEAR PINK**

Purchase Raffle Tickets & Win some Great Prizes!

(We are looking for donations of sports memorabilia, travel opportunities, gift cards, gift baskets and more...)

**Become an Event Sponsor**

(Sponsorship Opportunities starting at \$50.00)

**Make a Donation at**

<http://www.digpinkintukee.com/>

The Side-Out Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit, #20-251-0044

Questions: contact Lauren Sperry at 602-614-5892 or [KLKsperry@cox.net](mailto:KLKsperry@cox.net) or

Tiffani Kinghorn at 602-329-9980 or [tiffanikinghorn@cox.net](mailto:tiffanikinghorn@cox.net)

**Visit: [www.thundervolleyball.com](http://www.thundervolleyball.com) for the  
Girl's Thunder Volleyball Schedule!**



## MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS INFORMATION

If due to loss of housing and/or economic hardship, you must live in a shelter, motel, vehicle or campground, on the street, in abandoned buildings or trailers or other inadequate accommodations, or doubled up with relatives or friends because you cannot find or afford housing, then according to the McKinney-Vento Act, you may be considered homeless.

**Your children have the right to:**

- Go to school, no matter where you live or how long you have lived there. You must be given access to the same public education provided to other students.
- Continue in the school they attended before becoming homeless or the school they last attended, if that is your choice and is feasible. The school district's local liaison for homeless education must assist them, if needed, and offer them the right to appeal a decision regarding their choice of school if it goes against their wishes.
- Receive transportation to the school they attended before they became homeless or the school they last attended, if they request such transportation.
- Attend a school and participate in school programs with students who are not homeless. Students cannot be separated from the regular school program because they are homeless.
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address. Schools cannot require proof of residency that might prevent or delay school enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for the transfer of school and immunization records or any other documents required for enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes in the school of their choice even while the school and you seek to resolve a dispute over enrollment.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children served in these programs.
- Receive transportation to school and to school programs.

~~STUDENTS~~  
NINE  
RIGHTS  
FOR  
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## WATER BOTTLE REFILL STATIONS AVAILABLE ON CAMPUS

Three water stations are available on campus for use in refilling water bottles. One is in the gym lobby, one is in front of the nurse's office and there is one in the cafeteria. Remember, students can bring water into our campus buildings. Fountain drinks, power drinks, coffee and anything other than water are not allowed in the hallways, classrooms or library. While we want to be certain our students increase their environmental sensitivity and remain hydrated, we also want to continue to be conscientious of the upkeep of our school. For more information on these water stations click on this link: <http://www.green-talk.com/2010/08/31/elkays-ezh2o-water-refill-station-the-end-of-plastic-water-bottles/>



## TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS/RECORDS

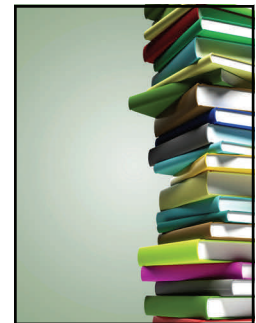
Seniors, in order to obtain an official transcript please go to [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com). Once you register, you can then send your transcripts electronically wherever you need them to go. The parchment website also offers students college search information as well as an assessment of the student transcript in relationship to the colleges they would like to attend. Students can also see how their changes of admission could differ if they were to improve their GPA and/or SAT. All classes 9th thru 12th can access a history of student grades through parent/vue and student/vue, if they need an unofficial transcript.

Please contact Mrs. Sheila Thomas at 480-706-7945 with any questions. The hours for the DV Records Department are 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM.



## LIBRARY/MEDIA CENTER

The Library will be open at 7:15 AM each day and close on regular school days at 3:45 pm. The facility will close shortly after the final bell on early release days. Usage during school hours will require a teacher-signed pass. No food or drink (with the exception of water) is allowed in the Library or the computer labs. The Library will be open during lunch time for students who need to work on school-related projects and assignments. Any other activities such as playing games or socializing must take place in other designated areas on campus that remain open during lunch time. We will continue to adhere to the fire code capacity, and as such, students will be advised that if they are not doing school-related work and/or we are at or nearly over capacity, they will be asked to leave the Library to make room for students who are waiting to enter to do school work. We thank everyone for their continued support and understanding. Please contact Mrs. Christine Barela if there are any questions about these policies.



## ENGLISH DEPARTMENT NOVEL CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

The English Department has over 20,000 copies of novels that students at every grade level check out for reading and study during their novel units. English teachers bring their classes to the Library to check novels in and out, resulting in automatic tracking of late or lost books, making the whole process easier on the teachers! Students must return their previously-used novels in order to get the next one. Please help your students remember to turn in their completed novels so they can obtain the next one without delay. Additionally, lost books must be paid for in the Bookstore before another may be checked out.



## SITE BASE COUNCIL

The Site Base Council is an elected council who meet at 7:00 PM on the second Monday of each month in the Administrative Conference Room.

We work closely with the school administrators providing guidance and input on issues vital to the success of the school. We assess the needs of the school and community, determine the most pressing needs, and set priorities for action. While voting membership is by

appointment only, attendance is open to all.

### 2012-2013 Council

Deb Benedict – Teacher and Chair  
 Anna Battle—Principal  
 Anita Welch—Teacher  
 Angie Kaufman—Certified Staff  
 Jackie Karras—Altadena Liaison  
 Josh Jolin—Altadena Liaison  
 Mike Dignan—Akimel Liaison  
 Shellie Wenhold—Teacher Appreciation Committee Chair

Amy Whiteley—Parent  
 Dave Faulkner—Parent  
 Mary Kay Carpten—Parent  
 Patti Benster—Community Member  
 Mel Hannah—Community Member  
 Katie Green—Student  
 Mitch Hammer—Student Body President  
 Kylie Hrabe—Speech & Debate Representative

*Please keep in mind latex balloons will not be allowed on campus or at public events. We have students on campus who are severely allergic to latex. Mylar balloons are fine.*



## SITE BASE COUNCIL AWARDS

Each quarter the Site Base Council accepts nominations to recognize the outstanding contributions of a teacher, a classified staff member, a student and a parent or member of the community. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access the nomination form and submit your nomination to Mrs. Anna Lee, English Department Aide, or Mrs. Deb Benedict, Site Base Council Chair.



## ADVANCED TEAM

The AdvancED Team is made up of Desert Vista staff volunteers working to ensure Desert Vista's continued accreditation and continuous improvement. The team meets on Thursday mornings. The team led the DV staff through the accreditation process and a highly successful visitation, resulting in a perfect score. The members are continuing to work on DV's four target areas, which were chosen based on staff input, data collection and analysis over past years. The four Target Areas are Technology, Writing incorporating spelling, Spirit, and Critical Thinking.

The mission and vision statements, which are posted in each classroom, are:

**Mission: Desert Vista inspires a community of learning by demonstrating excellence in academics, arts, and extra-curricular activities.**

**Vision: We strive for excellence by engaging our community, promoting accountability, fostering responsibility, and encouraging life-long learning.**

All departments, administration, and classified staff members are represented.

Representation:  
 Amy Whitely - Paraprofessional  
 David White - English  
 Ryan Tolman - Foreign Languages/Spanish  
 Jim Snow - Security  
 Jeanne Scanlan - Science  
 Elizabeth Pease - PE/Dance

Katrina Montoya - English  
 Michele Lucas - Social Studies  
 Josephine Levy - Counseling  
 Lorena Knox - Special Ed.  
 Maggie Fountain - Foreign Languages  
 Stacey Foster - Business  
 Kari Fischer - Counseling  
 Cassandra Cline-McKenzie - Science  
 Mark Byrne-Quinn - Math  
 Darcy Boggs - English  
 Deb Benedict - English  
 Anna Battle - Administration  
 Christine Barela - Administration  
 Sharon Alva - Student Services



## SCHOOL DANCES

We will be having two dances this year, Homecoming and Prom. The administration would like to share with parents and students some guidelines for dances at the school. Students must show a current Desert Vista identification card to be permitted into a dance. Students are not allowed to leave and re-enter a dance under any circumstances. Guests are permitted with proper paperwork and prior approval from the Activities Office—the administration will post guest pass information three weeks prior to each event. Guests must have a guest pass and picture identification card to enter the dance. Guests cannot be in Middle School/Junior High School and must be under the age of 21. Students are limited to one guest. Lighting in

the gym will include the security lights at both ends of the gym regardless of the indirect lighting provided by the DJ. No suggestive or lewd dancing will be allowed. We will not allow behavior at dances that should be embarrassing to students and their families. No lap dancing will be tolerated. Any students dancing inappropriately will be asked to leave and will be banned from future dances. Purses, bags, clothing and vehicles can be searched for items you may not bring into a dance. Items such as drink containers, water bottles, or any item that may contain an illegal substance will not be allowed inside the gate. Students who arrive under the influence will be referred to the on-duty officer, parents will be notified, and they will

be subject to a minimum ten-day off-campus suspension. They also may lose their privileges to attend future school dances. We want school dances to be fun and memorable; a positive experience for all students. Dances start at 8:00 pm and end promptly at 11:00 pm. If you are picking up your son or daughter, please pick them up at 11:00 pm.

### Dance Schedule:

October 20—Homecoming  
Theme is Hollywood  
May 4—Prom  
Theme and Location to be announced at a later date.

## HOMECOMING IS OCTOBER 20



## RENAISSANCE FAST FACTS 2012-13 SCHOOL YEAR

Q: What is Renaissance?

A: It is a program that recognizes academic excellence.

Q: How?

A: Students who are eligible will receive a gold or silver card (based upon GPA). These cards can be used for:

- Discounts on student parking (Gold only)
- Discounts on selected student activities
- Student give-aways
- One final exam exemption (Gold only)
- Reduced admission to sponsor-selected, administration approved activities

Q: What are the qualifications to receive a card?

A: Must be a full-time Desert Vista student for at least one semester

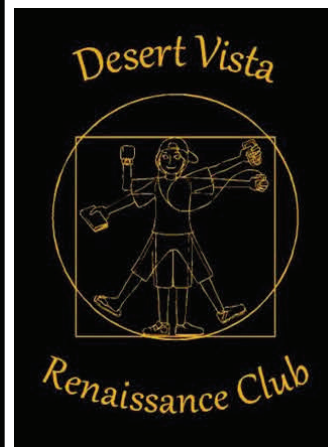
Gold: GPA of 3.833-4.00

Silver: GPA **between** 3.677-3.833

Q: Based on semester or quarter grades?

A: Quarter grades. We are using 4th quarter of second semester of the previous school year GPA, or the 2nd quarter grade of the current school year, not semester.

If you don't receive a card and think you should have, see Ms. Elliott or Ms. Cheviron in the Library or Mrs. Wade in the Math Office.





# The American Cancer Society's 2013 Ahwatukee Relay For Life

**When? Saturday, April 13**

**Sunday, April 14**

**1:00 PM until 7:00 AM**

(Teams may begin arriving at 10:00 am)

**Where? Mountain Pointe High School Stadium**

**What? Entertainment, food, opportunity  
to be a hero!**

**Sign your team up—website opens January 1, 2013**

**([www.relayforlife.org/ahwatukeefoothills/az](http://www.relayforlife.org/ahwatukeefoothills/az))**

**Theme: *"A Road to the Cure"***

**Your team can decorate your campsite and wear costumes representing a state, country, or just as a typical tourist group.**

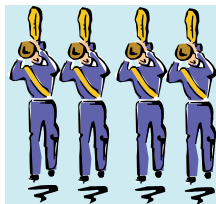




## NEW FBLA CLUB ON CAMPUS

Are you interested in making new friends, competing with other members across the nation, receiving scholarships, giving back to the community, improving your leadership skills and speaking skills?

Then check out Desert Vista's FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) chapter. Meetings will be held on Tuesday mornings in Room C-232 at 7:45am.



## DVHS BAND SCHEDULE

Desert Vista is proud to announce the fall schedule for the reigning two-time State Champion Marching Band. In addition to the following schedule, the Marching Band performs at half-time of our home varsity football games. You will find our fall sports schedule on page 24—please come out and support our musicians.

- Thursday, September 27 - Fall Band Concert (Free) in the Dr. Joe McDonald Auditorium
- Saturday, October 20 - ASU Band Day (P.M., TBA)
- November 3, ABODA State Marching Festival (Semi's) @ DV Stadium! (all-day) (DV - P.M., TBA)

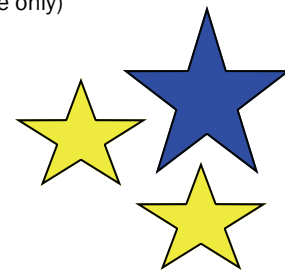


## THEATER PERFORMANCES

Enjoy an evening at the theater! The Desert Vista Theater Troupe will be presenting the first play this season, "Everybody Loves Opal" by John Patrick. The comedy is known as "A prank in three acts." The performances will be Wednesday, September 19th and Thursday, September 20th at 7:00 pm and Friday September 21st at 4:00 pm in the Black Box Theater A-174. There is a \$5.00 admission charge for all performances; staff are free.

## DESERT VISTA SPEECH & DEBATE CALENDAR

September 28–29	SWSDI/Brophy (Congress & Debate only)
October 19–20	Red Mountain
November 2–3	Mountain View
November 16–19	Glenbrooks
Nov. 30–Dec. 1	Winter Trophy
February 1–2	Central
February 15–19	Harvard
March 14–16	State
March 23	National Quals Congress
April 5–6	National Quals Speech/Debate
April 15 & April 19	Rotary
June 8–15	NFL Nationals

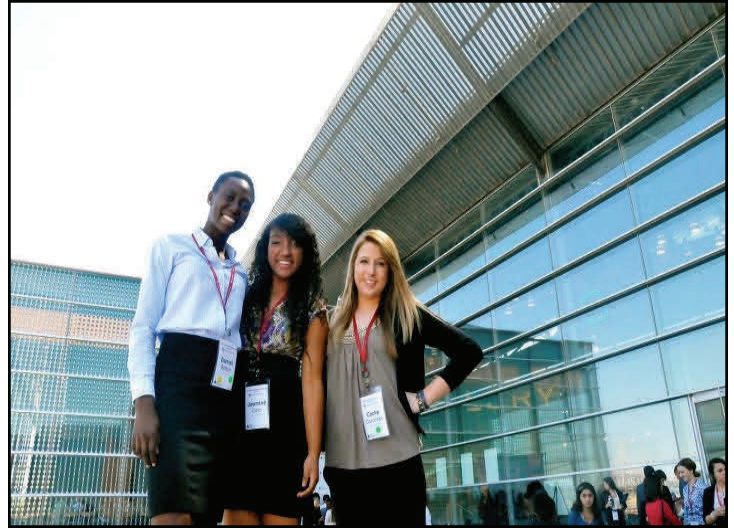


# BUSINESS LAW CLASS LEADS TO CHALLENGES

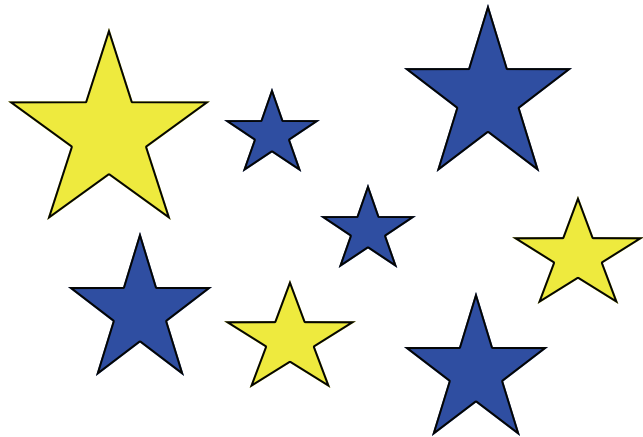
BY DAMALI BRITTON

At Desert Vista I found out that there are over a 100 electives you can take. Classes range from ceramics to anatomy. There is an elective for everyone. Though there is a class for each student, there is not always room. Space becomes a problem when more than half the students are all trying to get classes like ceramics and film study. As an underclassman, the odds are even less in your favor. Due to limited seating in a second semester film study class, I was put in Business Law. Honestly I did not want to take the class. I had always liked business, but a Business Law class seemed too intense for me. It did not take long for me to realize how wrong I was. I was introduced to different aspects of the business spectrum and the legal world. The field trips, guest speakers, and the mock trial all made me realize how much I loved business. Through Business Law I was able to pursue my interest in the business field. Mr. O'Keefe, our Business Law teacher, introduced me to many of DV's business clubs and competition opportunities. It was at one of

these events that I heard about the mock trial competitions. I was talking to a girl from Mountain Pointe and she told me about the Teen Court program she was a part of, and she told me how it was run. I was amazed to learn that the judge, lawyers and jury were all students. I had done mock trials in class, and I enjoyed recreating court cases and playing out the scenarios. It got me thinking, "What if there were more programs like Teen Court?" I started looking for programs in Phoenix. After some review, I came across the Arizona High School Mock Trial Program sponsored by the Arizona Foundation for Legal Services and Education. I did some more research about who can compete and how to enter a team. I then began coming up with ways to make my dream a reality. I recruited kids from my Business Law class and my business clubs. Mr. O'Keefe agreed to sponsor us, and I got my step-dad to fund our team. Now we prepare to take on the state and earn our way to the national team. I am glad I took Business Law and recommend it to everyone.



Damali Britton, Jasmine Coro and Carlie Corcoran at a Junior Achievement competition.



## EVENTS CALENDAR/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note that our current events calendar is located on the school's website. You stay up to date on what's happening at DV by clicking [HERE](#) or on the logo to the right. Please come out and support all of the amazing students at DV in their extra-curricular endeavors!

Additionally, daily announcements are accessible on the home page of the School's web site— and by [CLICKING HERE?](#)



## UNDERSTANDING THE LANGUAGE OF MONEY

This summer at the Arizona Career and Technical Education State Conference, two of Desert Vista's business teachers did more than attend—they were guest presenters. Paige Peterson and Bernie O'Keefe provided other business teachers from across the state information regarding their methods for teaching financial ratios. The title of their course was "Understanding the Language of Money." Mr. Peterson and Mr. O'Keefe believe every student, especially business students,

need to understand the concepts of liquidity, profitability and solvency. Their focus was on effective teaching strategies that help students understand the fundamentals of financial ratios. They also emphasized ratios used for businesses also apply to individuals in their personal life. Both teachers teach Advanced Business Marketing at DV. In addition Mr. Peterson teaches Accounting and Financial Math, and Mr. O'Keefe teaches Financial Planning/Investing, Business Law and Entrepreneurship.



Bernie O'Keefe and Paige Peterson.

## BUSINESS CLASSES MAKE \$ENSE DESERT VISTA BUSINESS PREPATORY

Desert Vista business students are heading into another exciting and challenging semester. Looking to the business year ahead, students will compete at state levels in Deca, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and Junior Achievement's (JA) Stock Market Challenge and You're Hired. Entrepreneurship students will be selling their products on Market Day with the hopes of making big bucks. Notable highlights will include capturing a fifth straight championship at JA's Stock Market Challenge, last year's Business Law students take on their first state wide Mock Trial competition, and our FBLA is in a resurgence mode, looking forward to experiencing what their events have to offer. Market Day is always a fast-paced business opportunity. Student Entrepreneurs will try to surpass business profits from previous years. The Computer Applications and Trends in Technology class will launch their new

multi-media section. In future years it will be these business students who will run our economy. All our business teachers are qualified to teach at the college level and courses with Rio Salado dual credit opportunities include Advanced Marketing, Business Internship, Entrepreneurship, Computer Applications and Technology, Accounting, Financial Planning and Investment, Business Law, Multi Media, and Web Design.

The department welcomes Matt Russo and Kristin Thomas to our staff. Both bring real world business experience to the department and a Highly Qualified certification in Economics. Matt and Kristin have jumped right into extracurricular activities. Matt filled the varsity Girl's Golf coach position and Kristin is now the club sponsor for FBLA. Please welcome Matt Russo and Kristin Thomas to DVHS.



Market Day for Fun and Profit.

# FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

Refer to <http://www.aiaonline.org/> for directions and venues, as well as game date and time changes.

### Varsity Football 7:00 PM

8/18 H Palo Verde (NV)  
@ U of Phoenix (7pm)  
8/24 @ Mesa  
9/7 H Mountain Pointe  
9/14 @ Westwood  
9/21 H Corona del Sol  
9/28 H Saguaro  
10/5 @ Hamilton  
10/12 H Mesquite  
10/19 H Dobson  
10/26 @ Chandler

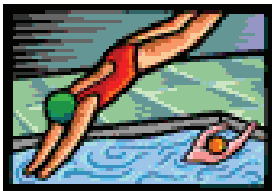


### JV Football 6:00 PM

8/29 @ Mesquite  
9/6 @ Mountain Pointe  
9/13 H Westwood  
9/20 @ Corona del Sol  
9/27 @ Saguaro  
10/4 H Hamilton  
10/18 @ Dobson  
10/25 H Chandler

### Freshman Football 6:00 PM

8/29 H Mesquite  
9/4 @ Mesa (B Game, 6pm)  
9/5 H Mountain Pointe  
9/8 @ Chandler(B Game, 10a)  
9/12 @ Westwood  
9/15 H Corona (B Game)  
9/19 H Corona del Sol  
9/22 @ Marcos  
9/27 H Saguaro  
9/29 @ Brophy (B Game)  
10/3 @ Hamilton  
10/10 @ Perry (B Game, 6p)  
10/17 H Dobson  
10/20 H Mtn View (B Game)  
10/24 @ Chandler



Times and Locations are subject to change.

### Golf-Boys Home @ Club West 3:30 PM

8/20-22 @ Ahwatukee Cup  
8/23 @ Casa Grande, Hamilton, Perry  
8/31-9/1 @ Brophy Invite  
9/4 H Desert Ridge, Perry, Casa Grande  
9/7-8 @ Antigua Invite at McCormick Ranch  
9/11 H Casa Grande, Mt. View  
9/18 @ Skyline, Mesquite, Queen  
9/19 @ Higley, Williams Field, Basha  
9/27 H Combs, Skyline  
10/2 @ Desert Ridge, Notre Dame  
10/5-6 @ Dobson Invite  
10/12-13 @ Ridge Invite (Flagstaff)  
10/16 H Marcos, Tempe  
10/18 H Marcos, Tempe  
Tempe City @ Ken McDonald  
10/29-30 State Championships at Aguila

### Golf-Girls Home @ Foothills Golf Club 3:30 PM

8/22 H Xavier, Dobson  
8/27 H Corona, Cesar Chavez  
8/29 @ Corona, Marcos  
9/5 H McClintock, Westwood  
9/12 @ Mountain Pointe, Marcos  
?? @ Tempe Invitational  
9/19 @ Desert Ridge, Chandler  
9/24 @ Marcos, Tolleson  
10/1 H Dobson, Mesa  
10/5 @ Casa Grande, Skyline



### Varsity/JV Volleyball 5:00/6:00 PM

8/25 Scrimmage(6-8pm)  
8/28 H Hamilton  
8/29 H Dobson  
9/4 H Chandler  
9/6 H Vista Grande  
9/11 @ Mountain Pointe (V)  
9/12 @ Mesquite  
9/18 H Corona del Sol  
9/19 H Gilbert  
9/20 @ R. Mountain  
9/25 @ Chandler  
10/2 @ Hamilton  
10/3 H Maricopa  
10/4 @ Corona del Sol  
10/16 H Mountain Ridge  
10/17 @ Xavier  
10/23 @ Dobson  
10/25 H Mountain Pointe

### Girls Cross Country

8/25 H Intra-squad Meet (6:30 am)  
9/8 @ Chandler Invite (Tumbleweed)  
9/22 @ Ojo Rojo (Tumbleweed)  
9/28 @ Twilight Meet (Toka Sticks 5pm)  
10/13 @ Conoly (Rolling Hills)  
10/19 @ Tempe City (Kiwanis)  
10/20 @ Mt. Sac (V) (Mt. Sac, CA)  
10/28 @ Sectionals (Freestone Park)  
11/3 @ STATE (Cave Creek G C)  
11/17 @ NIKE Regionals (Toka Sticks)



### Badminton 4:00 PM JV/V

8/28 @ Corona  
8/29 @ Dobson  
8/30 @ Xavier  
9/4 H Millinneum  
9/7 @ Chandler  
9/11 H Mountain Pointe  
9/12 H Corona del Sol  
9/18 @ Mountain Ridge  
9/19 @ Chaparral  
9/20 H Dobson  
9/25 H Chandler  
9/26 H Hamilton  
9/27 @ Hamilton  
10/3 @ Mountain Pointe

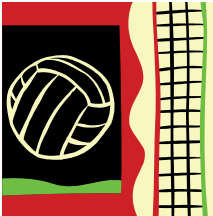
### Swimming 4:00 PM W. Chandler (Kyrene) Pool

8/30 @ Corona del Sol  
9/6 H Mountain Pointe  
9/12 H Brophy/Xavier  
9/15 @ Chandler Wolves Invite  
??? @ Brophy Invite  
9/20 @ Mesquite  
9/24 H Hamilton  
?? @ Speedo Invite (Tucson)  
10/4 H Red Mountain  
??? H Mesa Mnt View  
??? @ Mesa Last Chance Meet  
??? Tempe City Meet  
10/27 @ Brophy/Xavier Last Chance  
11/3-4 State Meet  
Home @ West Chandler Pool



### Freshman Volleyball 4:00 PM

8/28 H Hamilton  
8/29 H Dobson  
9/4 H Chandler  
9/6 H Vista Grande  
9/12 @ Mesquite  
9/18 H Corona del Sol  
9/19 H Gilbert  
9/20 @ R. Mountain  
9/25 @ Chandler  
10/2 @ Hamilton  
10/3 H Maricopa  
10/4 @ Corona del Sol  
10/16 H Mountain Ridge  
10/17 @ Xavier  
10/23 @ Dobson  
10/25 H Mountain Pointe



### Boys Cross Country

8/25 H Pat Quinn Run  
9/1 @ Sole Sports RZ CC Festival (Silverado Golf Course, 8am)  
9/8 @ Chandler Invite (Tumbleweed, 8am)  
9/15 @ Woodbridge Invite (Irvine, CA)  
9/22 @ Ojo Rojo (Tumbleweed, 8am)  
9/28 @ Desert Twilight CC Fest (TokaSticks, 5pm)  
10/13 @ Doug Conley Invite (Kiwanis, TBA)  
10/19 @ Tempe City Meet  
10/26 @ Sectional Champ (V, Freestone TBA)  
11/3 @ State Championship (Cave Creek Golf Course)  
11/17 @ Nike Cross National Regions (TokaSticks Golf Course, TBA)

Updated 8/27/12  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE



# ELECTRONICS RECYCLING AT DESERT VISTA

To increase sustainability efforts on campus and raise money to further these efforts, we are having an Electronics Recycling Drive. To participate, simply place your student's name on the item(s) you wish to recycle and place it inside the designated bin in the front office OR send it with your student to place them in the bin. Please bring your items by November 2.

What we will collect:

- Cell Phones
- Laptops/cords\*
- Desktops\*
- Monitors (Flat Panel)
- Audio Equipment
- DVDs & Video Games (In Cases)
- Flat Screen TVs
- Gaming Consoles
- Digital Cameras
- Media Players
- Tablets\*
- E-Readers
- Printer ink cartridges will also be collected and will be contributed to the DV Spirit Line collection drive.



Look for more **SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS** Throughout the year

\*How do you handle personal data on the devices?

"When any device is received we immediately erase all personal information from the device by a team of technical specialists. In addition, any hard drives received are wiped clean to Arizona Standards." ("You Change")

Questions?

Please contact Kris Rademacher-Gorovitz at [radtch@g.com](mailto:radtch@g.com) or [krademacher@tuhsd.k12.az.us](mailto:krademacher@tuhsd.k12.az.us) (Sustainability Team Leader).

# SPIRITLINE COLLECTING INK CARTRIDGES FOR RECYCLING

Desert Vista's Spiritline is collecting used printer ink cartridges of all shapes and sizes for re-cycling. Please place used cartridges in the box provided in the front office, or in the boxes you will see placed around campus. This is a year-long effort and the Spirit Line wishes to thank you for your support and participation. Please contact Mary Proulx at [mproulx1@cox.net](mailto:mproulx1@cox.net) with any questions.





## GRAD NIGHT 2013

Dear Parents of 2013 DVHS Graduates,

One of the annual activities that makes high school graduation an even more memorable, safe and entertaining event for our seniors is Grad Night. We are still looking for a parent (or parents) of a graduating senior to step up in a leadership role for this important event in 2013. If you are interested in discussing what this involves, or in serving on the committee in any capacity, please email [dvhsthunderboard@gmail.com](mailto:dvhsthunderboard@gmail.com).

**What is Grad Night?** It is an all-night celebration which begins immediately following commencement when buses transport graduates to a safe and fun location for the all-night celebration. In recent years the event has been held at [Octane Raceway](#), formerly known as F-1 Raceway. The event has also included:

- Professional entertainers such as magicians and sketch artists
- Sports Activities
- Live Music
- Dancing
- Prizes
- Lots of food...and more!

**Who puts it all together?** Volunteers serve on the Grad Night Committee, which is part of the Thunder Board, a 501(c)3 organization. That means all contributions are tax deductible, but it also means that everything to make the night a success depends completely on donated time and resources.

**Why? To keep kids safe.** Nationally, statistics show more alcohol-related accidents and fatalities occur on high school graduation night than any other time of the year. Grad Night not only provides a safe alternative, but also a safe and fun way to spend one more night with their classmates and friends.

**What does it cost to attend?** The goal has been to maintain the \$100 per person cost for Grad Night. We want students and families to be aware of the cost early, so budgeting priorities can be managed well in advance.

**Why is it important for you to get involved with Grad Night now?** Fundraising is always a challenge. We rely on businesses to provide sponsorships, gift certificates, prizes and more. As we all know, these are challenging times for businesses and families in our community. The sooner we have a team on board, and the sooner we know what level of support we have from the friends and families of our graduates, the more flexibility we'll have in planning.

Please consider helping with this important event. Let's keep our Grads safe!

## KEY CLUB BLOOD DRIVE TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18



Desert Vista's Key Club will host its first blood drive of the year on Tuesday, September 18. Once again partnering with United Blood Services, our Key Club blood drive will be from 7:00 AM through 11:30 AM in the school's Small Gymnasium. Anyone who is 18 or over may sign up to donate, and students 16 or 17 years of age can sign up with a signed parental consent form. Key Club members will be in the cafeteria each day until the day of the drive with sign-up information, or you may contact John Olson at 480-706-7972, or visit [www.BloodHero.com](http://www.BloodHero.com) (sponsor code: Thunder). The Key Club welcomes parents and community members to join us in this important endeavor. *"Find the hero in you, donate three times a year!"*

## DUAL ENROLLMENT/AP INFORMATION

Desert Vista provides two different programs that allow students to either earn college or waive university coursework. Please use the following websites, also found on the Counseling Department's website, to determine how colleges and universities treat these classes:

Dual Enrollment-- [https://az.transfer.org/cgi-bin/WebObjects/Admin\\_CEG.woa/8/wo/bMR55Ep2IjkVLzf4vmTn50/2.3](https://az.transfer.org/cgi-bin/WebObjects/Admin_CEG.woa/8/wo/bMR55Ep2IjkVLzf4vmTn50/2.3)

AP Credit Policy-- <http://collegesearch.collegeboard.com/apcreditpolicy/index.jsp>

## SCHOOL GRADE AND WEBSITE LOG INS

Q: Why two logins?

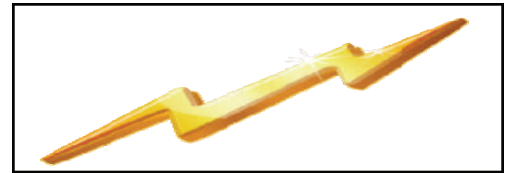
1. The Online Grade Link at the top of the school website goes to ParentVue and StudentVue, which are programs for viewing student grades. They also store other student information serviced by the district through a program called Synergy, including: addresses, phone numbers, emails etc. If you haven't received your activation key for ParentVue you can either come into the front office to pick it up or call and have it mailed to you.
2. The school website, School Fusion, is used to access school, teacher, classroom, sport and club information. For help on the school website, and to see a Power Point about how to use the site go to the Website Help Page and to register as a parent on the school website, go to the Parent Website Registration Page.

Q: Why should you register as a parent on the school website?

You can access your student's classes and teachers through the parent "Dashboard's" - "My Family" link, check their classroom calendar for homework, and use the site message system if you don't have an email address. You will also receive daily digests from the system that give you updates that pertain to your student. Registering on the site also allows you to join sport and club pages and then receive their updates through your registered email account.



# CHEER CLINIC



Learn cheers, chants, jumps and dance from the DV Spiritline! All participants will be invited to perform at the half-time of a DV Varsity Football game. **Who:** All students in grades Pre-K through 8. **When:** Saturday, September 8, 2012 from 1:00 to 3:30 PM. Registration begins at 12:30 PM. Performance will be on Friday, September 21, 2012 during half-time of the varsity football game. **Where:** DVHS. **Cost: \$30 for pre-registration, \$35 walk-in.** \$5 discount for sibling registration. Fee includes: instruction, cheer clinic t-shirt, poms, souvenir photo, refreshments, and admission for one adult to attend the football game. Forms may be turned in to a cheerleader; turned in at Desert Vista; or mailed to **T. Woolgar, 14830 S 13th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85048.** Checks should be made out to Desert Vista Spiritline. Pre-registration is highly recommended. Mailed forms should be postmarked by August 31, 2012 to be eligible for pre-registration, or turned in no later than September 5, 2012. Anything after this date will be welcomed as walk-in. **Any questions?** Please feel free to contact **Tammie Woolgar** at 602-478-4178 or [twoolgar1@cox.net](mailto:twoolgar1@cox.net), OR **Mary Proulx** at 480-577-3598 or [rproulx1@cox.net](mailto:rproulx1@cox.net).

## Registration Form

**Payment:** cash \_\_\_ /Ck.# \_\_\_\_\_ **DV Cheerleader Name** \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Any medical difficulties/limitations that we should be aware of: \_\_\_\_\_

Any allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Medical Information

Physician's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital Preference: \_\_\_\_\_

Cheer Clinic t-shirt size: Youth S \_\_\_ Youth M \_\_\_ Youth L \_\_\_ Youth XL \_\_\_  
 Adult S \_\_\_ Adult M \_\_\_

**\*\*I acknowledge the above person is a willing participant in the Cheer Clinic presented by Desert Vista Spirit Line. I release Desert Vista High School, DVHS Spiritline, and DVHS Spiritline Boosters from liability and understand that I or my personal medical plan will be responsible for any injury incurred during participation in this clinic and on the performance night.**

I give my consent that any pictures taken during the game and or clinic may be used in the newspaper reporting school events or advertising upcoming cheer clinics. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Participation \_\_\_\_\_

# HOMECOMING TAILGATE, OCTOBER 19, 2012

We are changing things up this year. Instead of the annual carnival, we are doing a tailgate before the game. There will be free food from Honeybears BBQ, some games and a corn hole competition. It will be held from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm the parking lot before the Homecoming Game on Friday, October 19th.

## Homecoming Tailgate



## PEST CONTROL INFORMATION

Desert Vista has regularly scheduled PEST CONTROL services on the second Monday of each month. Please note this date on your calendar if your student(s) has/have sensitivity to the chemicals.



## TAX CREDIT DONATION

State law allows Arizonans to contribute up to \$400 to public schools for extra curricular activities, and then deduct that amount directly from their state income taxes through a tax credit. Contributions must be post-marked by December 31 of the year to which you want to apply your tax credit. Individuals and couples filing

jointly may take advantage of this tax credit. A maximum of \$200 can be deducted per individual tax return, or couples filing a joint return may deduct a maximum of \$400. You must have a receipt from your school to submit with your taxes. You may visit the Desert Vista Bookstore where a receipt will be provided, or

[CLICK HERE](#) to print a copy of the form. If you choose to mail the form with your check to the Desert Vista Bookstore (at 16440 South 32nd St., Phoenix, AZ, 85048) a receipt will be mailed to you.

