From the Principal, Mr. Williams

Incredible Desert Mirage Community,

It is hard to believe that 2021 is drawing to a close. I know that at the beginning of this school year we had all hoped for a greater sense of normalcy. As we approach Winter Break, I am proud that as a community we have done an excellent job adapting and working as fluid partners to navigate various circumstances. This year has not been easy for many as a great number of our Desert Mirage families have been impacted in one way or the other.

With the start of the new quarter, we are excited for students and staff to return and set outstanding personal goals for student and staff achievement. We encourage parents and guardians to speak to their scholars about goal setting.

Goals should be attainable, but just out of reach. This strategy supports your child to push him/herself to meet the new challenge as opposed to just doing what is “comfortable.”

Break it down (the 5Ws) to support goal setting:

Here’s where the 5 Ws (and how) come in, which will help break down how your child can achieve goals.

**What**: What does your child want to do?

**How**: How will your child do it?

**When**: When will your child do it?

**Where**: Where will your child do it?

**Who**: Who are the people that can help?

**Why**: Why is this goal important for your child?

Arizona Tax Credit
A Great Option For Our Families!

We would love your assistance and support! As the end of this calendar year approaches, a great option for our parents and guardians is to consider participating in the Arizona Tax Credit Program to support our Desert Mirage scholars. The Arizona Tax Credit Program 43-1089.01 allows each taxpayer to donate up to $200 per year to public schools and up to $400 if married and filling a joint tax return. That money can then go directly to Desert Mirage and at the same time reduce your taxes by the amount donated.

According to the law, this money must be designated for extracurricular activities that supplement the educational program. For more information and to give to the tax credit program, please visit [www.pesd92.org/taxcredit.html](http://www.pesd92.org/taxcredit.html)
Desert Mirage is a STEAM School!

Desert Mirage is proud to provide rigorous learning through Project Based Learning (PBL) opportunities in each grade level. STEAM education provides learning opportunities that engage learners in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics. Please speak with your child’s teacher about how they are incorporating PBL into their instruction.

Desert Mirage STEAM Academies

Kindergarten– S.P.A.R.K
Sensory, Patterns, Analytics, Rhythms, and Kinetics
1st Grade– Bobcats on Broadway
2nd Grade– Amazon Future Engineers
3rd Grade– Amazon Future Engineers
4th Grade– Energy, Conservation, & Efficiency
5th Grade– Leadership and Arts
6th Grade– Architecture Planning & Construction
7th Grade– Next Level Leadership– Innovation, Design, & Entrepreneurship
8th Grade– Health, Medical, & Forensic Sciences