

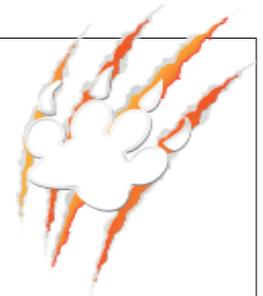
Bobcat Buzz

DESERT MIRAGE ELEMENTARY
8605 West Maryland Avenue - Glendale, AZ 85305

623-772-2550

Attendance:

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Principal

March 2021

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Desert Mirage Community,

Thank you for the amazing opportunity to continue to work together to maximize learning during this time of online instruction. We know that the challenges presented with the current pandemic and the hurdles we must all overcome to ensure that students are successful require a great deal of adjustment and sacrifice.

Recently you had the opportunity to speak with your child's teacher during Family/Teacher Conferences. During this time, your teacher spoke to you about attendance, participation, work completion, and goals for your child. We encourage you to continue to set goals with your child and communicate with their teacher regularly about their academic, social, and emotional success.

Thank you for your continued support. We are Bobcat Brave!

Standardized Testing

Currently, AZ Merit 2 (AzM2) and other statewide assessments, such as AZELLA and AZSCI, are still scheduled to be administered in Spring 2021. While there are state requirements related to the federally required administration of statewide assessments, the authority to cancel the administration of statewide assessments lies solely with the federal government. At this point, the federal government has not issued a waiver, and all students must be tested even if they are participating in distance learning.

Please support your student's success by ensuring that students are maximizing learning time leading up to the testing season by limiting absences and communicating with your child's teacher about how they can be most successful. It is extremely helpful for your child to be engaged and participating in classroom discussions and learning activities.

Detailed testing information will be shared through Class Dojo, School Messenger, and by classroom teachers.



Please call the ATTENDANCE LINE to report an absent student. [623-772-2565](tel:623-772-2565)

Calendar of Events

March 2021

3/2 Governing Board Meeting
please tune in to see Desert Mirage students highlight our K-8 STEAM Academy

3/15 - 3/19 Spring Break

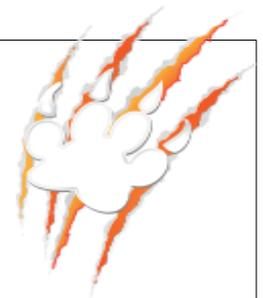


Monitor your child's academic progress with Parent Vue. Contact the Desert Mirage office to obtain your Activation Key letter to create your account.

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER
Desert Mirage Elementary School
Mr. Fedorow, School Counselor: rfedorow@pesd92.org
March Topic: Respectful Disagreement

Respectful Disagreement Skills

- Keep Calm
- Use Active Listening
- Consider (think about) the other persons perspective (view)
- Explain your view clearly
- Act nonjudgmentally

It all starts with staying calm!
When we are calm, the thinking part of our brains work better to listen, and think of good solutions to our problem.

We will disagree with others in life, what is important is how we work through it.

Counseling Referral Forms: > District Website > Schools > Desert Mirage > Our Staff > Counselor Name > Counselor Site > How May I Help You

Online Programs

Your child has access to a variety of online programs to support their learning. Please contact your child's teacher to inquire how these programs are being used in their instruction.

CAPIT- CAPIT is our K-2 phonics curriculum. Teachers incorporate CAPIT into their daily instruction. K-2 students should be completing multiple CAPIT lessons each day.

Lexia- Personalized literacy lessons for all K-8 students. Lexia lessons can be done at the student's own pace and should be practiced each day.

Imagine Math- K-8 personalized math lessons and support that are used to supplement instruction. Students are encouraged to use Imagine Math regularly.

Study Island- Standards-based instructional activities in ELA, Social Studies and Science.

Meal Distribution

A reminder and strong encouragement to utilize our meal distribution at DM. Pick up times are from 6:30am-7:45am and 10:30am-12:30pm. Please park and walk up to the cafeteria doors. Meals are free for all students up to age 18. You also have the option of picking up breakfast and lunch at the same time. Please remember that you must wear a mask at all times. Bus Stop deliveries are listed below:

DM Stop 1 N 93 Ave between Coyotes Blvd & Maryland Ave @ Apt Entrance

DM Stop 2 Shamrock Mobile Home Park

Thank you!