



DESERTFOOTHILLSNEWS

Home of the Scorpions • The higher we climb, the better the view!

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Hello, DF Families!

Happy April! As we enter the final months of the school year, we will be administering the AASA state assessments. These assessments are an important opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning and progress. Please take note of the following testing dates:

- AASA writing: April 1
- AASA ELA part one: April 3
- AASA math part one: April 8
- AASA ELA part two: April 10
- AASA math part two: April 15

We encourage students to get plenty of rest, eat a healthy breakfast and arrive on time each testing day to set themselves up for success. Your support at home makes a tremendous difference!

As we continue through this final stretch of the school year, let's keep encouraging our students to finish strong. Thank you for being an essential part of our school community.

Do you follow us on Facebook and now Instagram? This is a great way to stay connected to the campus, stay informed with information about upcoming events, and see what fabulous things are going on in our classrooms!

Instagram: desertfoothills_wesd

Facebook: Desert Foothills Junior High

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns.

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Thank you for your time, efforts and partnership with DF!

Go, Scorpions!

Shannon Gray

Eighth grade promotion is Tuesday, May 20. It will be held in the Desert Foothills gymnasium.

Team Eclipse & Team Suns
9:15 a.m.

Team Phoenix & Team Wolves
10:45 a.m.

APRIL BREAK

No school

Friday, April 25

Track and Field Meets

April 7 Moon Valley H.S.

April 17 Cortez H.S.

May 1 Greenway H.S.

YEARBOOK NEWS

The 24-25 yearbook has been submitted for printing! Pre-ordered yearbooks will be delivered toward the end of May. There's still time to pre-order your yearbook. The cost is \$35 payable to school or online at yearbookforever.com



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The art class is in need of supplies for projects. See the list of items below. Donations can be dropped off in the front office.

Newspaper
ELMERS glue
Baby Wipes
Plastic Table clothes



State Testing

Desert Foothills students will be taking the state AASA test soon! Testing will take place during the weeks of April 1–15. Attendance is very important during the fourth quarter to ensure that students are receiving important instruction, as well as to complete these required state assessments.

Schedule as follows:

Grade	Test	Date
Eight	AzSCI Science	March 25, March 27, March 28
Seven & Eight	AASA Writing	April 1
Seven & Eight	AASA ELA	April 3 & April 8
Seven & Eight	AASA Math	April 10 & April 15

State testing is coming up! You will want to mark that down on your calendar and have your child present at school on these days. The AzSCI science test will be on March 25, 27 and 28 for eighth grade students. Additionally, we will administer the AASA writing on April 1, reading part one on April 3, reading part two on April 8, math part one on April 10, and math part two on April 15. Please make sure that your student has a good night sleep and a healthy breakfast before testing. Studies show these steps improve student-testing results, and we all want our students to perform well!

Girls Softball

April 1 CH vs DF
(AT GREENWAY H.S.)

April 7 MS @ DF

April 8 RP @ DF

April 10 DF @ PV

April 14 DF @ RP

April 15 DF @ CH

April 21 DF @ MS

April 22 PV @ DF

Tournament and championship dates April 28, April 29 and May 1 to be played at DF, Teams TBD.

Congratulations to our 2025 National Junior Honor Society Inductees! NJHS recognizes those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, citizenship and character. Way to go!

Adalyn H.
Adam J.
Aden J.
Adin G.
Aiden W.
Aiden M.
Alissa N.
Alyssa R.
Amaya H.
Aria S.
Asani S.
Bennett Q.
Camden H.
Chantal A.
Charli B.
Connor L.
David C.
Dominic I.
Dominic T.
Emily B.
Evan B.

Evander K.
Gonzalo M.
Izaak Y.
Jasmine B.
Jesi V.
Justin C.
Kahlan V.
Kaylyn G.
Kimberly C.
Kylee C.
Leah A.
Lilliana D.
Lorelei B.
Narjes A.
Noah G.
Noor A.
Orion M.
Riley B.
Rylee D.
Vicki G.
Vivian P.

It is the Mission of Desert Foothills School to ensure high levels of learning for each student. Through mutual respect within the total school community, our children will grow and learn in a positive atmosphere where staff, students, and parents together are enthusiastic about the teaching and learning process.