



DESERTFOOTHILLSNEWS

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

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Hello, DF Families!

Happy New Year! I hope that each of you had a restful and joyful holiday season! As we step into 2025, let's begin with a successful and fulfilling second half of the school year. This is a time for fresh starts and new opportunities, and I encourage everyone to continue working hard and striving for excellence in everything you do.

For our eighth-grade families, this semester is a particularly significant milestone, the final stretch of middle school! Promotion season will be here before we know it, and I know it's an exciting and bittersweet time. Please be on the lookout for important information regarding eighth grade promotion, which will be sent home in mid-January. We look forward to celebrating this major accomplishment with you in the coming months.

Do you follow us on Facebook and 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

SPELLING BEE NEWS

Congratulations to Alana R., our DF Spelling Bee Champion. She will compete in the WESD Spelling Bee this month. Hats off to all our spelling bee participants, including Allison E. for earning a spot as alternate.

Congratulations to the eighth-grade boys basketball team on their district championship win!

Girls Basketball

1-21 PV @ DF
1-27 DF @ RP
1-28 CH @ DF
1-30 DF @ MS
2-10 DF @ PV
2-13 RP vs DF
(AT GREENWAY HS)
2-18 DF @ CH
2-21 MS @ DF

Tournament and Championship dates are
2-24, 2-25 and 2-27, teams TBD.

**Seventh grade game time is 4:45 p.m.
and eighth grade start time is 6 p.m.**



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Governing Board: Jenni Abbott-Bayardi • Bill Adams • Kyle Clayton • Lindsey Peterson • Tamillia Valenzuela
Dr. Paul Stanton, Superintendent

Boys Soccer

1-27 DF @ RP

1-28 CH @ DF

1-30 DF @ MS

2-10 DF @ PV

2-13 RP vs DF

(AT GREENWAY H.S.)

2-18 DF @ CH

2-21 MS @ DF

2-24 PV @ DF

Tournament and championship dates are
3-3, 3-4 and 3-6, teams TBD

All games start at 4:45 p.m.

**ALL DF HOME GAMES ARE PLAYED
AT CONCOCIDO PARK**

15645 N 31st Ave. Phoenix

(Except for 2-13, that home game
will be played at Greenway High School.)



There is still time to
pre-order your yearbook.

The cost is \$35. Orders may be dropped off with
Mr. Drewis in room B-118 (exact change please), or
you may order online at yearbookforever.com

Attend Kindergarten Open House on Jan. 28

In the WESD, the joy of learning begins in kindergarten! Please join one of WESD's 27 locations for Kindergarten Open House on Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2025, from 5 to 7 p.m.! This will be a great opportunity for you and your child to learn about the incredible WESD kindergarten program, meet dedicated teachers, explore engaging classrooms, receive important information about the KidSpace childcare program, transportation services and school meals, and so much more! If you know someone who also has a child turning five before Sept. 1, 2025, we encourage you to share this exciting opportunity with them! We hope you can be there!

**ASA will resume on January 27.
Information with all of the details
will be sent home soon.**

Support Our Students with a Tax Credit Donation

Start the new year on a positive note by supporting our students with a tax credit donation! By making a tax credit donation, you can directly impact our students' education and reduce your state tax liability (up to \$200 filing single or \$400 filing jointly).

Your donation also provides our students with opportunities to participate in field trips, and succeed in extracurricular activities by funding items such as uniform replacements, equipment, and stipends for coaches and sponsors. Donating is simple! You can either visit our school office to complete a tax credit form or make your donation online at

<https://bit.ly/3Ao6nZ7>.

We appreciate your support!

Attendance Line

602-896-5521

To report your child absent, you can call
24/7 and leave a message on our
attendance line.

UPCOMING EVENTS NEXT MONTH

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

EARLY RELEASE SCHEDULE February 4-7

VALENTINE'S DANCE February 6