



DESERTFOOTHILLSNEWS

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

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Note from the Principal

Hello, DF Families!

Thank you to those of you who joined us for our fall Parent/Teacher Conferences! As we look ahead to the final two months of the semester, please be communicating with your student's teachers about grades, behaviors and attendance. The holidays are a busy time, but student attendance is pertinent!

Second quarter also means boys basketball and cheer season! Please be aware that all student spectators must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to any sporting event. Thank you for your support!

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.

- Phone Number: 602-896-5500
- Email: shannon.gray@wesdschools.org

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

Shannon Gray

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Veterans Day

No school November 10-11

Thanksgiving Break

November 27-28

Hearing and Vision Screening

November 17

Reminder to students, bring your eyeglasses this day.

Picture Retakes

Tuesday, November 18

Please note only students that were absent or were enrolled after the original picture day will be called to have their picture taken. If you purchased a picture packet in August and are not satisfied with the picture, return the packet to the school office so your child can be called down for a new photo. If you would like to order a new picture packet, you can visit dorianstudio.com to order a new picture packet. Please notify the school office at 602-896-5500 that you have done so, so we can add your child's name to the list of students to call down to have their picture taken this day.

STUDENT COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

**DF's Student Council will be holding their annual toy donation drive for Phoenix Children's Hospital. They will start accepting donations in December. Items donated need to be new and unwrapped.
We thank you for your support.**

Boys/Girls Cross Country Meets

11/20 @ Moon Valley Park

Meets start at 4:30 p.m.

Moon Valley Park is located at 502 W. Coral Gables Dr.

**12/6 WESD Cross Country Championship Meet @ ASU West
Championship meet time is TBD.**

Boys Basketball Schedule

11/06 PV vs DF @ Greenway HS

11/13 RP @ DF

11/17 DF @ CH

11/18 DF vs MS @ Thunderbird HS

11/24 DF @ PV

11/25 DF @ RP

**Seventh grade game starts at 4:45 p.m., eighth grade games at 6 p.m.
12/1 thru 12/4 tournaments and championship games, locations and
teams TBD.**

Girls Soccer Schedule

11/06 PV vs DF @ Greenway HS

11/13 RP @ DF*

11/17 DF @ CH

11/18 DF vs MS @ Lookout Mountain ES

11/24 DF @ PV

11/25 DF @ RP

***Note all DF home games are held at the Conocido Park
Games start at 4:45 p.m.**

12/1 thru 12/4 tournaments and championship games, location and teams TBD.

YEARBOOK

Your time for pre-ordering a yearbook for the cost of \$30 is running out. The cost will be going up to \$35 in January. You can order online at www.yearbookforever.com or send money and order form to Mr. Drewis in room B-118.

A Message From Our District Office

No School Nov. 10-11 for Veterans Day

Please be advised that there will be no school on both Monday, Nov. 10, and Tuesday, Nov. 11, in observance of Veterans Day. School and regular office hours will resume on Wednesday, Nov. 12. We extend our sincere gratitude to all veterans for their dedicated service and sacrifice.

Supporting the Success of Military-Connected Students and Families
We are proud to support our military-connected students and families within our school community. We recognize the unique challenges faced by children of active-duty service members and are committed to providing a welcoming and supportive environment for them. Whether you're a military family new to the area or a guardian caring for a student while their parent is deployed, our staff is here to help. Please reach out to our school social worker or front office to learn more about the resources and support available.

Give Back to Our School This Season with a Tax Credit Donation
This season of giving, please consider making a tax credit donation to our school. Your contribution makes a direct and meaningful impact on our students by supporting field trips, extracurricular activities, uniforms, equipment and stipends for coaches and sponsors. Tax credit donations can also reduce your Arizona state tax liability — up to \$200

if filing single or \$400 if filing jointly. Please visit our school's front office to complete a tax credit form or donate online at <https://bit.ly/3Ao6nZ7>. Thank you for supporting our students and school.

Attendance Line

602-896-5521

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