



**We Believe!**  
**We Achieve!**  
**We Succeed!**

January Newsletter

Dear Families and Community,

We hope everyone had a blessed and relaxing winter break! We are extremely thankful for all the tax credit donations that were submitted to provide extra support for our students in 2017. With these important funds, we are able to send 6<sup>th</sup> grade students on a wonderful culminating experience called "Dragons in the Canyon", provide food to students through our snack pack program facilitated by the Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona, and offer many more programs and experiences that benefit our students throughout the year.

Please communicate with your child about setting goals to have a positive and successful experience in the spring semester at school. It is important to continue to quiz math facts and read with your child on a consistent basis so we can make the best impact on student achievement. We continue to encourage all of our families to volunteer at least one hour per academic quarter on campus in some capacity to support our students. Field trips, science fair assistance, and facilitating a small group of students through a teacher modeled mini-lesson are all ways to get involved. Over the first semester we logged over 389 volunteer hours. We are extremely grateful for everyone who participated consistently in our classrooms. However, we look to get more parents involved throughout the spring semester. Contact your child's teacher today!

Provided for your review are the upcoming events for January and the beginning of February where your participation is always encouraged:

- Honor Roll Assembly: Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:15pm
- Dragons of Character Assembly: Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:15am
- PTO Meeting: Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm in the Library

Wishing you a Happy New Year in 2018!  
Lyle Dunbar, Principal



# January 2017 Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	
<b>7</b>	Dibels Testing <b>8</b>	Dibels Testing <b>9</b>	Dibels Testing <b>10</b>	Dibels Testing <b>11</b>	Dibels Testing <b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
	SECOND SEMESTER BEGINS: CLASSES RESUME!!!  Choir 2:30 Cheerleading 6-9 MPR	Football: A Team @ Laguna  Site Council 5-6  Boy Scouts 7-8 MPR	Karate 6-9 MPR	Lap-A-Thon Assembly 9:00  Football: B Team Laguna @ Davis  GAP Dinner 4:15	Report Cards go home!  Honor Roll Assembly 8:15am	
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
	Civil Rights Day: No School	Football: A Team @ Centennial  Boy Scouts 7-8 MPR	PTO Meeting 2:30pm  Karate 6-9 MPR	Football: B Team Centennial @ Davis  GAP Dinner 4:15	Dragon of Character/ Gold Card Assembly 8:15 MPR	
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
	100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School Fire Drill 12:50pm  Choir 2:30 Cheerleading 6-9 MPR	3 <sup>rd</sup> Gr to Tubac  Boy Scouts 7-8 MPR  School Board 6:00	3 <sup>rd</sup> Gr to Tubac  Karate 6-9 MPR	GAP Dinner 4:15	Lap-A-Thon during Specials Times	
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			
	Science Fair  Book Fair  Choir 2:30pm Cheerleading 6-9 MPR	Science Fair Book Fair  Science Fair Open House 5:00pm  Boy Scouts 7-8 MPR	Science Fair  Book Fair  Karate 6-9 MPR	 www.thelearningite.info		



## GRADE LEVEL NEWS



### Kindergarten

Happy New Year!

We hope you had a nice and relaxing Winter Break! In reading, we will be learning letters Oo, Ll, and Hh. We will begin learning about story setting and continue to use graphic organizers as a tool for understanding. Please continue to read with your child every night to build fluency in their reading.

- The Kindergarten Teachers

### First Grade

Welcome back Dragons! We hope that you all had a wonderful, well-rested winter break. It is time to kick it into high gear for the last half of the school year. We will be celebrating the 100th day of school this month so please be on the lookout from your classroom teacher for more details. We will be having a family math and science night from 4:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. on January 30th. We will be playing fun math games and engaging in STEM projects, as well as, answering any questions about our new math curriculum. Please continue to read nightly and practice our weekly sight words, as they are tested every week.

Happy January

First Grade Team

### Third Grade

Welcome back! Hope you had a restful and wonderful holiday break with your family! We are jumping back into the swing of things right away. Be sure to look for field trip information and check your child's planner nightly. We will be continuing with our expectations that homework is turned in everyday completed and on time. Remember to be studying math facts and doing your chapter book reading homework every night. Contact your teacher with any questions or concerns!

Your Third Grade Teachers



## **Fourth Grade**

Happy November 4th Grade Families!

Please see below for important announcements:

- Field Trip- Please look out for our next field trip permission slip form. All field trips are earned based on good behavior and completed work. We will be passing out Christmas Cash as an incentive program and students will need to “pay” for the field trip using their the Christmas Cash they earn.
  - Parent Portal- Please continue to check Parent Portal for updated grades and for missing work to complete. Progress reports will be sent home mid-November.
  - DAP- DAP 2 testing will begin at the end of November. Please make sure your child is getting enough sleep, eating breakfast, and attending school on time.
  - Turkey Trot- November 22nd will be the 2nd Annual Turkey Trot. We look forward to a fun and healthy day!
  - Days off-
    - o November 10- Veterans Day
    - o November 23-24- Thanksgiving Break
- We always appreciate your support and understanding throughout the year. Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher with any questions or concerns.
- 4th Grade Teachers

## **Fifth Grade**

Dear 5th Grade Families,

We hope everyone had a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season. School resumes on Monday, the 8th. Thursday the 11th at 9:00 is our Lap-A-Thon assembly. Friday, the 12th at 1:15 is the Honor Roll Celebration. In addition, Friday, the 12th, all students will bring their 2nd Quarter Report Cards home. Please sign the envelope and return to school the following Monday morning. Friday the 12th is the District Spelling Bee. There are three fifth grade students from Davis participating this year! There is no school on Monday the 15th in honor of Civil Rights Day. There is a Dragons of Character Assembly in the MPR at 8:15 on Friday the 19th. All Science Fair Projects are due by Wednesday, the 24th. There will be a PTO New Year’s Fun Run Raiser on Friday the 26th at 10:10 on the track. The Homer Davis Science Fair Night is the 30th at 5:00 in the MPR. There will also be a Math Night for 5th grade in the classrooms from 5:30-6:15 on the same evening. Thank you for reading for at least 20 minutes daily and practicing your math facts regularly.

-Ms. Binkow, Mr. Hensley, and Mr. Van Derlaske

## **Sixth Grade**

Happy New Year!

The 6th grade team is looking forward to a fantastic 2018 with your kids.

Please remember the importance of your child reading each night and how it greatly affects their success in test scores. Also, now is the time to get serious about getting those Enliven hours finished. Students are required to complete 4 hours of community service, have maintained their grades, and have demonstrated good behavior in order to attend the Grand Canyon field trip. If students did not finish their Science Fair project, they are ineligible to attend the trip.

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher.\

We look forward to an awesome 2018!

Sincerely,

6th Grade Team



# Specials Area News



## Music

Dragon Choir starts up on Monday, January 22nd after school. New members may join at this time as long as they are in 4th, 5th or 6th grade.

2nd grade has begun work on their Rodeo Show music; we perform on February 15th. Please watch for permission slips and information letters!

4th grade students should continue practicing their recorders, as the number of recorder “belts,” or songs passed, will be the number of songs played at our concert in March. Ask your child to play for you! Its great practice, and they love showing what they know!

~ Ms. Thrush

## Library



Happy New Year to all! We have many new books in our library courtesy of DD's Discount Stores, come check them out!

## PE

## DRAGON SPORTS

Flag Football is off to a great start and here are the games for January. Go Dragons!!!! Be ready girls the next sport coming is girls’ basketball with Coach Powers...

### A Team

Tuesday Jan.9<sup>th</sup> - Home vs. Laguna

Tuesday Jan.16<sup>th</sup> - Home vs. Centennial

### B Team

Thursday Jan.11<sup>th</sup>- @ Laguna

Thursday Jan.18<sup>th</sup>-@ Centennial



## Yearbook Pre-Order Form

Yearbooks can now be pre-ordered for \$15.00. Please fill out and tear off the order form below and send it, along with a check made out to *Homer Davis Elementary* to the front office ASAP. Credit/Debit card purchases must be paid for in the front office. Please see Mrs. Carson. Yearbooks will be given out in May.

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Student's Last Name

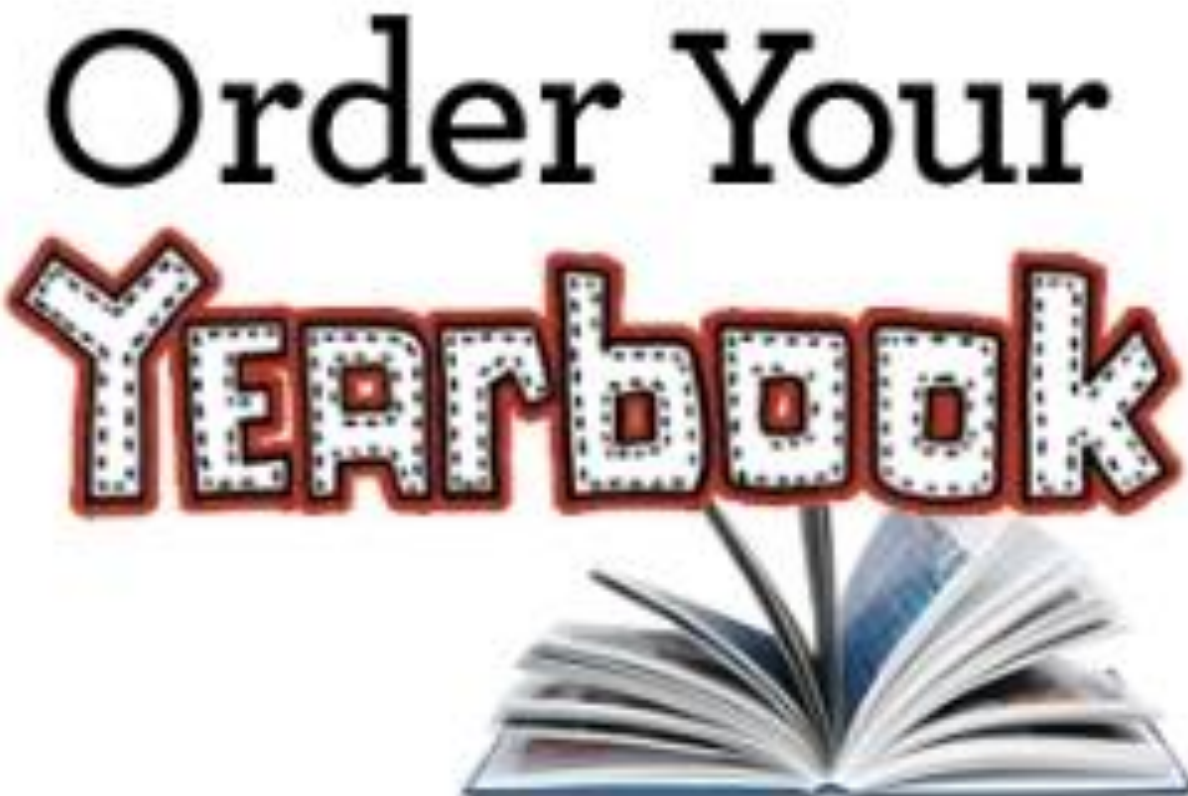
Student's First Name

Grade

Teacher's Name

Make check payable to Homer Davis Elementary

For Office Use Only: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Credit/Debit \_\_\_\_\_





## **HOMER DAVIS SCIENCE FAIR JANUARY 31ST!**

If your child is in the 4th, 5th or 6th grade, he or she has been working on a science fair project over the past couple of months. **Please see your student's teacher for deadline dates.** Set up for fair begins in our MPR on Monday, January 30th. Judging will take place Tuesday, January 31st during school hours. **Open house for parents and the community will take place Tuesday evening from 5:00 to 6:00 P.M.** Hope to see you there!

Students have begun the scientific inquiry process by questioning and creating a hypothesis to answer their question. They have researched their topics and run experiments to test their hypothesis. Now the students will begin to analyze their results and begin to draw conclusions. During the last few weeks, each child will begin to document their science fair project on a display board provided by the school. A science fair guide booklet and/or folder has been provided to each student to help them complete their project. All students will need to return this booklet to their classroom teacher this month.

Please assist your children as they complete the steps in the scientific inquiry process, but remember this project is to be completed by the student. Since the majority of this work is to be **completed at home (5th and 6th graders)**, they may need help organizing their projects and meeting deadlines created by their teachers. If you have any questions, we will be happy to answer them for you.

Kate Schladweiler & Jule Abeytia

2017 Homer Davis Science Fair