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September 2017 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Families,

We are off to a very smooth start to the 2017-18 school year at Homer Davis. Whether you are a returning Dragon family or new to our school, I can assure you that our team works very hard each day to create a personalized learning experience for every child. Each grade level's curriculum is being driven by the Arizona College & Career Readiness Standards. Daily lessons are created and delivered following district provided curriculum maps. As we begin the new school year, please help your child be the best they are capable of becoming by:

- Reading 20 minutes each night
- Volunteering in your child's classroom
- Practicing and mastering grade level math facts
- Completing homework assigned Monday through Thursday
- Being on time to school and preventing absences (School begins- 7:55 & Ends- 2:10)
- Following the PeaceBuilder Rules
- Taking pride in our school and respecting others
- Utilizing Power School Parental Portal to monitor student grades (3rd-6th)

As you may be aware, the federal government has reauthorized the Elementary and Secondary School Act (ESEA). The reauthorization has mandated several changes in Title 1 schools with an increased effort to inform parents. I am writing to let you know of some of your rights under ESEA. Under ESEA, you can request information concerning the professional qualifications of your child's teacher(s). To be more specific, you may request any of the following information, at a minimum:

- * Whether your child's teacher meets Arizona teacher qualifying and licensing criteria for the grade level or subject area which the teacher teaches;
- * Whether your child's teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status from the State Dept. of Education;
- * The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher;
- * Whether paraprofessionals (teacher aides) provide any services to your student and, if so, you may request information on the qualifications of those individuals.

If you would like to request information about ESEA, please contact me at 696-8251 or by email at lyle.dunbar@fwusd.org. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to give me a call or email. Teamwork is the key to our success! I look forward to working with you as a team to provide the best possible education for our students.

Lyle Dunbar

Principal



September 2017 Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					DOC Assembly 8:15	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Labor Day No School	Picture Day Pizza Lunch w/Principal Girls' VB A Team Hendricks @ Davis	Cookie Dough Orders Due Pizza Lunch w/Principal Karate 6-9 MPR	½ Day Picture Day!!	STUCO Assembly 12:30 Girls' VB B Team @ Hendricks	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Choir Cheerleading 6-9 MPR	Girls' VB A Team Richardson @ Davis Boy Scouts 7-8 MPR	PTO Meeting 2:30 Library Karate 6-9 MPR	Girls' VB B Team @ Richardson	Cookie Dough Delivered	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Dap Testing Choir Cheerleading 6-9 MPR	Dap Testing Girls' VB A Team @ Douglas Boy Scouts 7-8 MPR	Dap Testing Karate 6-9 MPR	DAP Testing Girls' VB B Team Douglas @ Davis	DAP Testing	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Choir Cheerleading 6-9 MPR	Girls' VB A Team @ Laguna Boy Scouts 7-8 MPR	Site Council 2:30 Karate 6-9 MPR	Operation School Bell Girls' VB B Team Laguna @ Davis		



GRADE LEVEL NEWS



Kindergarten

Our kinder classes are off to a great start! We appreciate all of your cooperation in helping our little ones learn the school procedures. In the morning, all kindergarteners need to go directly to the playground or to the cafeteria to eat breakfast. We encourage all family members to say a short goodbye and leave quickly to prevent long, tearful goodbyes. Dismissal is at 2:00 p.m.

Please remember Picture Day is Thursday September 7th. This is also our first half day so please be sure to pick up your love bug at noon.

Thank you so much to those who have donated Ziplock baggies, tissues, crackers and snacks!

Thank you for everything!

The Kindergarten Teachers

First Grade

Dear First grade families,

We are off to a great start of the year. Please remember that your child's homework grade is dependent on twenty minutes of reading every night! Please read every night and record it on the reading log. In addition to reading students need to practice sight words (green flash cards) and spelling, words (yellow flash cards). Important dates to remember last day to sell Cookie Dough is September 6, Picture day is September 7, Half day September 7, progress reports will go home September 8, and Cookie dough will be delivered to your child September 15.

Have a great September, and happy reading!

First Grade Team.

Second Grade

Hello Second Grade Families,

What a great start to the year! Thank you so much for all the classroom donations and for working to complete your child's weekly reading log. Don't forget we have Picture Day coming up on Thursday, September 7th. Keep working on reading strategies at home! We look forward to a great start of the year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. McCain, Ms. Kiecolt, & Mrs. Howe



Third Grade

We are all excited to have our wonderful Homer Davis Dragons back after a restful summer. All of our third graders have come ready to learn! To learn, we must practice, so third graders can expect homework every night, Monday through Thursday. It is very important that homework be turned in on time! Homework is due the day after it is assigned. Third grade students should be responsible for their own homework, and should complete the homework as independently as possible. Reading every night is part of the homework—third graders should be reading 20 minutes every day and parents can be asking questions about what they read. We have a new math curriculum and the students will be working through math investigations to learn the standards. Please encourage your children to be practicing addition, subtraction, and multiplication math facts as much as possible and explaining their work for math. This will greatly help their math skills! Ask your children what they are learning each day after school! We are investigating Earth Materials and they should have many new vocabulary words to share with you!

-Third Grade Team

Fourth Grade

Happy September 4th Grade Families!

Thank you to those who attended Parent Night! We enjoyed meeting our students' families. Please see below for important information and updates:

- Field Trips- We will be going on our first field trip during the week of October 9th to Old Pueblo Archeology Center. Please look out for a permission slip these coming weeks. Remember ALL field trips are EARNED. Behavior points will begin later this month in order to earn the field trip. In addition, ALL missing work must be completed to attend the field trip.
- Homework Folders & Tuesday Folders- Thank you for checking your child's homework each night and signing the homework log and reading log. Please encourage your child to complete any REDO work found in their Tuesday Folders. Remember you can always write a note on your child's Tuesday Folder paper to communicate with your child's teacher.
- Conferences- Please look for conference forms towards the end of September/ early October. Conferences will be available October 16-18.
- Sleep and Breakfast- Please continue to ensure that your child is sleeping for at least 8 hours a night and eating a healthy breakfast the following morning. A well-rested child is a productive one! J

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 Fifth Grade Families,

Thank you to all the families that attended the Homer Davis Open House on August 24th. The turnout was great! It was nice to meet so many families and be able to go over the 5th grade expectations. The Cookie Dough PTO sale is underway. Thank you for helping Homer Davis raise funds for student programs and school activities by guiding your child when selling to family or friends. There will be a Dragons of Character Assembly on the morning of the 1st at 8:15 in the MPR. There is no school on Monday, the 4th. The Cookie Dough Fundraiser is due to school on the 6th. Skills for Success is cancelled on the 6th and all first Wednesday's for the first semester. There is a half day of school on September 7th and students will be released at 12:00. This is also Picture Day, so dress nicely! The Student Council Debate will be in the MPR at 1:00 on the 8th. Midterms will be sent home on Friday, the 8th and should be returned signed by both the student and parent on the following school day. Cookie Dough will be delivery for students to take home on the 15th. Looking ahead, on Friday, November 3rd Homer Davis will host the annual carnival. Parents are encouraged to volunteer with their child's classroom to run a booth for 30 minute rotations. The carnival is from 5:00-8:00 on the east end of campus. Thank you for a great start of the school year. We look forward to working with you. Please remember to keep practicing your math facts for multiplication. If there are ever any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the teacher at any time.

-Your fifth grade team,

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

Please sign up for Mr. V.'s classroom Remind app by texting the number 81010 with the message @MrVDragons and the Homer Davis PTO by texting 81010 with the message @HDavisPTO

Sixth Grade

Attention Parents!

It has been a great start to the school year and we are excited to have your children in our classes. We have been working hard on learning our reading focus skills, country projects, and divisibility, to name a few. Please remember the importance of having your child read at least 20 minutes a night. We look forward to having a partnership with you. Through teamwork, your child is guaranteed success. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Thank you so much!

6th Grade Team 😊



Specials Area News



Band & Orchestra

Hello friends and family of band and orchestra students!

For those that don't know me, my name is Spencer O'Keefe, and I travel to Homer Davis, Centennial, Hendricks, and Richardson Elementary. As such, I may not be at Homer Davis if you try to come visit or call. I have voicemail, but the best way to reach me would be my email at spencer.o'keefe@fwusd.org.

This is my second year teaching, and I had a wonderful, and educational, first year here. I'm excited to share another meaningful year with the Flowing Wells schools and community.

I'm happy to see such enthusiastic students back to school and ready to learn the wonders of instrumental music!

We encourage parents to try and rent instruments whenever possible for their students, but we realize that this does not always happen. The fees for borrowing an instrument from the school are establish to help us maintain our instruments and to purchase replacements for instruments that need to be retired. We thank you for paying your instrument fee when your child is given his or her instrument.

Band and Orchestra Handbooks will be assigned with our instruments. This handbook answers many questions that you or your student might have including "How is this class graded?" and "What are some tips for helping my student practice?" The beginning of the year is always a bit slow with classes being set up and instruments being assigned, so I'd like to thank you and your students for your patience.

If you have other questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me at my email listed above.

Mr. O'Keefe

Music

In music, we have had a great start to the year. We have spent the first few weeks really getting to know each other and the music room procedures and rules. Every grade level will get to go on stage this year at some point, so please be watching for information letters that your child(ren) brings home! Below is a general timeline. I look forward to seeing you around the music room!

Veteran's Day: 3rd grade

Holiday Show: 1st grade

Rodeo: 2nd grade

Spring Recorders: 4th grade

Mother's Day: Kindergarten

Dragon Choir, Band and Orchestra are for our 5th and 6th graders and is another frequent performance opportunity for our students!

Library



Welcome back to Homer Davis! A new year is upon us and we have already had some exciting days in the library. We have begun checking out books so here are a few reminders about book care:

- ❖ Never eat or drink while you are reading.
- ❖ Don't let younger brothers or sisters have your book.
- ❖ Always return your book on time.
- ❖ If you damage or lose a book, you will be responsible to replace it or pay for it.

PE

Good luck to Mrs. Powers and our mighty dragon girls' volleyball team on their upcoming season. Go Lady Dragons!!!!

A Team

Sept.5 - Home

Sept.12 - Home

Sept.19 - @ Douglas

Sept.26 - @ Laguna

B Team

Sept.8 - @ Hendricks

Sept.14 - @ Richardson

Sept.21 - Home

Sept.29- Home





You are invited to our Title I Parent Meeting!

When: October 16 @ 1:00

Where: Reading Lab- room 102- check in at the front office please

Why: Mrs. North and Mrs. Schladweiler will be presenting information regarding Title I requirements, program description, and right of parent involvement.

Who: All parents and teachers

Please contact Mrs. North or Mrs. Schladweiler with any questions at 696-8256

Usted está invitado(a) a nuestra Junta de Padres de Título I

Cuándo: 16 de octubre a las 1:00

Dónde: Sala de Reading Lab - registrese en la oficina por favor

Por qué: Mrs. North y Mrs. Schladweiler estarán presentando información respecto a los requisitos de Título I, descripción del programa, y el derecho de participación de los padres.

Quién: Todos los padres y maestros(as)

Por favor, póngase en contacto con Mrs. North o Mrs. Schladweiler con cualquier pregunta al 696-8256

