



DESERT WILLOW ELEMENTARY

Principal - Melissa Davey / TOA - Jeff Groh



The Way of the Wolf

A Message from Mrs. Davey:

What a great start to the school year! The students and staff have been reviewing classroom procedures, and the expectations that come along with being part of our Desert Willow family. Our Leaders have been working hard to sharpen their saw and putting first things first - while learning The Ways of the Wolf.

Thank you to all of the families who came to our Meet the Teacher - it was great to see everyone visiting classrooms. We will continue to communicate with families by sending home a monthly newsletter. This will contain important information and dates to keep in mind. Follow us on Facebook at @DesertWillowCGESD for information and updates.

Calling all Dads (or other male role models)! Join Mr. Davey and Mr. Groh on September 7th - 6:45-7:30 a.m. for our first Dads & Muffins meeting. Team up with other DW dads monthly on the first Tuesday of each month. We will have breakfast along with some great tips and resources to strengthen your relationship with your kids.

Each year, we remind our families to be aware of our safety practices for drop off and pick up. Students should be dropped off and picked up using the parent pick up loop. Our parking lot drop off in the a.m. is for kindergarteners only. Please be sure to use sidewalks, crosswalks and model this for our students. *Students should not be dropped off prior to 7:20, to ensure they have adequate supervision.* For after school dismissal, please do not park and walk to pick your student up. Car pickups go through the parent loop. Thank you for being our partners in education - at Desert Willow we are kind, we have integrity and we work together!

Your Desert Willow Principal - Melissa Davey

Our district will begin using the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages on September 7th to communicate information about events, safety alerts, and more. We highly recommend participating in this free service* by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our district's short code number, 67587.



PBIS at Desert Willow

We are implementing PBIS, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports, this year. We are directly teaching students expected behaviors at school. Expected behaviors are worded in a positive way, focusing on how students should behave, rather than what they should not do. Our three expectations are We are kind, We have Integrity, We work Together. These expectations are school wide to ensure students will be hearing the same language in all areas and classes.

September Dates to Remember:

- 1st - PTSO Fry's Rewards Raffle
- 6th - No School - Labor Day
- 7th - Dads & Muffins 6:45-7:30 AM
- 8th - Early Release 12:45
- 8th - Fall School Picture Day
- 16th - PTSO Fundraiser due
- 17th - No School - In Service Day
- 22nd - Early Release 12:45
- 30th - Early Release 12:45
- 30th - Parent Teacher Conferences

Early Release and Parent Teacher Conferences:

September 30th - October 1st

Fall Break:

October 4th - 15th

Additional Support may be available for students whose families are experiencing transitional housing situations (such as foreclosure, doubling up with friends or relatives, homeless) If your family lives in any of the following situations, you may qualify for services:

In a shelter, motel, vehicle or campground; on the street; in an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodation; or doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing.

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