

# Diamond Valley Elementary

## Home of the Diamondbacks

October 2018

Creating Confident Learners

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### Principal's Message

Wow! October is upon us and we are settling in to regular routines for the school year. We want to make sure that we stay focused on our 4 school wide goals for the year: 100% parent attendance at all SEP meetings; Students to miss 9 or fewer days during the school year; All students to read for 20 minutes a day at home; and Do or Say Something Kind to Make someone else's day Awesome! As we focus on achieving these goals together as teachers and parents, we will be ensuring that our students are acquiring the academic and social skills they need for life-long success!

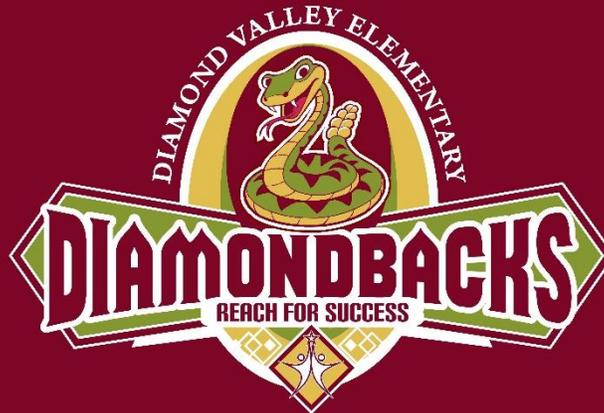
We are very excited for October 18. We hope that you have this date marked on your calendar and are planning to attend! It is our annual STEAM Career Family Night AND our Invention Convention. We will have several classes for you to choose from for the STEAM Career Family Night and will send home a menu of possibilities next week to help you prepare in advance of what classes you'd like to attend. We will also have all the student inventor's inventions on display in the library for the Invention Convention. Students will have time during the night for their family to see the amazing inventions that have been created. So, mark it on your calendar and plan to come. It is one of the few CAN'T MISS events of the school year!

Finally, I just want to say what a privilege it is to work and associate with your students each day. It is a wonderful experience to watch our students learn new skills and deepen their own knowledge and understanding of learning concepts. We work hard as a school to meet each student's needs, and if you ever have a question or concern about your child's progress towards learning goals, please reach out to their teacher first. Establishing these strong parent/teacher communication lines is essential to student success (which our school-wide goal of 100% SEP attendance aims to accomplish).

In Partnership, Dr. Yost

### Calendar

October 1 – Vision Screenings  
 October 4 – Preschool Family Engagement, 6pm  
 October 5 – Preschool Family Engagement, 10am  
 October 10 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Maturation, 2:30pm  
 October 11-12 – Fall Break, No School  
 October 18 – Invention Convention  
 October 18 – STEAM Career Family Night, 6pm  
 October 19 – PTVO Meeting, 9am  
 October 24 – Picture Retakes  
 October 26 – October Awards' Assembly, 12:30pm  
 October 29 – Minimum Day, Early Out, 1:15 pm  
 October 29-November 2 – Red Ribbon Week  
 October 31 – Halloween Parade, 2:30 pm  
 November 2 – Storytelling Festival, 9:30 am



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### Teachers' Corner

We are highlighting our amazing Lunch Ladies, Alva Jones and Jody Carter, in this month's Teachers' Corner. They love what they do and we sure love how they do it! ☺

Alva Jones: "Hi, I'm Alva Jones, I'm one of the lunch ladies and I love my job. We have the best school ever! I have been at Diamond Valley Elementary for ten years. I have lived in Diamond Valley for 25 years and love it also. I'm married to my best friend, and we have 6 amazing children, 2 boys, 4 girls...5 are married, and one is still at home, going to Dixie State. I have 15 grandchildren with one on the way. My grandchildren are one of my greatest joys, I love every minute I get to hang out with them. I enjoy gardening, especially my flowerbeds, I love watching the Jazz, and my all-time favorite past time is playing Volleyball."

Jody Carter: "Hi, my name is Jody Carter. This is my eighth year working at Diamond Valley Elementary. I'm one of the lunch ladies and the PE aide for K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade. I was born and raised in Southern California and visit as often as I can to see family and go to my favorite beaches in Malibu! In 2006, my husband and I moved here to Diamond Valley with our 2 sons, now ages 23 and 12. We also share our home with our 2 parakeets and our dog "Buddy." I love to spend time with my family, play Bunco in my monthly group, go kayaking, and attend rock concerts! I absolutely love my job, my co-workers and our kids! I often say this is my favorite place I have ever worked!"

