

# Diamond Valley Elementary

## Home of the Diamondbacks

December 2018

Creating Confident Learners

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### Principal's Message

#### Season's Greetings!

I hope that this message finds you well! We are at the beginning of December and have much to celebrate this year. It has been a wonderful year of learning so far and we look forward to many more months of great learning still to come this school year. If your family is anything like mine, then the holiday season can become a very busy time of year with concerts and recitals, extra rehearsals and parties, practices and games, and so much more. It can quickly take over the regular flow of routines in a family. However, I encourage you to do your best to help your students continue to read for 20 minutes each night and to set aside time to complete homework each week. Maintaining these fundamental routines will help your child to continue to improve their own scores here at school as they work hard to master essential skills each day.

I also want to take a moment to share how grateful I am for the great school community we have to be a part of at Diamond Valley. Our students, families, and faculty/staff are so kind and generous. During the month of November, we raised hundreds and hundreds of pounds of food for needy families for Thanksgiving. This month, we have students bringing in loose change/coins to help collect money for Kony Coins for Kids so that families in need will be able to provide a Christmas that they might otherwise not have been able to do. The selfless service that goes on at our school is truly helping our students to "be the good in the world" and help others to "Believe there is good in the world."

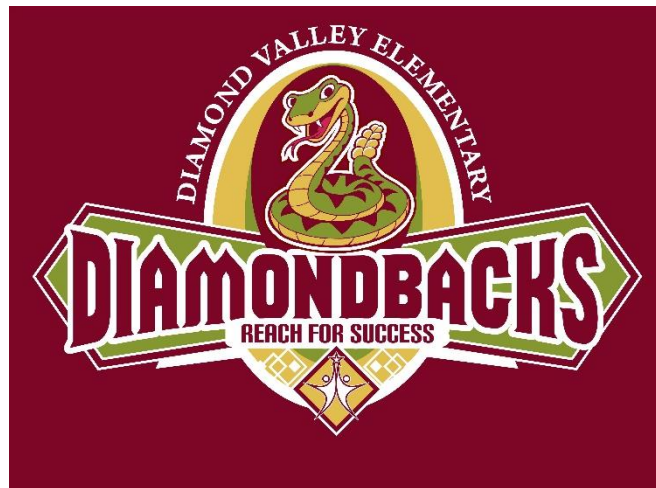
I wish each of you the warmest Season's Greetings this Holiday Season!

Dr. Yost

### Calendar

December 5 – Show Choir at Bella Terra, 6:30pm  
 December 7 – School Poetry Contest Entries due  
 December 10 – Early Out, 1:15 pm  
 December 11 – Show Choir Concert at DVES, 6 pm  
 December 13 – PTVO Meeting, 9 am  
 December 13 – Preschool Family Engagement, 6pm  
 December 14 – Preschool Family Engagement, 10a  
 December 17 – Awards Assembly, 2:30 pm  
 December 18 – Last Day of STEAM Explo Round 2  
 December 19 – Christmas Sing Along, 1 pm  
 December 20-January 3 – Christmas Break

**Have a Wonderful Holiday!**



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### Storytelling Festival Winners



#### School Level Winners:

*Fantasy/Fairy Tales:*  
 Brooklyn Jones  
 Sarah Coombs

*Folk Tale/Tall Tale:*  
 Elijah Chandler  
 Joseph Butterfield

*Humorous:*  
 Sara Basso  
 Parker Olson

*Mystery/Adventure:*  
 Cayson Cox  
 Ethan Van Komen

#### District Level Winners:

*Folk Tale/Tall Tale:*  
**1<sup>st</sup> Place:** Elijah Chandler

*Mystery/Adventure:*  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Tie:** Cayson Cox

*Humorous:*  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Tie:** Sara Basso