

Diamond Valley Elementary

Home of the Diamondbacks

January 2019

Creating Confident Learners

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Principal's Message

Let the 2nd Half Begin! Yes, that's right...we are now in the 2nd half of the school year. The first half was great as students have worked towards their learning goals for the year. Now is the time to really focus and work hard to improve upon the first half successes. How can we do this? By refocusing on the goals that we set to have a successful school year:

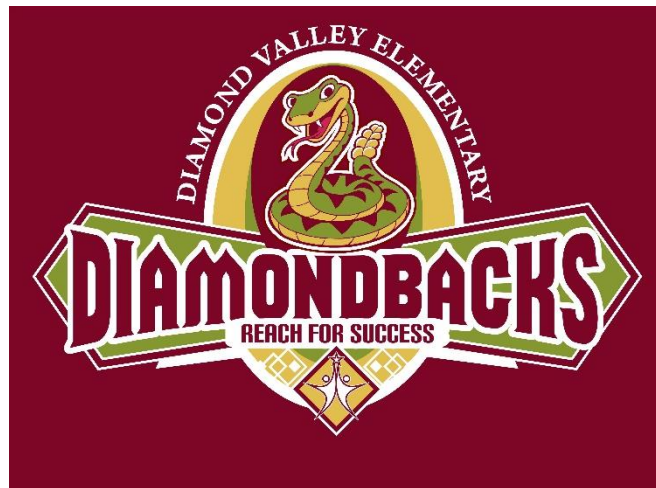
1. Consistently be on time and ready to learn at high levels each day. (Every student to miss 9 or fewer days over the school year)
2. Read at least 3,000 minutes at home. Your reading minutes will add to the 1,000,000 minute school-wide goal. WE can do it!! This equals 20 minutes each night for 160 of the 180 school days.
3. Do or Say something KIND each day to help make another person's day AWESOME!
4. 100% attendance at all 3 parent teacher conferences (SEPs), and have parents attend Back to School Night!

If we are falling short in any of these areas, January is a great time to make a fresh start. Sometimes with a few simple tweaks or adjustments to our daily routine can make all the difference in reaching our short-term and long-term goals. We are excited that 2019 is here and we are ready to make this half of the school year even better than the first!

It is a privilege to be a part of such a great school! I want to publicly thank all of our dedicated teachers and staff who do so much for our school day in and day out. This is a team effort to make our school what it is, and so many individuals' efforts are behind the scenes and often go unrecognized. The next time you come into the school, I invite you

Calendar

January 3 – School Begins
 January 5 – Lego League Competition at DSU
 January 10 – PTVO Meeting, 9 am
 January 11 – SCC Meeting, 1:30 pm
 January 14-16 – Spelling Bee Challenge in classes
 January 18 – 3rd Round STEAM Explo Begins
 January 21 – Martin Luther King Day, No School
 January 24 – School Spelling Bee
 January 24 – Talent Show sign ups due
 January 28 – Talent Show/Art Contest, 6 pm



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to say thank you to a teacher or other staff member for the work they do. Each person is a valued and integral part of the success at Diamond Valley Elementary. Finally, I want to thank the parents. Your support at home and encouragement of your students is also an often thankless job – yet so important to the success of your students. Let me be the first to tell you "Thank You" for all you do to help your child with their homework, to read with them, and have meaningful, loving conversations.

It takes all of us working together to help our students succeed...and it is worth every effort because our students are worth it. We have the greatest group of elementary students in the state! I really believe that!

Here's to a great 2019!
 Dr. Yost

Teachers' Corner

This month we would like to highlight one of our wonderful 5th Grade teachers, Jayson Marchant.

Jayson was born in Las Vegas, NV and lived there until his LDS mission in 1991 to Belgium and France. After his mission he worked as a bookkeeper at several companies studying Business and Accounting at the College in Las Vegas. He married his wife, Jennifer, in October of 1994. After moving to San Diego, Jayson continued doing accounting at Consumer Credit Counselors where he was the Head of Business Services until he found his love in teaching. With a little son and daughter, Jayson decided to go back to school full-time at San Diego State University to get his degree and teaching credential.

He graduated in 2001 with a degree in Liberal Studies and in 2002 with his California Teaching Credential. The little family moved to Las Vegas where both he and Jennifer secured jobs. Jayson taught 5th grade for one year and then was invited to help open a new school teaching 8th Grade Science. After one year of teaching Middle school, Jayson and his family moved to St. George; first teaching at Panorama Elementary for 3 years and then Diamond Valley Elementary for 11 years, he has taught 3rd Grade, 4th Grade and 5th Grade at DVES and enjoys them all. Two of his children now attend Dixie State University and the youngest attends Snow Canyon Middle School. Jayson now holds a Masters Degree in Educational Leadership, and is working on his third teaching endorsement. Jayson enjoys teaching and finding new ways to help his students learn.