

Diamond Valley Elementary

Home of the Diamondbacks

February 2019

Creating Confident Learners

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Principal's Message

Dear Diamondback Family,

Welcome to February! There is a lot going on this month, including the last day of Trimester 2. That means we are now 2/3 of the way through our school year. It also means we have the opportunity to have SEPs (Parent-Teacher-Student conferences) again! We love the opportunity for parents to come in and visit with their child(ren)'s teachers to discuss the great learning and progress that has taken place throughout the school year. It is also a perfect opportunity to discuss any concerns, from academics to behavior, or anything else. SEP week is February 25-28. Please look for sign up times to come from your child(ren)'s teachers in the coming weeks.

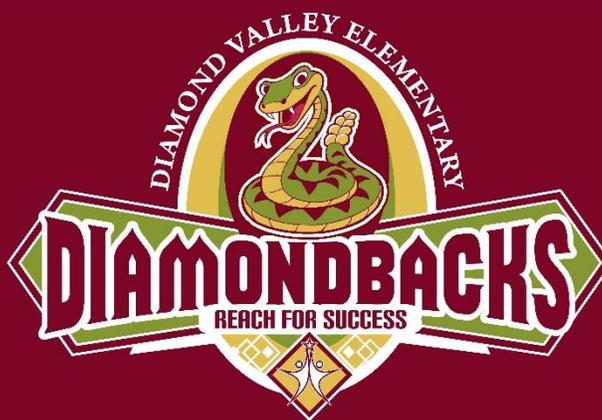
February is also the month to celebrate our families! Diamond Valley will be holding its 2nd annual Family Week, from February 11-15. This week is a great way to focus on spending time with your family. The PTO does a great job putting this on and they will be sending home more information about Family Week very soon. You can also find more information in other parts of this newsletter! We are glad our school does this because we believe a strong, loving, and caring family helps make a strong, kind, and supportive school!

I also want to let parents know that we are in the midst of our dual immersion enrollment period for next year. Sign ups can be done for next year's first graders at <https://www.washk12.org/dual-immersion>. The deadline to sign up is February 8 at Noon. For more information, we are holding special open houses to discuss dual immersion at 6 pm on Tuesday, February 5. There will also be an additional open house for any potential ALP students grades 1-5 at 7 pm on the same evening. These open houses will be in the library at the school and all are welcome to attend to learn more about the programs and offerings at Diamond Valley Elementary.

If you have come into the office during January, you will have noticed that we have two new office secretaries at our school! Michele Stewart and Kathy Farnsworth retired at the end of December and we miss them and hope they are enjoying this new chapter in

Calendar

February 1 – Awards Assembly, 9:30 am
 February 5 – Open House, 6 pm (Dual Immersion)
 February 5 – Open House, 7 pm (Spanish Dual Immersion AND High Ability Readers/ALP)
 February 8 – PTVO Meeting, 9 am
 February 8 – School History Day
 February 11-15 – Family Week
 February 11 – Family Movie Night, 6 pm (Incredibles 2)
 February 15 – School Geography Challenge
 February 18 – President's Day, No School
 February 21 – Utah STEM bus visits 4th and 5th
 February 22 – Art Contest Entries due
 February 25-28 – SEPs, Early out 1:15 pm each day
 February 25-28 – Art Contest entries displayed in Library



Teachers' Corner

This month we would like to highlight our wonderful Head Custodian, Kim Thomas. Since Diamond Valley opened over 22 years ago, Mr. Thomas has taken the lead on school maintenance and improvement. He started at Dixie High School, but was approached by the district when Diamond Valley was under construction and asked if he would be interested in taking on the new position. Living in Enterprise and realizing this new opportunity would cut down on his travel time, to and from work, he accepted the position and has since seen hundreds of students come through Diamond Valley. Even now, it isn't uncommon for him to run into grown adults who excitedly approach him at the store and say "Hi Mr. Thomas! Do you remember me?" His impact is lasting.

Mr. Thomas has two sons, two daughters and 14 grandchildren who all live in Enterprise. Everyone at Diamond Valley knows his little angel, Dusty. Mr. Thomas enjoys fishing, hunting, four wheeling, and camping; He's a good old fashioned outdoorsman! We are grateful for all that Mr. Thomas does to make a difference!

their life spending more time with grandkids! Our new secretaries are Sari Jones and Jennifer Jeffs. Say Hi to them the next time you come into the office and introduce yourself if you don't know them yet! We are glad to have Mrs. Sari and Ms. Jeffs a part of our office team!

Finally, a word about communication! We believe that clear and consistent communication between home and school is essential to helping our students achieve their highest potential! Please check our school website regularly, dves.washk12.org for the latest and most up-to-date information, including on the website calendar. Also, through parent feedback, we have learned that every family prefers receiving automated communication in various forms; therefore, we will continue to send out automated communication via phone, email and text. You can also manage your preferences of how you receive communication by logging into your Parent PowerSchool account. In order to receive texts, you must opt in. Additionally, we are

going to start something new! We are going to begin sending the majority of all school information home on **Wednesdays each week**. We will call this the **Wednesday Weekly!** This way you will know that school information will be sent home on Wednesdays. This will include both hard copies of information (like the newsletter, lunch menu, etc.) and automated information from the school (via phone, email, and text). We will only send out information on other days of the week if it is a reminder for an event happening later that day, or something that would need to be communicated right away, such as weather warnings or other emergencies. We hope this will help our home-school communication to be even more efficient!

Thanks for letting us serve your students each day!

In Partnership,
 Dr. Yost