



Desert Sun Academy — A Friend of Core Knowledge

Six Pillars of Character
Respect

Together We Shine!

CALENDAR

Staff Dev. Day Early Rel., 12:50	9/3
No School Labor Day	9/6
Celebration of Heroes & Helpers 9:15, MPR	9/8
Gifted Testing Lone Mtn. Elem.	9/11
Site Council Meeting, 3:45 Room 102	9/13
KG Field Trip To FAC 9:15-11:15	9/17
Staff Dev. Day— No Students	10/1
Fall Break— No School	10/4
Veterans Day	11/11

Dear Parents, September 11th is the 9th anniversary of 9/11 (hard to believe). For our current students, it is only textbook history. Therefore, we are going to do a school-wide 9/11 program to teach children not just about the event itself (in child-friendly terms), but also about the importance of celebrating our local heroes who often are taken for granted - first responders, emergency room doctors, nurses, military... The program will begin with a color guard assembly and the introduction of some of our local heroes. Following this, children will return to their classrooms and wait for visits from those heroes who attended. Children will learn about the role of each hero and have the opportunity to ask questions. Below is a brief outline of the 9/11 program:

What: "Heroes and Helpers"
When: W, 9/8/2010 -9:00am, followed by visit to each classroom
Where: MPR - color guard ceremony, followed by a patriotic song - introduction of our heroes and helpers - military, firefighters, police officers, EMT's, doctors, nurses... all in uniform, and a brief history of 9/11.

Classrooms - Heroes and Helpers visit classrooms
What teachers are doing: Teachers

are going to have each student create a generic postcard (decorated index card) - Dear Firefighter, Hero...to first responders and have children prepare a few questions to ask the heroes and helpers when they visit their classroom.

The 9/11 program is not only a learning experience about 9/11, but also a program of building character, patriotism and citizenship, as children develop appreciation for our local heroes, who typically do not receive the recognition which they deserve.

Extracurricular Clubs (see attached):

Attached to this edition of the DAZLER the enrollment form for extracurricular / enrichment opportunities available to your children. Please read the attached, decide whether you would like your child to participate in an extended day activity, print and complete the permission slip and have your child return it to the classroom teacher asap. Remember, class size in extracurricular clubs is limited. Classroom teachers will date and time all permission forms as they come in. There may be a wait list for some clubs. It is expected that all clubs will be well attended. Should there be insufficient enrollment in any club and/or poor attendance, the club will be

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cancelled or dissolved. Please note that if you enroll or are thinking of enrolling your child in the **Odyssey of the Mind** club, there will be a special information meeting for parents on Wednesday, September 8th at 8:00am in room 511 with the coach of the program, Mrs. Brooks-Taylor.

Safety & Security

The addition of many new families to DSA says volumes about our school. At the writing of this edition of the DAZZLER, we have 589 students in grades pre-Kg to 6. With these increased numbers, there is a need to be vigilant about enforcing policies and procedures that promote a safe and secure school environment for students, staff, parents and other community members. Below is the district Visitors to Schools Policy, KI-R:

- Parents are encouraged to visit the schools.
- All visitors to any school must report to the school office upon arrival.
- For those who wish to visit a classroom during the school day, the principal is to be contacted in advance to arrange a day and time for such visit so as to avoid any conflicts with the school schedule.

- In visiting a classroom, parents must realize that the teacher's first responsibility is to the class as a whole, and the teacher will be unable to converse at any length with the visitor. If a conference is desired, arrangements will be made by the teacher for an appointment with the parent either before or after school hours.
- No person may enter onto school premises, including visits or audits to a classroom or other school activity, without approval by the principal. Neither will any person be allowed to conduct or attempt to conduct any activity on school premises that has not had prior approval by the principal.
- Upon approval by the principal, a visitor's badge will be offered to the visitor and must be externally and prominently displayed on the front, upper torso of the visitor at all times during the visit. The visitor's badge must be returned to the principal's office upon conclusion of the visit.
- Any person who is not a student or a staff member of the District, and who is in violation of Policy KI - Visitors to Schools, and

this regulation may be directed to leave the school premises. Failure by a visitor to obey a lawful direction to identify himself or herself to a school official, a District security officer acting in the performance of assigned duties, or any other law enforcement officer acting in the performance of assigned duties is in violation of District policy and rules, and the visitor may also be subject to criminal proceedings applicable under the law.

- Another concern is safety in the bus area and parking lot. Bus drivers have noted that they are concerned about the number of children walking along the sidewalk by the buses after the parents park on the dirt road south of school. Bus drivers "may not drive past students who are walking on the sidewalk", especially when parents are not holding their child's hand. There are a number of children walking unattended in the parking lot and in the bus area. Please be sure to carefully supervise your children in these areas.

<p>PTO Direct Donation Our PTO Executive Committee has approved the elimination of regular fund raisers and replacing them with Direct Donations to PTO. You should have received a direct donation envelope and flyer in last week's Wednesday Folder for the details. If you have not, please stop by the office.</p> <p>Time to think about Tax Credit donations Remember, anyone with or without children, married or single, is eligible to make a tax credit contribution to an Arizona school. If you choose to make a tax credit donation to Desert Sun Academy (deeply appreciated), the tax credit may be designated to a particular extracurricular activity, e.g., music, art, physical education, an enrichment club, a field trip...) or left up to the school (undesignated tax credit). Your Arizona state tax bill will be reduced by the amount of your donation; your tax credit donation also reduces your Federal taxable income by approximately 1/3 of the of your tax credit donation. For additional information, stop by the office, or visit our school web page or the</p>	<p>CCUSD web page, where you can download a tax credit donation form. Remember, all donations for the current tax year are due on or before Dec. 31st.</p> <p>Sincerely, Mr. Bert Honigman, Principal</p> <p>Room 311 News Johnny Appleseed, Paul Bunyon, Pecos Bill, John Henry and Casey Jones are some of the American Tall Tales Room 311 has been studying. The 2nd Graders had fun with all the exaggerations associated with Tall Tales. What a fun way to incorporate the travels of these individuals into our mapping unit. Next we are on to weather to learn about the different clouds, seasons and water cycle.</p> <p>School Supply Collection Help a child succeed by contributing school supplies such as pencils, glue sticks, erasers, notebooks and construction paper to Cave Creek Unified School District (CCUSD) classrooms during a supply drive, taking place at NE Valley Edward Jones offices through October 12th.</p> <p>The 2nd annual supply drive, lead by Noah Kendrick of Edward Jones in Carefree, provides support for students and teachers for the 2010 school year. Items may be dropped off at 37555 Hum Road, Ste. 205 in the Carefree Galleria, Carefree, Monday through Friday from 9:00am-4:00pm.</p> <p>Other much needed materials</p>	<p>include pocket folders, copy paper, pens, hand sanitizer and tissue.</p> <p>For more information, call 480-595-2041.</p> <p>“Our goal as our world becomes more global, competition within our younger generations continues to rise, making quality education that much more important. That's why our office is supporting the school supplies donation campaign,” said Kendrick who founded the supply drive in 2009. Kendrick, board president of the Carefree/Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce, is a sponsor of the CCUSD employee of the month recognition program. “Supporting our children strengthens our community,” Kendrick said.</p> <p>School Supplies may be dropped off at the following Edward Jones locations: 37555 Hum Road, Suite 205, Carefree 6554 E. Cave Creek Road, Suite 10, C 4815 E. Carefree Highway, Suite 103, Cave Creek 33747 North Scottsdale Road, Suite 110 Scottsdale 3350 West Carefree Highway, Suite 12, Phoenix Noah S. Kendrick, AAMS, is a certified financial advisor with Edward Jones. He is the board president of the Carefree/Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce. Edward Jones Carefree is located at 37555 Hum Road, Suite 205, Carefree, AZ 85377. Phone 480-595-2041 or Noah.Kendrick@EdwardJones.com.</p>
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September 1, 2010

Student Enrollment - Extracurricular Clubs

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Desert Sun Academy Site-based Council recently approved the implementation of several extracurricular clubs. Each club will take place before or after school for up to 12 weeks beginning the week of **September 13th**. Most clubs will end during the week of December 3rd. Instruction in all extracurricular clubs will be done under the direction of a DSA staff member.

Except for **Girls on the Run** which has a required fee attached to it, the only fee parents should have paid is the \$25.00 student activity fee; all costs of each activity will be paid for by tax-credit funds. There is a minimum and maximum number of students for each club, so please complete and submit this form asap. Several enrichment/extracurricular clubs are limited in size; therefore, all applications are dated, timed and taken on a first come, first served basis.

If your child would like to participate in one of the enrichment clubs listed below, please complete and detach the tear-off and return it to your child's classroom teacher. If the club will be conducted during the morning, you will need to get your child here at 8:00am (8:30 for the Video Club). If your child is enrolled in an after school enrichment club, you will need to pick your child up at 4:30pm (Girls on the Run ends at 4:40pm).

Please have your child return this completed form to your child's classroom teacher anytime between September 2nd and September 9th. Different / Additional clubs may be formed for the Spring 2011 semester.

Sincerely,

Bert Honigman

Bert Honigman, Principal

See next page for enrollment form . . .

Extracurricular / Enrichment Clubs - Fall 2010

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>FOR GRADES</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>	<u>DAY/TIME/ROOM</u>
Video (limit 5 students; Interested students must attach a written statement noting why they would like to be in video club)	Grade 5 only	Mrs. Paoletti	M,T,W,TH,F / 8:15-8:45am computer lab / conference rm.
<u>Chorus</u>	Grades 4, 5 & 6	Mrs. Puschak	T & W/ 8:00-8:45
<u>**Odyssey of the Mind</u>	Grades 1 & 2	Mrs. Brook-Taylor (coach)	W / 8:00-8:45/rm 511
<u>Odyssey of the Mind</u>	Grades 3, 4 & 5, 6	Mrs. Brook-Taylor (coach)	F / 8:00-8:45/rm 511
<u>***Math Olympiads</u>	Grades 4-6	Mrs. Flinn	M /3:40-4:40/rm 510
<u>Math Challenges</u>	Grades 2 & 3	Mrs. Jones	W / 8:00-8:45/rm 309
<u>Core Knowledge Enrichment Labs</u>	Grades 4, 5 & 6	Mrs. Zolkiewicz (Mrs. Z.)	T & TH/ 3:40-4:40/rm 507
<u>*Girls on the Run</u> (limit 23 girls)	Grades 3, 4 & 5	Mrs. Brown & Ms. Schweikert	M & TH/3:40-4:40/rm 310
<u>Conversational Spanish</u>	Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6	Mrs. Stewart	T & W/8:00-8:45am/rm504
<u>Intramural Sports</u>	Grades 5 & 6	Coach Perrin	TH/ 8:00-8:45am/gym
<u>Reading Enrichment Games</u>	Grades 2 & 3	Mrs. Kluger	T/ 8:00-8:45/ rm 311
<u>Equestrian Care</u> (Limit 8 students)	Grades 1, 2 & 3	Mrs. Peirce	W / 8:00-8:45am/202
Conversational French	Grades 4, 5 & 6	Drs Hecht	During lunch / rm 408

***Girls on the Run (GOTR)** is a [non-profit prevention program](#) that encourages preteen girls to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles. The curriculum addresses all aspects of girls' development - physical, emotional, mental, and social well-being. Registration will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 2nd. Registration is on a **first come, first served** basis and will close once all completed paperwork and fees are received for up to 23 girls. GOTR is for 3rd, 4th & 5th grade girls and will meet after school on Mondays and Thursdays from September 20th through December 10th. The cost of the **GOTR program is \$150/girl**. Scholarship applications are available for those families that meet the income criteria. All scholarship applications go through a review process at the county level. Please see the GOTR attachment to the Dazzler for more details or contact Mrs. Brown at cbrown@ccusd93.org or Ms. Schweikert at cschweikert@ccusd93.org.

****Odyssey of the Mind** is an international program that provides creative problem solving opportunities for children in teams of 7. Students use creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting an interpretation of literary classics. Please note that if you enroll or are thinking of enrolling your child in the **Odyssey of the Mind** club, there will be a special information meeting for parents on Wednesday, September 8th at 8:00am with the coach of the program, Mrs. Brook-Taylor's, in room 511.

*****Math Olympiads** is also an international program that directs students to explore a mathematical concept or strategy in depth, using creative problem solving in school mathematics.

Please note the following:

Class size in all extracurricular clubs is limited. Teachers will date and time all permission forms. There may be a wait list for some clubs.

It is expected that all clubs will be well attended. Should there be insufficient enrollment and/or poor attendance, the club will be dissolved before the end of the semester.

----- **Detach & return asap, but no later than 9/9/10** -----

Child's Name _____	Grade / Teacher _____
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CHOICE 1: _____ CHOICE 2: _____

I hereby confirm that I approve my child's participation in an extended day extracurricular/enrichment club at Desert Sun Academy.

Parent's signature _____

For classroom teacher use only:
Date received _____ **Time received** _____

Girls on the Run Desert Sun Academy



What is Girls on the Run (GOTR)?

Girls on the Run (GOTR), is a national non-profit school based program that encourages 3rd – 5th grade girls to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles through running.

The program combines training for a 3.1 mile running event with small group discussions and fun, interactive physical activities.

The 11 week program consist of 22 evidence-based lessons which are broken down into 3 key areas:

All About Me: Getting to know who I am and what I stand for.

These lessons help the girls understand more about themselves and help to equip them with skills to better handle peer pressure.

Building My Team: Understanding the importance of cooperation.

These lessons focus on areas such as how to handle bullying and gossip and how to make healthy decisions and how to be a good sport.

Community Begins with Me:

The girls learn about being a part of a community and work together to complete a community project.

The girls are placed into teams of 15 with at least two GOTR volunteer coaches. Each coach is trained and background checked by GOTR of Maricopa County.

What can I expect my daughter to get out of the program?

The girls complete the program with a stronger sense of identity, a greater acceptance of themselves, a healthier body image and an understanding of what it means to be part of a team.

The program is evaluated nationally each season through surveys and statistical analysis by Dr. Rita DeBate at The University of North Carolina, Charlotte.

What are parents saying about GOTR?

"My daughter is more aware of healthy eating and setting and reaching a goal."

"GOTR has helped my daughter increase her confidence and has taught her to take pride in her accomplishments."

"GOTR taught my daughter how to be a team player."

"The coaches were so positive. My daughter gained self-esteem with her peers."

"The program taught my daughter the importance of taking care of herself."

How do I get my daughter involved?

Registration is **Sept. 8 –Sept. 16th**. Registration is "first come – first serve" basis with completed paperwork and payment. Please bring medical insurance info. **All registration paperwork must be turned into Mrs. Brown in Room 310.**

Program Dates are Sept. 20th – Dec. 10th, with the final 5K running event on December 12. **We will meet on Mondays and Thursdays at 3:40 p.m. in room 310.**

Cost of the program is \$150/child. Payment is based on household income with a sliding scale. Questions can be directed to Cindy Brown or Chimene Schweikert.