

Just a reminder that you're receiving this email because you have a student enrolled at Desert Heights Charter School. Don't forget to add donotreply@dhschools.org to your address book so we'll be sure to land in your inbox!

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DESERT HEIGHTS CHARTER SCHOOL

School News & Updates

Be sure to check the school's website, Facebook Page, and ParentVUE calendar weekly for a complete listing of all events taking place!

[Visit Our Website](#)



Mask Requirement

All students Kinder through 12th grade attending in person beginning August 17th will be required to wear masks. Teachers will allow mask breaks when possible. Please ensure that your student has these for the first day of school.



Office Hours

Desert Heights Charter School office hours will resume today, August 3rd from 7:30-4pm. Please note that we will have adjusted hours on Tuesday, August 4th, our offices will close at 12:00 PM. We will also be closed on Tuesday, August 11th for training. We ask that you continue to use the links on our website to make an appointment or contact the front office.



Save the Date for Meet the Teacher!

Save the date for August 13th & 14th! Desert Heights wants to practice safe social distancing while still allowing families to take care of items needed, in order to do so we will need parents to sign up for a time slot. There will only be 5 slots available every 30 minutes from 8:00AM-3:00PM per classroom. Links will be emailed on Wednesday, August 5th!

Mask will be required at our Meet the teacher event! Anyone not wearing a mask or face covering will not be permitted in the classroom! Thank you for your cooperation!

This is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and drop off classroom supplies!



3rd & 4th Grade Agendas

All 3rd and 4th grade students have been billed for agendas. Agendas will be delivered to the classroom and ready for onsite students. Students attending virtually may pick up their agendas upon their return to school or can be picked up in the front office! Agendas are required for 3rd and 4th grade students. Please contact the front office if you have any questions.



Kindergarten & Pre Packed supplies

If you have a kinder student or if you purchased pre packed supplies and will be attending virtually, you may choose to pick up the supplies or leave on campus, for your child to use upon their return. Please note that if you decided to pick up, then you will need to purchase additional supplies when your student returns to campus. If you have any questions or to arrange a time for pick up please contact the front office.



Virtual Learning Schedule & Supply List

Please click on the appropriate grade level list for your students virtual learning schedule and supply list. If you have any questions please contact the front office.

- Kindergarten
 - First Grade
 - Second Grade
 - Third Grade
 - Fourth Grade
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School Supply & Prepacked supplies

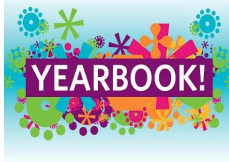
The **2020-2021 DHCS Supply List** is now available for your reference!



Transportation

With the intention of following CDC guidelines and for the safety of our students, our buses will continue to run at a limited capacity. Space is limited and contracts will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. All students riding the busses must wear masks unless a student meets one of the identified exceptions. Please submit a **NEW 2020-2021 Transportation Contract** to our

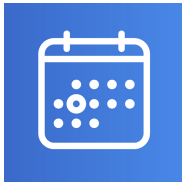
Transportation Department prior to the 1st day of school. All students utilizing our services need an updated contract on file whether they have used our services before or not. Please contact **Jay Jiles** for further information.



Yearbooks have arrived!

DHCS yearbooks have arrived and are available for pick up by appointment only! Additional copies are available for sale for those that did not pre-order. The cost of the yearbook is \$35. Please bring exact change if purchasing with cash. Use

this [link](#) to schedule an appointment. Contact the front office if you have any questions



School Calendar

We would like to ensure all families have our updated school calendar. This is important to have to ensure you are aware of all early release and non-school days.

2020-2021 School Calendar



Proof of Residency

If you indicated an address change as part of the re-enrollment process, or recently moved, Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-823(J) the school must have updated **proof of residency** on file for the 2020-2021 school year. Please utilize your ParentVUE account to verify the address on file. If an update is necessary please complete the attached Arizona Residency Guidelines document and email the form and a copy of the necessary proof to the school's Registrar. Please contact the front office if you need further assistance.



Food Service

With the new school year approaching, we wanted to provide some information on Desert Heights Charter Schools Food Service Program. In order to maintain social distancing guidelines, students will be served both breakfast and lunch in the classroom. In order to make this happen, we will be transitioning back to Boonli pre-ordering meal services. If you have money on your students My Mealtime account, it will be transferred over to Boonli for you to use.

We will be working with the same caterer as last year, AZ School Meals and they will still be providing **hot lunches** for students to enjoy in the classroom. Menus will come out 15 days in advance of the next month and will be available on the school's website and Boonli.

Please view the below documents regarding applying for Free and Reduced Meals as well as setting up and using Boonli. If you would like to apply for Free and Reduced meals online please click [here!](#)

Please email our Food Service Director, [Sydney Pisano](#), if you have any questions.

Boonli Letter
Application 2020-2021 English
Application 2020-2021 Spanish



Immunizations

We wanted to remind our families of the immunization requirements for school during this pandemic. Please see the questions and answers below for more information.

Q: Will ADHS be allowing any type of extension or "grace/leniency period" for when immunization records are due for children to attend school or to assist school staff when collecting immunization records for the 2020-2021 school year?

A: No. The Immunization Program at the Arizona Department of Health Services is aware of and appreciates the concern schools may have regarding the ability of students to receive/obtain their school required vaccinations as well as the ability for school staff to review student immunization records due to challenges related to COVID-19.

School immunization requirements found in Arizona Revised Statutes and the [Arizona Administrative Code](#) have not been waived or rescinded in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Q: If children are enrolled and opting to attend their school via the online option must they still submit immunization records to the school?

A: Yes. Any child enrolled in a public, charter, or private school must submit documentation of requirement immunizations or a valid ADHS exemption form prior to entry or attendance at school.

With the combination of hybrid options available, schools should ensure children are ready to return in-person at any time, and up-to-date immunization records are a part of that process.



Uniforms

We are excited to announce that DHCS now has an online shopping option for school uniforms. French Toast is an online vendor and provides an option for girls and boys uniforms. Please use school code: QS613IJ when ordering from this vendor. Visit the **French Toast** website for current sales! The Perfect Touch is a local vendor and will continue to be a provider with their range of embroidered polo shirts and sweaters. Orders may be faxed, emailed or dropped in the front office. Please refer to **Order Form** for more information.

Another online vendor is Lands' End! Check out their [website](#) for sales and promotions. Please use school code: 900116914



Ongoing Fundraising Opportunities

Are you a Fry's shopper? Be sure to sign up to have a percentage of your Fry's purchase be donated to Desert Heights! We currently have 133 families signed up for the Fry's Community Rewards Program. For those that would like to participate in this program please be sure to use our account number YH276. Not signed up yet to participate? Please follow the [link](#) to sign

up.



Amazon shoppers, you have the opportunity to support Desert Heights Charter School with your Amazon purchases. When you make your purchase through AmazonSmile, 0.5% of your eligible purchase will be directed to DHCS. It's really very simple. Simply click

here to start the process.



Office Depot/Office Max are major supporters of schools! Simply make a purchase of qualifying school supplies, be sure to give them our school # **ID: 70117515** at checkout (in store and online) and Desert Heights will receive 5% back in credits for **FREE** supplies! It's a small act that can make a huge difference.



The Box Tops for Education program is changing the way we can earn cash for our school! Over the summer, participating brands have begun to change their packaging from the traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Tops label. Be sure to check out the new process to participate in the program and support DHCS. Thank you!



Recycle Ink-Toner Cartridges

We will gladly accept any used ink or toner cartridges. We are able to turn these cartridges in to Office Depot and receive \$2 per cartridge that assists us in the purchase of office supplies.

Please drop these items off in the DHCS front office!



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