

# GRAYHAWK PAW PRINTS

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## FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Each year brings new challenges, faces, changes and more. Also, each year I use this time, Thanksgiving, to reflect on the many positive & wonderful things in my personal & professional life. I know and appreciate my blessings and try to never take either for granted.

As I make my mental list of all the wonderful things I have to be thankful for, my Grayhawk Family is certainly near the top.

Thank you to:

- ◆ The hard working, dedicated & smart students whose sparkling eyes and smiles light up my life each & every day.
- ◆ The committed, dedicated awesome staff that goes above & beyond daily for their students and parents. They are simply - "The Best in the West!"
- ◆ The supportive & caring parents that have accepted my challenge to become active participants in their child's education. A special thanks to Allison Gualtiere, our wonderful PTO president, & our hard working PTO Board.

May my awesome Grayhawk Team have an outstanding Thanksgiving & know that you are being thanked a million times over for being so wonderful.

Respectfully,

*Don Hiemstra*

Don Hiemstra, Ed.S., Principal

## Calendar Highlights

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**\*Very Important  
TAX Message  
on Page 3**

**First Grade Field Trip to  
Desert Center  
November 18 & 19**



**Spelling Bee  
Dec 1 at 9:15 am**

**1st Grade Friendly Friday  
December 4 at 9:15 am**

**Grayhawk &  
Pinnacle Peak  
Schools  
Golf Tournament  
Grayhawk Country Club  
Dec 12 at 10:00 am**



**on-line** at <http://cmweb.pvschools.net/ghesweb>



**SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED**

**December 21– January 1**

**Last day before break is Fri, Dec 18**

**School resumes Mon., January 4, 2010 at 9:00am**

### P. V. U. S. D. GOVERNING BOARD

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Jill Hoogendyk     | President |
| Nancy Case         | Member    |
| Anne Greenberg     | Member    |
| Tom Ohmart         | Member    |
| Sue Skidmore, Ed.D | Member    |

**SUPERINTENDENT**  
Dr. James P. Lee





**Open Enrollment Applications Accepted  
October 1 through December 1, 2009**



Parents are invited to pick up Open Enrollment applications for the 2010-11 school year at the Paradise Valley Unified School District Administrative Center beginning Oct 1, 2009. Parents also may request that an application be mailed to them by calling 602-449-2097. Applications must be returned in person or mailed by December 1, 2009.

Only schools determined to have capacity for more students will participate in Open Enrollment. Students currently attending a school under the Open Enrollment program do not have to reapply, but those moving on to middle or high school must reapply for the desired school of attendance. Applications for siblings of students currently participating in open enrollment must be submitted for consideration and will receive priority status in the process.

Parents will be notified of the approval or denial of open enrollment applications in late January 2010. Open enrollment status is not determined on a first-come, first-served basis. Parents are also reminded that transportation is the responsibility of the family.

Please share this information with neighbors, friends and family whose children do not currently attend a Paradise Valley School. We would love the opportunity to provide a quality education for those children too!

**Paw Prints**

**“Keeping Track of Excellence”**

**Paw Prints are given to students who are “caught” doing something extra special, such as being a good citizen, helping a classmate, wearing a bike helmet, etc.**

**Congratulations  
Paw Print**

**drawing winners of the month:**

**Cooper Acosta, Jessica Apel, Elena Breeze, Kameron Cochrane,  
Joey Frei, Gabe Guilbeault, Abby Harries, Alyssa Hawkins, Jake Hays,  
Andrew Jin, Ryan Kuhlman, Nick Labella, Ashley Mastey, Vince Mati,  
Sara Padilla, Casey Parsons, Jenna Raines, Austin Seger,  
Dilberjon Shahid, Kaylee Smith,**



### CHORUS DATES & NEWS

December 4th—PV Mall at 4:30pm.

Wednesday, December 9th- Holiday Concert Series at the State Capitol. Transportation by school bus.

December 11th— Desert Ridge Marriott at 6:30pm.

Assemblies will be on Tuesday, December 15 at 9:50 am & 1:30 pm in the Grayhawk MPR.

Tuesday, December 15 concert for family and friends will be at PINNACLE HIGH SCHOOL performance at 7pm.

### *Strings News*

*Grayhawk Strings Concert  
Dec 7th at 6:30 pm  
at Wildfire Elementary*



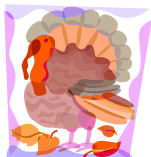
### BAND NEWS!

Holiday concert is coming up on Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00 PM at Pinnacle Peak Elementary.  
Assembly - Mon, Dec, 7th at 1:30 pm in Grayhawk's MPR

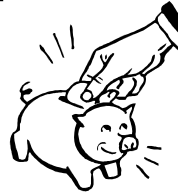
### Safety Notice



**Please do not drop off students before 8:30 am.** This is for our children's safety –there is **No** supervision on the playground before these times.



Happy Thanksgiving  
To All Our Grayhawk Families  
We are so thankful for all of you!



### Donate money to Grayhawk and get a tax credit

A state law allows Arizona taxpayers to contribute a limited amount of funds to their local schools by Dec. 31, and take the full amount of their donations off their state income tax. Couples filing jointly may donate up to \$400 and single filers may contribute up to \$200. Please drop off checks to Grayhawk by Dec. 21 or if mailed it must be postmark by Dec. 31, 2009.

### From the Nurse

**Student Absences** - Please report your child's absence by 8:00 am. call 602-449-6601 or email-ghes@pvschools.net.

### **From the School Nurse**

Please follow the district guidelines regarding not sending your student to school until they are fever free for a full 24 hours without Tylenol or ibuprofen. If they are being treated with an antibiotic, they must be on the antibiotics a full 24 hours prior to returning to school. This will prevent the spread of bacteria and viruses to other students.

If you want your child to take medicine (over the counter or prescription) during school hours, you must sign a medicine authorization form and supply the medication in its original container. Thank you for your cooperation regarding these issues.  
Nurse Lisa Van Paris - 602-449-6603

