



GRAYHAWK PAW PRINTS

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FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Each year I set high expectations for Grayhawk Elementary School's beginning. This year we have not only met this expectation but have gone beyond. During a year with many staff changes and many new families joining us, I want to extend to each family and the entire staff my "thank you" for an outstanding start and extent my challenge to you to continue working together to make the rest of the year even greater.

We have a wonderful team of parents, students, teachers & staff working together to assure success for all. I am so proud of this team! The number one predictor of student academic success is parent involvement and therefore, I again this year, challenge you to become an active participant in your child's education. Come to PTO functions, attend conferences, read the eNews, check your student's the agenda book, ask about homework, support your teachers and join PTO are a few good ideas. We will be continuing adult learning committees this year so be ready to model for your children.

Please take time to read the Parking/Safety section in this newsletter. It is essential that we emulate for our students (your children) following rules and not breaking them by beating the system. As it cools down and more students walk and ride their bicycles, pick up will improve. I think safely getting 800 students home each night in less than 15 minutes is pretty darn good so please be patient and follow all the rules.

Respectfully,

Don Hiemstra

Don Hiemstra, Ed.S., Principal

Calendar Highlights

Core Knowledge

Night @ 6:00 pm

Sept 16

Early Dismissal
Tuesday, Sept 15
12:30 pm

**K-12 Recess--
Sept 28
NO SCHOOL**

**Fall Festival
Fri, Oct 16**

**CONFERENCE
WEEK
Oct 26-29**

Early Dismissal
Wed, Oct 28 &
Thurs, Oct 29

**NO SCHOOL
Friday, Oct. 30**

Grayhawk has GONE GREEN ~ Don't forget to sign up for eNews.
This is how to know everything that is happening & how to plan ahead.
eNews is sent out every Thursday right to your email inbox and replaces
past years Thursday Folder. This will be the last newsletter reminder
going home with students, please don't forget to check online every month.
Go to ghes.pvschools.net to view the Complete Newsletter

**P. V. U. S. D.
GOVERNING
BOARD**
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Nancy Case Member
Anne Greenberg Member
Tom Ohmart Member
Sue Skidmore, Ed.D Member
SUPERINTENDENT
Dr. James P. Lee



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Congratulations to our students who participated in the summer reading program

READ in Paradise

Kindergarten

Bobby Stevens

First Grade

Jacquelyn Guthrie, Brynn Kramer, Tyler Leonard, Ryan Loo, Taylor Moseson, Gregory Pappa, Faith Rosky, Nicholas Ward

Second Grade

Ben Atkinson, Barrett England, Jonas Frandsen, Dylan O'Hara, Jaron Kitchel

Third Grade

Cooper Acosta, Gabriella Alessio, Ryan Cottor, Elena Landers, Jacob Leonard, Justin Loo, Reese Tomooka

Fourth Grade

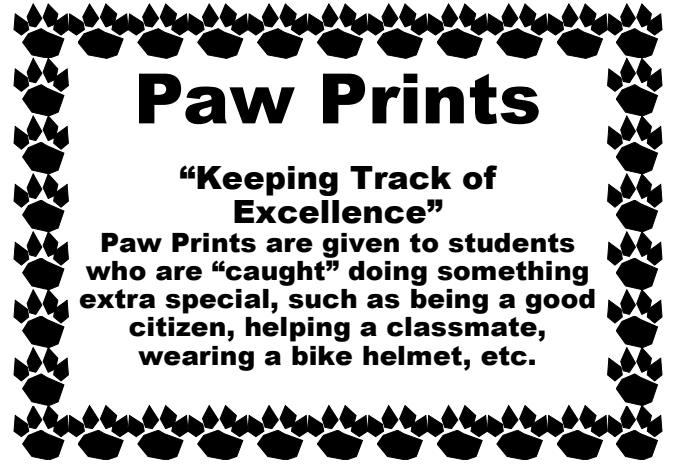
Colton Acosta, Andrew Atkinson, Lily Guthrie, Heidi Kitchel, Michael Kramer, Ryan O'Hara, Lauren Stevens, Marco Tenaglia

Fifth Grade

Lexi Reinstein, Sam Waier

Sixth Grade

Tarren Kramer, Julia Taravello, Gianni Tenaglia



Please call the office at 602-449-6601 when your student will be absent or late. Please try to call before 8 am.

Lunch Schedule

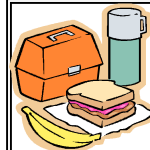
GR.	ENTER	INSIDE
6th	11:00	11:40
5th	11:10	11:50
4th	11:20	12:00
1st	11:30	12:10
2nd	11:50	12:30
3rd	12:00	12:40
K	12:15	12:55



Nutrition & Wellness Update:

For the 2009-2010 school year, the PVUSD Nutrition & Wellness Department will offer EZSchoolPay at all district schools. EZSchoolPay is an online meal payment service. Parents will be able to enter payments on their child's school meal account using VISA or MasterCard. They will also be able to monitor their child's account balance online.

Parent registration and meal account balance monitoring are free. A 4.5% transaction fee is added to the online account credit. Parents can access this service at EZSchoolPay.com. There is also a link on the Nutrition & Wellness webpage. Parents will need to know the zip code of their child's schools and their child's student ID number to set up an account.



Cafeteria Update

The price of lunch is \$2.00 and breakfast is \$1.00.

Students must take 1-Milk, 1-Juice, 1-cereal and/or 1-Entrée. Milk or juice may be purchased for .25 cents, this also applies to additional drinks at lunch. Students are only allowed to buy one meal per day with their lunch card.



HEALTH & WELLNESS

For students needing medication on a daily, short term, or “as needed” basis, a signed “Medication Administration Record” must be on file in the Nurse’s Office before the medication can be administered. This form is available from the Nurse’s Office & on the District website. All medications must be in the **original prescription or manufacturer’s container**. Prescription medications must also have the student’s name and current dose directions clearly printed on the label. **NO MEDICATION MAY BE CARRIED IN A PURSE OR BACKPACK. THIS INCLUDES TYLENOL, ADVIL, AND COUGH DROPS.**

If your child has any health conditions or health needs, including allergies, please let me know so I can better care for him or her. I am available to both you and your child to answer questions about health and wellness. Please feel free to stop in or call me at 602-449-6603. Lisa Van Paris, BSN, RN
Grayhawk Elementary School Nurse



All flyers and information for our school are now online. To get the latest news you must be signed up for eNews. Go to our home page at ghes.pvschools.net and click on the pawprint button—it only takes seconds!

SAFETY...SAFETY...

PLEASE HELP US KEEP ALL STUDENTS SAFE

and **be a good role model for your child, too.** Show your support for our citizenship program, “The Other 3 Rs”. Respect for self. Respect for others. Be Responsible.



Parking, Parking, Parking—

“Be in the KNOW and go with the FLOW, please!”

We, too, are concerned about the safety and flow of traffic in and around the parking lots. **Drop-off is after 8:30AM.** There is no supervision provided prior to 8:30AM. Students should not enter or exit through the office without a parent with them. Pick-up is at 3:00PM. **All students exit through the back doors of the school.**

Solution #1: As the weather cools down, we hope that more students will choose to WALK or RIDE the BUS to school. This act, in and of itself, will make a tremendous difference in regards to traffic congestion around the school.

Solution #2: “Be in the KNOW and go with the FLOW, please!” Learn where it is okay to park and how to safely drop off or pick up your child (ren).

Choice #1 Back Parking Lot (by Grayhawk Park) The single-lane drop-off/pick-up line works its way South on 76th Street into the parking lot. Please respect the **red fire line curbs, bike lane, handicapped parking spaces and red cones. No parking is allowed in these areas.** Please use a parking space if you are walking your students up to the school. Please use the crosswalk for your child’s safety. Otherwise, please pull all the way up to the end of the sidewalk closest to the **tennis courts.** This way, we could have five to six cars emptying or loading safely at one time onto or from the sidewalk, not the gravel.

Choice #2 Side Parking Lot (NE corner of 76th Street and Grayhawk Drive) This parking lot is for temporary parking only during the day and is not intended for drop-off or pick-up. If you choose to use this parking lot during those times, please respect and do not park along the red fire lane curbs, handicapped or reserved parking. Please do encourage your child to walk to the back parking lot for pick up. **Help keep all students safe!!**

Choice #3 Front Driveway (on Grayhawk Drive)

This is not meant for either drop-off or pick-up. However, if you choose to use the area during these times please respect the single-lane line and rules for the yellow and red curbs in the driveway. There is no parking allowed on Grayhawk Drive. **Let’s keep all children safe!**

Choice #4 Kindergarten Pick-Up Only

The bus lane behind the school is used from 2:45PM-2:55PM for Kindergarten pick-up only on the west side of the school.

Beating the System: The Scottsdale Police Department will ticket those parked in illegal areas or not following the law in regards to passing through a school crosswalk. We encourage you to consider not using a cell phone while in these areas for the safety of all children.