

DESERT WILLOW ELEMENTARY



Principal - Melissa Pieper / TOA - Jeff Groh

A Message from Ms. Pieper:

What a great time we had in March! We celebrated having students and staff back on our campus and filling the hallways! You could definitely feel the joy having everyone back! We had a wonderful Dr. Seuss Spirit Week and student achievements were highlighted during conferences. Now that we are back from Spring Break and well-rested, our students are busy and working hard! During the month of April, we will be administering the AzMERIT assessment for grades 3-5. This year, our students will be taking the assessment online.

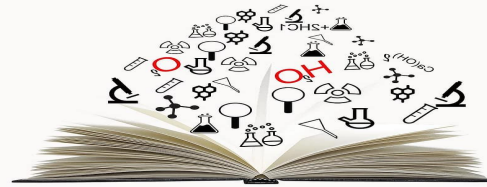
April 21st is also Administrative Professionals Day. Please take a moment to stop in and thank them for the amazing job they do! Veronica and Priscilla are not only our friendly and extremely helpful front office ladies - they work hard to make sure all of our students and families are taken care of as well. Join us in thanking them for being wonderful parts of our team!

We will kick off next month with Teacher Appreciation May 3rd-7th. I love this time of year when students and families show their appreciation to our teachers! My son has always loved writing a note to his teacher and making something special for them. As a former teacher, one of my most rewarding moments is the smiles on my student's faces. when they carried in their gift/project was such a rewarding moment! It is the little things that make such a big difference, in the lives of teachers.

Thank you to all families for your continued support of Desert Willow!



Families of 3rd, 4th and 5th Graders
Students will be taking the AzMerit testing this month. Please avoid making appointments and make sure your student is on time to school. Dates vary and can be confirmed with your student's teacher. Thank you for your continued support.



AM Student Drop Off

Students can be dropped off at 7:30 am. This allows time for our busses to arrive. Everyday a grade level will be able to go outside for AM recess. Please check with your student's teacher for their grade level day! If you are arriving after 8:00 am please come into the office to sign your student in.

Additional Support may be available for students whose families are experiencing transitional housing situations (such as foreclosure, doubling up with friends or relatives, homeless) if your family lives in any of the following situations, you may qualify for services: In a shelter, motel, vehicle or campground; on the street; in an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodation; or doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing.

Contact: [Zayda Boudreau](#)
McKinney-Vento Liaison at (520) 876-3245

April Dates to Remember:

- 2nd - No School
- 2nd - PT50 You've Been Egged Fundraiser Due
- 6th - AzMerit Testing Begins at DW
- 7th - Early Release 12:45
- 12th-21st - Student Council Read-A-Thon
- 14th - PT50 Fundraiser Due
- 15th - Kindergarten Round Up 5-6pm
- 21st - Early Release 12:45
- 29th - Kinder Grad Pictures and Spring Picture Retake

DW Gear will be arriving in April!



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