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WOLF BACK DRIDE

Desert Mountain High School - 12575 E. Via Linda - Scottsdale, AZ 85259 - 480-484-7000



Desert Mountain High School

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| Feb. 3 - April 16 | Evening School REGISTER NOW |
| Feb 4 | STUGO Blood Drive 9am to 1pm |
| Feb. 6 | Last day for juniors to sign up for AIMS retakes (to "exceed" only) |
| Feb. 17 | Alg. To Honors math test at Middle School sites |
| Feb. 24 | AIMS Writing Test |
| Feb. 25 | AIMS Reading Test |
| March 1 | AIMS Math Test |
| March 5 | Out of District course selection night 3:00-8:00 DMHS |
| April 3 | last day to change a class that was selected during "course selection" time |
| April 9 | SCC ASSET Test @ DMHS @ 8:00 in auditorium |
| April 29 | College Kick Off @ SCC 9:00-1:00 |
| May 26 | Senior Awards Night @ DMHS |
| May 27 | Graduation |
| June 1 | Summer Work for Honors & AP classes available on school website |

**Students who failed classes or earned a "D" in a class should plan on retaking that class during summer school or evening school.

A "D" in a class will limit the student options for advancement in that subject area and colleges and universities do not recognize a grade of "D" as mastery of that content, although high school credit is granted. Summer school session dates will be posted on the website in April. Each summer session is \$250.00 per class / session. If you plan on taking an evening school class do not wait to register since classes may be cancelled if there is not enough enrollment.

For all school information and daily announcements
check our school website at
<http://desertmountain.susd.org/>

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and Americans with Disabilities Act Notice of Non-Discrimination

Applicants for admission and employment, students, parents, persons with disabilities, employees and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the Scottsdale Unified School District are hereby notified that this school does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, age or disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs and activities. Any person having inquiries concerning DMHS' compliance with the regulation implementing Title VI, Title IX, The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Section 5074 is directed to contact Dr. Fox at 480-484-7008

If any parent, family member or guest needs accommodations to attend and/or participate in a school meeting or function, please contact Dr. Fox at 480-484-7008 at least 2-3 business days prior to the event.

Need to contact the PTO
desertmountainpto@yahoo.com



Welcome back to the spring semester at Desert Mountain. Please take the time to review the newsletter for valuable information regarding student opportunities, upcoming testing, and other important notices. Our students, teachers, and staff continue to work diligently to excel in all areas.

U. S. News and World Report recently ranked all of the International Baccalaureate schools in the country. Desert Mountain is 39th out of 639 IB schools, which places us in the top 6% in the United States. Our IB program continues to make the Scottsdale Unified School District and the Desert Mountain Community extremely proud.

The Arizona Republic reported that Desert Mountain High School had the highest percentage (77%) of math graduates in relation to college readiness of all the schools in Maricopa County. We are extremely proud of our math department and the work they do. Great job Wolves!

The new semester brings a great opportunity to receive even more outstanding academic experiences. We continue to stress the importance of students being in class and on time. Student success goes hand in hand with regular classroom attendance. Please continue to check the school calendar when scheduling your upcoming vacations.

As the winter sports move into their final weeks of competition, we look forward to the beginning of our spring sports. Be sure to come out and support our athletic and performing arts programs. Remind your student get involved in one of the many clubs or activities we offer here at DMHS.

Our staff's goal is to provide an exceptional customer experience at all times. We look forward to working with you and thank you for your continued support of Desert Mountain.

Sincerely,
Greg Milbrandt

From the PTO Co-Presidents...

It's hard to believe that we are in the 2nd semester of the school year! We hope you and your families had a rejuvenating Winter Break.

Our Project Grad team is gearing up for Project Grad night. With the cancellation of the fall fundraiser, which pays for a large portion of the night, we are vigorously working on soliciting donations for this event. We are looking for prize donations, anything from gift cards to merchandise as well as monetary contributions. We can use anything!! Let's work together to keep our senior's safe on grad night and provide them with a memorable "last" night!! Please contact Carolyn Attal, cattalwatts@cox.net if you wish to donate an item or wish to be a volunteer for that evening.

This year it is **very important** that you return your E-News form because we are "green" with our PTO Newsletter as well as all PTO communications. You can also sign up to receive E-News on our PTO website at www.dmpto.org. This PTO Newsletter and all subsequent ones will be only available online - you will be notified via e-news communications when they are published. We only have 800 families that have signed up to receive E-News communications and still need the rest of our parent community to do so as well.

It is still not too late to join PTO. All of our forms are online at our website www.dmpto.org. Just click on, print out and send in. It is just that easy! All PTO membership donations are spent directly back into the school for your students and teachers. Any amount that you can contribute will be greatly appreciated!

Feel free to contact us at desertmountainpto@yahoo.com if you have questions, suggestions or comments.

Claire Harbottle
Mauri Collins

Teacher Spotlight

■ Ms. Christina Murray

Most freshman taking geometry here at DMHS know Ms. Murray. She teaches Geometry Trig Honors and Regular Geometry. But, what you may not know about her is that she struggled with geometry when she was in high school. "I think it's important that teachers struggle at one time with a subject so they can understand where their students are coming from," she says. "Like many of my students, I hated proofs! So, I can relate to that feeling."

A New Mexico native, Ms. Murray came to Arizona eight years ago with her husband, who was interested in attending culinary school here.

"I went to two years of undergraduate at New Mexico State and then transferred here to ASU where I received my Bachelor's in Education with a math emphasis."

Ms. Murray has always loved math and the environment of school. She knew she wanted to teach at an early age.

"I had a calculus teacher in high school who taught me how to be an independent thinker--he really influenced me."

Ms. Murray has an 11-year-old daughter at Mountainside Middle School and a dog, Shandi. She and her husband and daughter all love sports!

"I am a sports fanatic. I follow the Broncos, the Diamondbacks, the Suns and college sports, as well. I played softball in high school and I love to bowl." She even belongs to a bowling league here in Scottsdale made up of DMHS teachers called the Dry Erasers.

"If I had to give students any advice, I'd say enjoy high school. It goes by so fast! Also, appreciate what you have -- Desert Mountain is a great school. And one more thing -- stay in touch with your teachers -- we really do care."

The Marketing and DECA students participated in the Central Area Career Development Conference on January 14. Desert Mountain fared quite well. (see Below)

Stacey Jaw is a candidate for the 2009-10 AZ DECA State Action Team to be elected at the state conference in March.

Plus the students will be participating in a competition prep event on February 19 at jobing.com and then at the Arizona DECA Career Development Conference - March 2-4 in Tucson.

We are assisting in finding individuals from the Marketing, Management, & Entrepreneurship job clusters to judge the events on March 3. If interested please contact Juliann Trump (jtrump@susd.org).

WINTER CAREER DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Phoenix Community College January 14, 2009

EVENTS

WINNERS

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| Apparel & Accessories | 1 st Place | Jessica Rupnik |
| Apparel & Accessories | 1 st Place | Heba Albasha |
| Apparel & Accessories | 3 rd Place | Cassia Petridis |
| Business Services | 1 st Place | Morgan Barrick |
| Business Services | 3 rd Place | Stacey Jaw |
| Internet Marketing | 2 nd Place | Lindsey Gilman/ Adam Sherman |
| Team Decision Making | | |

Medaled in the Competency Test

Noelle Mailhot
Daniel Dodell
Heba Albasha
Stacey Jaw
Chris Neumann

Will Represent the Central Area in Quiz Bowl

Stacey Jaw
Daniel Dodell

These students are automatically eligible for the Arizona DECA Career Development Conference in March.

Desert Mountain High School

Project Graduation needs your help!

For parents who might not be aware PPG (Project Prevention Graduation) is, an all night, lock-in safe, drug and alcohol free celebration for our graduating Senior's immediately following the ceremony. Graduation night is one of the most deadly nights of a teenager's life and this party ensures that our graduates remain safe, while at the same time experiencing one last memorable evening with their High School friends.

This year, due to the economic crisis, we are looking for ways to cut expenses. We outsource several items that we were hoping some of our parents might be able to loan us or put us in contact with those who could loan for the night of PPG May 27, 2009.

We need:

- 2-3 generators in the 120 KW class
- Tables - six to eight foot long banquet tables
(One or two contacts that can handle 60-80 tables in this area)
- Round cocktail tables and stand up (Bar height) tables.
- Chairs - 300 to 350 folding chairs (again one or two contacts who can handle all)

If you have a company or a contact at a company that would be willing to donate any of the items listed above, it would greatly help with our budget as well as the planning of this event.

We are also starting to collect new boxers for our Desert Mountain traditional game "Boxer Bingo". We need all sizes for a total amount of 400+ boxers. Please make sure that there are no references to drug, alcohol or cigarettes. This game is annually one of the most popular games of the evening. You may drop off your boxer donations in the front office at Desert Mountain or contact Carolyn Attal for other arrangements.

Please contact Carolyn Attal, by telephone at 480 419-9272 or email her at cattalwatts@cox.net, if you can provide or assist with any of the above items for this evening.

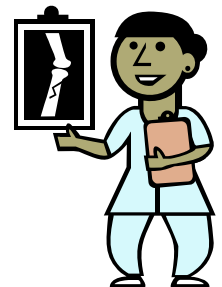
Any help you can provide will be *greatly appreciated*.

Health Care II Students Begin Clinical Rotations

Our Chaparral, Desert Mountain, Coronado and Saguaro magnet health care students are finally ready for their clinical rotations at Scottsdale Hospitals. The hospital requirements have increased remarkably so students now could probably pass federal security. They've been fingerprinted; drug tested, immunized, advanced CPR tested and skill weathered. Our students will work in a variety of departments at the Osborn and Shea hospitals learning first-hand how health care workers function and what real patients must endure. We are very proud of our determined, directed, mature and hard-working students AND we remain grateful to the staff at Scottsdale Healthcare for helping our learners give the best in-patient care.

Peg Straus

SUSD Health Careers Instructor



Have you gotten any ENEWS from the PTO? Well if you have not received any this year, you are not on our list. We have sent out several e-news this year already! All communications will be done via ENEWS.

Please visit our website at www.dmpto.org and click, under navigation Sign up for ENEWS and Newsletters. It's fast and easy!

Remember, if you don't register, you will not know what is happening at DMHS. We do not sell or use your email address other than PTO and Desert Mountain information. All emails will be purged at the end of the year.

From the PTO Shop to Earn/Shop to Earth

These are two websites that we have contracted with to support DMHS. Each time you use the below link and shop, DMHS directly receives a percentage of monies spent.

It is an easy way for you to be able to support DMHS without any inconvenience to you. You can shop from home, at your leisure and DMHS PTO will earn a percentage of your dollars spent. These are small ways that you can make a difference that add up to dollars for DMHS!

Our newest venture is:

www.shoptoearn.net/desertmountainpto

At this site, you will find hundreds of stores from:

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| Gift Certificates | Travel |
| Womans | Mens |
| Baby | kids |
| Home | Education |
| Beauty | Food |
| Books | Toys |
| Electronics | many, many more |

There are so many to choose from! Take a look. There is NO registration. All you need to do is simply click on the above link and visit the stores. Shop to Earn will track all of your purchases. It's that easy!

Shop To Earn has a large section devoted (Shop to Earth) to companies and products that are "Green". You can even purchase gift cards, and again, DMHS PTO will get a percentage back! Support our environment while supporting DMHS. You can pass on this site to family and friends, anyone can purchase from this site.

Other ways for you to support DMHS

Do you shop at Safeway? Please register your card with DMHS. A percentage of the money you spend goes directly to our PTO and school. Please go to www.dmppto.org and click on the forms page to register your card.

Another way is www.escrrip.com and register your credit cards & Macy's card. When you shop at participating stores, DMHS PTO will receive a percentage of your purchases. Use our ID #6650135 to get started. All cards must be RENEWED ANNUALLY.

For additional fundraising please visit:

<http://dmppto.org/support.php>

Project Prevention Graduation 2009

Did you know that **graduation night** could be the **deadliest night** in a teenager's life? This is evident not only by local tragic auto accidents, but also by these startling national statistics:

- Teenagers are involved in more than one-third of **alcohol-related** car accidents.
- More teenage accidents and fatalities occur on High School Graduation Night than any other time of the year.

Project Prevention Graduation is an all night party that provides a **safe** environment to celebrate this memorable milestone. It's a **drug-free** event, held exclusively for the 2009 graduates of DMHS. Packed with awesome activities guaranteed to keep the grads rocking, it's the last time the class of 2009 will spend together before they fly the coop!

This event is funded entirely by the generosity of DMHS parents, the community and local businesses.

Not yet **registered**? Not sure? Go to www.dmppto.org and click on the link to see the list of paid students. It's easy!

- Print and fill out the PPG both forms (available at www.dmppto.org)
- Turn the forms and payment into the office.

Thank you for your support!
PPG Team 2009
Carolyn Attal (480) 419-9272

Giving Parents the Power!

Are you afraid your teenager is using **drugs**?
If so, how do you find out **for sure**?

As your School Resource Officer, many parents have come to me and voiced these concerns. In the past, I steered them to Valley drug testing centers. But there is now a way to get your questions answered **QUICKLY** and at a **LOW COST**.

A company called **LEAD** (Law Enforcement Against Drugs) will provide me with drug testing kits at cost, which I will make available to DMHS parents.

A **4 Panel Drug Test Kit** costs just **\$15**. It tests for: Opiates/Morphine, Methamphetamine, Marijuana, or Cocaine.

There are also **\$5 Test Kits** that detect: Depressants, Stimulants, Ecstasy, Oxycodone, or Alcohol

Basic Test Kits sell for **double** these prices at local drug stores.

How Does This Program Work?

If you suspect your child has ingested drugs, or simply want the test on hand for preventative use, I will provide you with the appropriate kit, along with drug information and where to go for additional help. Because I am providing these kits at cost, all monies collected will be used to replenish the supply of kits. Your information will be kept confidential from school personnel and from the police (other than me).

My stance has always been **PREVENTION** before **INTERVENTION**. By making these testing kits available for immediate use, I hope to empower the parents of our community with knowledge, rather than suspicions. If there is a chance to end the use of drugs before a child ends up in trouble, I am willing to try.

If you feel you are in need of this service, please call or email me.

Officer Rob Katzaroff
(480) 484-7012
rkatzaroff@susd.org

Visual Arts Department



Two DMHS Visual Arts students, Eica Anderson and Katlin Forster were selected to exhibit their 3-dimensional art work in the “New Horizons” high school art show at the Shemer Art Center Jan. 24-Feb 26.

Award reception is Sat. Jan. 24 at 10am-noon.

Congratulations!

Two other DMHS Photography students, Christine Garcia and Deandra Kotowich were juried into a prestigious exhibit at the Scottsdale Center for the Arts, “Computer Generation: High School Art in the Digital Age.” They were selected out of 60 other valley entries.

Reception is Feb. 13 7-9 pm. Show runs through May.

Way to go!



New Traffic Law

There is a new traffic law that I have been receiving numerous questions about. Since the beginning of 2009, we are all now required to show the state name of the license plate, in addition to numbers and letters. Most older license plate covers block the state name on the plate, so be sure to check your vehicles and make any necessary changes.

ARS 28-2354. License plates

- A. A person shall display the license plate or plates as follows:
1. For a motor vehicle, motorcycle, trailer or semitrailer, on the rear.
 2. For a vehicle for which two license plates are issued, the vehicle owner shall display either of the following:
 - (a) One plate on the rear.
 - (b) One plate on the front and one plate on the rear.
- B. A person shall display all license plates as required by subsection A until their lawful use expires or is canceled or revoked. **A person shall maintain each license plate so it is clearly legible and so that the name of this state at the top of the license plate is not obscured.**

A person shall securely fasten each license plate to the vehicle as follows:

1. To prevent the plate from swinging.
2. At a height of at least twelve inches from the ground to the bottom of the plate.
3. In a position to be clearly visible.

SAT and ACT Test Dates

SAT:
March 14
May 2
June 6

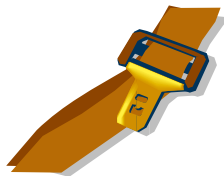
ACT:
February 7
April 4

BLOOD DRIVE

DMHS Student Government would like to invite parents to participate in donating during our blood drive



When: February 4th, 2009
Where: Auxiliary Gym @ DMHS
From 9:00 am 1:00 pm



Wear your seatbelt: It could save your Life!

Nationally, teens represent less than 7 percent of the driving population but account for more than 13 percent of drivers involved in fatal motor vehicle crashes (National Transportation Safety Board, Safety Alert). In the past three years, 267 young people died in Arizona traffic crashes, and 37 percent of them were not buckled (Fatality Analysis Reporting System, U.S. Department of Transportation). According to the 2005 Arizona Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 14 percent of ninth through twelve grade students never or rarely wore a safety belt while riding in a car driven by someone else.

Because of statistics like these, the Teen CERT club is participating in the Battle of the Belt. Our goal is to educate the student and parent community on the importance of wearing seatbelts – ALL THE TIME!. Please help us out by wearing your seatbelt whenever you get in the car and make sure your kids do the same.

Officer Katzaroff

Straight Talk Outreach Program

Dale "Mad Dog" Messmer brought his Straight Talk Outreach Program to Desert Mountain High School on January 15 & 16th. This former marine, business owner, SWAT Team trainer, and CONVICT, spoke to a small group of parents and the entire student body, delivering his message on making smart choices. He spoke honestly about mistakes he had made in his life in the hope that he might keep our kids from making the same poor choices he did.

The students were very respectful and had nothing but positive comments about Mad Dog's message. One junior, who had heard Mad Dog two years ago, told me that Mad Dog is the only drug prevention speaker he remembered. Mad Dog in return voiced his appreciation for the student's attentiveness during the assembly. After the assemblies, he stayed for lunch speaking to students one-on-one, answering their questions.

A special thanks goes out to the PTO for their willingness to bring such a dynamic speaker to our campus.

Planning your vacations? Why not book it through Shop to Earn? Desert Mountain will receive a percentage back. It's easy. There are many hotels, rental cars, and cruises, Expedia, Hotwire and Priceline

Visit www.shoptoearn.net/desertmountainpto

Project Grad is looking for boxers

At PPG, boxer bingo is one of the more popular events. We need around 500 pairs of new boxers as prizes. While out holiday shopping, if you would like to purchase them and donate them to PPG, we would surely appreciate it! Please remember that the boxers need to be in accordance with our dress code (alcohol advertisements).

We are also looking for someone who has a contact with Sherriff Joe or his office. We would love to get some pink boxers. We can use all sizes.

Please drop off your boxers in the office marked "PPG"



NEED HELP WITH MATH?

If you would like some one-on-one help with Math, stop in the Math Lab in room 5121 on Tuesdays from 3-4pm; or Fridays from 7:15-8:00am. There will be a DMHS Math teacher there to help you. No appointment is necessary and the sessions are FREE!

Attention Seniors

~GRADUATION 2009 is coming soon! Mark your calendar for Wednesday, May 27th at 8:00pm in the DMHS Stadium!!!!!!

~If you missed ordering cap/gown and announcements you can pick up a packet in the front office and send your order to:

Balfour Traditions
3920 N. Miller Road Suite #104
Scottsdale, AZ 85251
480-990-0141
480-941-8713 fax
csr@balfourtraditions.com



~A diploma card that ensures proper spelling of your name for your diploma must be turned in to Sarah Anderson in the Mrs. Lundberg's office at DMHS. If you haven't done this please complete it ASAP!

~Students wishing to tryout to deliver a speech or perform a song during the graduation ceremony must register with Mrs. Oppenheim in the front office between February 23rd and March 6th. Auditions will be scheduled after Spring Break.

~There will be **mandatory PARENT MEETINGS** for seniors regarding graduation and project graduation. Please mark your calendar now! You only have to attend one of the meetings. Tickets and other materials will be distributed after the meeting.

- ❖ April 1st, 2009 at 7:00pm in the auditorium at DMHS
- ❖ April 4th, 2009 at 9:00am in the auditorium at DMHS
- ❖ April 7th, 2009 at 7:00pm in the auditorium at DMHS

~Senior graduation announcements will be distributed during lunch on March 15th.

~Senior students will also need to attend a mandatory graduation meeting during the last week in April or the first week in May where they will pick up their Cap and Gown.

~Senior Breakfast will be held in April 24th at the Scottsdale Conference Resort, more information will follow.

~Junior / Senior Prom will be held May 9th, location to be announced.

We are looking forward to a wonderful graduation.
Sharon Makhoul

NEW CTE Business 101 Course

DMHS will be piloting the new course offered for students in the 2009-2010 year if there are enough students that sign up during registration this school year.

The Business 101 course can help make your financial dreams come true! Students will learn how to apply technology to business practices that will advance their skills in an interactive lab.

Topics include: checking accounts, managing credit effectively, financial consequences of debt, risk management, and investment alternatives. Students will also design their own "Personal Finance Portfolio."

Email Pam Paul if you have any questions.
ppaul@susd.org

Desert Mountain Varsity Cheer

"Desert Mountain Varsity Cheer is at it again! Proving that they are leaders not only in school but in the community, they donated their time and enthusiasm on Sunday January 18th to cheer on the half-marathon runners at the P.F. Changs **Rock and Roll Marathon**. Not only did the cheerleaders encourage the runners, they joined with RACE Charities to support their "Raising Awareness of Cancer Early-on" cause. As the runners passed, the girls encouraged all to "Fight for Life", "Run for Glory", and "Be a Warrior", which are the charities' mantras. The girls ended up taking home a 2nd place prize for the most spirited team on the course! Congratulations girls and thanks for once again proving that cheerleaders truly are leaders!"





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info@spi-az.org

SPI INTRODUCES AN AFTER-SCHOOL STUDY SKILLS PROGRAM

Be better prepared for AIMS testing, prepare for college entrance exams, and get better grades!! Learn life-long organizational skills! Feel Successful!

Since we have received so many requests from parents for additional study skills programs, SPI has developed an 8-week after-school program. The eight-week program entails lessons and activities on the following main topics (topics may be added/changed as necessary):

- Identify students' learning styles and complete a baseline measure of current study habits
- Organize students' study environments (including organizing their own backpack)
- Prioritize all areas of students' responsibilities; learn stress management skills
- Practice skills to avoid distractions and stamp out procrastination
- Learn outlining skills through hands on activities
- Learn note taking skills through hands on activities
- Identify main topics and effectively utilize abbreviations and symbols
- Learn to use index cards and strengthen memory skills

One free make-up class/review per session!

All classes will be held at **Arabian Library**, which is adjacent to Desert Canyon Middle School (Thompson Peak Parkway and McDowell Mountain Ranch Rd.) from 4:00- 5:30 pm.

Tuesday classes are for **Middle School Students** grades 6-8th from 4:00- 5:30 pm.

2/3; 2/10; 2/17; 2/24; 3/3; 3/10; 3/17; 3/24; 3/31 Make Up Class/Review

Thursday classes (except for Tuesday 4/7) are for **High School Students** grades 9-12th from 4:00- 5:30 pm.

1/29; 2/5; 2/26; 3/5; 3/12; 3/26; 4/2; Tuesday 4/7; 4/9 Make Up Class/Review

Cost is \$120 per student. To register call Sandra Nichols at: (480) 443-3100 Ext. 225. Registration is limited and must be completed by Jan. 28, 2009. Checks made payable to Scottsdale Prevention Institute and can be sent to the above address.



Attention PTO NEEDS YOU!!!!!!

The following DMPTO Executive Board positions are available for this next school - 2009-2010. Now is the time to get involved, volunteer for and shadow our current board to learn these positions!!

President or Co-Presidents

1st Vice President

In charge of purchasing approved teacher funding requests

2nd Vice President

PTO Membership

3rd Vice President

In charge of Project Prevention Graduation night

Recording Secretary

Takes and distributes minutes from PTO meetings

Treasurer

Prepares yearly budget with Presidents, processes payments and prepares reports for PTO meetings

Parliamentarian

Keeps meetings on task and reflects on PTO By-Laws, etc, to make sure that all rules and regulations are followed.

Please contact either PTO President: Claire Harbottle, claireh@cox.net or Mauri Collins, mauricoll@yahoo.com if you are interested in finding out more about these open positions.

This is a **GREAT** way to get involved and be informed about what is going on at the high school!



Best Buy in North Scottsdale is proud to announce a partnership with Desert Mountain High School for this school year. For every \$25,000 in receipts turned by students and faculty from sales at the **North Scottsdale store on Pima Rd** the school will receive \$500 in gift cards.

Just ask for a duplicate receipt and turn it in to cashier at time of purchase.

These gift cards will be used for the school to buy technology and recognize students and teachers. We are also excited to announce the support of the faculty, as we will sponsor a teacher of the month award. And in addition, be on the lookout for special purchase programs for Desert Mountain families and faculty only on exciting products like game consoles and lap top computer.

It's easy.
Tell your family and friends!

Please visit...
For coupons for purchases at Best Buy

[Best Buy Coupon](#)

Attention All Parents

- Project Graduation has been in full swing organizing, planning and preparing for the all night Graduation Party that immediately follows Graduation. Last year, over 93% of the graduating class attended. Many parents wait until the last minute to register their son/daughter. This makes our job very difficult. Please register your child as soon as possible. Not sure if you have registered them? Please go to www.dmpto.org and check the list of registered names as of January 25, 2009. All forms to register your child are also at the site.
- We also are in need of many, many volunteers in order to make this night a successful one. This amazing, fun, filled evening cannot be possible without volunteers. Don't think, someone else will step up! Join us. We have all sorts of different volunteer positions available, even if you cannot give many hours, we will find a job for you! This is a great opportunity for non-senior parents as well as senior parents to get involved!
- We are also looking for donations for prizes for our seniors. If you have a company or have connections for a donation (examples: cameras, Ipods, luggage, bikes, dorm room accessories, spa/beauty items, gift cards, and anything a freshman can use at college) please let us know. Since our fundraiser was cancelled (due to lack of support) our funds are severely depleted and are going to have to rely on donations this year.

We are also looking for restaurant contacts. We need lot and lots of food for our hungry graduates!

If you can help out in any of the above, please contact Carolyn Attal at (480) 419-9272 or email her at cattalwatts@cox.net

Please step up and help us make this the best PPG ever!