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# WOLF PACK PRIDE

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



## Desert Mountain High School

March 24	Fundraiser benefiting DMHS Drama at Yogurtology
March 26	Fundraiser benefiting STUGO at Chick-fil-A from 5-8pm
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

### SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Summer School 2009 will be held at Saguaro High School beginning June 8th. If you are interested in attending, [please visit this link](#) for the registration packet and information.

Session I: June 8th - June 25th

Session II: July 6th - July 23rd

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm\*

\*(Science classes will have 5 extended lab days from 1:00pm-3:00pm)

\*\*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](mailto:desertmountainpto@yahoo.com)



February has been yet another positive month for Desert Mountain High School. As our Seniors begin the final quarter of their high school experiences, members of the incoming class of 2013 are registering for their first high school courses. The final months of the school year involve many opportunities for our students. We just completed another successful round of AIMS testing for Reading and Writing. Please mark your calendars for the 10<sup>th</sup> grade AIMS Math and 9<sup>th</sup> grade TerraNova testing on April 1<sup>st</sup>, AIMS Science on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the Mathematics Field Test for all 10<sup>th</sup> graders on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

On the athletics front, spring sports have also begun. Please come out and support your DMHS Wolves' Baseball, Softball, Tennis, and Track and Field teams. Sports schedules are posted on our website and community support is always appreciated.

Remember to stay in close communication with your student's teachers and class progress. Success in the classroom is directly connected with regular attendance and solid study habits. You can view your student's assignments and grades via the DMHS School Fusion website. This is a great way to track academic progress and contains a variety of valuable information for both students and parents, including school and staff information, upcoming events, teacher contact information, and accomplishments from all facets of our school.

Thank you to our terrific PTO for supporting teaching and learning at Desert Mountain High School. Our student body, staff, and campus continue to experience the=2 0benefits of having an extremely supportive PTO. Please make it a point to support the efforts of Project Graduation, as the safety and well-being of our students is the first priority. Thank you for your continued support of Desert Mountain High School and for allowing us to provide the opportunity for your student to grow through a valuable scholastic experience.

Respectfully,

Greg Milbrandt  
Principal

## From the PTO Co-Presidents...

It's hard to believe that there are approximately 3  $\frac{1}{2}$  months left of the school year! Even as we are winding down, PTO is still very busy providing support to our teachers, staff and administration.

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](mailto:cattalwatts@cox.net) if you wish to donate an item or \$\$\$ to help make this event successful. **PPG will not be held at Mountainside MS.** PPG has secured a great venue that is close by and will make this a surprise for our graduates attending PPG!!!!!! They will be transported by school bus from the school and then returned the following morning to collect their belongings and be picked up at 5:00am. Shhhhhhhh - let's try to keep this a surprise!

This year it is very important that you return your E-News form because we are going "green" with our PTO Newsletter as well as all PTO communications. ALL communications, whether from PTO or the school are sent via PTO e-news or the PTO newsletter. You can also sign up to receive E-News on our PTO website at [www.dmpto.org](http://www.dmpto.org). The PTO Newsletter 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. This is the only major way to stay informed about your child's school and what is going on there!

The PTO Board will have most of their positions open for this next school year. If you are interested in learning about these, please contact us at the e-mail address below. We really need YOU, especially with the upcoming district budget cuts. PTO will be vitally important in providing support for our teachers, staff and administration...

Feel free to contact us at [desertmountainpto@yahoo.com](mailto:desertmountainpto@yahoo.com) if you have questions, suggestions or comments.

Claire Harbottle  
Mauri Collins

# PROJECT GRADUATION

## NEWS

This year, due to the lack of a fundraising event, Project Grad is in great need of donations more than ever before! We would be most grateful for donations of gift cards (gas cards, Best Buy, Target, Starbucks, or anything and any amount!) and items for prize give aways, or monetary donations - either corporate or personal (we are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization so check with your accountant regarding tax deductions).

We are also collecting **large shopping bags with handles (from dept stores)** to use for storing the graduates belongings during PPG. These bags will hold their gowns, clothing, and personal belongings as well their diplomas. They will be kept secure after check-in and then handed back out when PPG is over. We need 600 bags - so check your closets and then start saving as you get them. You can turn them in, starting now, to the front office tagged for "PPG".

PPG will also be selling the following items during the mandatory senior parent meetings - April 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.

- **Senior t-shirts** \$ 15.00  
This shirt will have all senior's names on the back
- **Commemorative Wolf Blankets** \$45.00

Don't forget to register your senior as soon as possible for PPG. You can print out the 2 forms from our PTO website [www.dmpto.org](http://www.dmpto.org). We will be increasing the donation amount for PPG. The current donation fee of \$100. will be increased to \$125 starting April 8th and after April 27<sup>th</sup> the donation amount becomes \$150. Sending in your PPG forms and donations as soon as possible will allow us to know what our income will be, thus enabling us to plan PPG accordingly.

No graduating senior will be turned away because of inability to pay. Scholarships available on case-by-case need.

Thank you for helping us provide our seniors with a safe and memorable celebratory graduation party.

## Attention Seniors

~GRADUATION 2009 is coming soon! Mark your calendar for Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 at 7:00pm in the auditorium at DMHS
- ❖ April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 9:00am in the auditorium at DMHS
- ❖ April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:00pm in the auditorium at DMHS

~Senior graduation announcements will be distributed during lunch on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

~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 24<sup>th</sup> at the Scottsdale Conference Resort, more information will follow.

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

We are looking forward to a wonderful graduation.  
Sharon Makhoul

## Desert Mountain DECA

The Desert Mountain DECA Chapter went to Tucson March 3 & 4 to participate in Arizona's Career Development Conference. Eighteen students were there to show knowledge and skills from one of the 38 competitive areas (role-plays and presentation of written projects). We returned with winners. The chapter received the inaugural diamond award for service to Arizona DECA and for our plan of work (what the chapter does in relation to the four points of the DECA Diamond social intelligence, leadership development, career understanding, civic consciousness).

Senior, Lindsey Gilman was honored as outgoing state president and won an Arizona DECA scholarship.

In the two-days of competition the students fared well - first-timers feeling their way and seasoned competitors giving their all. In the individual series the students take a competency based test and compete in two role-plays. Sophomore, Hunter White entered Food Marketing Services, taking 3<sup>rd</sup> in the test and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. In the team events, the two students also take a competency based test and compete in one role-play. Juniors Daniel Dodell and Adam Sherman took first in the role-play and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Lindsey Gilman took first with her Internet Business Plan presentation. All four students have qualified to compete at the next level, DECA's International Career Development Conference, to be held in Anaheim, CA the end of April. Several students will be chosen in the next few weeks to participate in leaderships workshops. Desert Mountain has been asked to have the following students apply: Senior, Heba Albasha (Senior Management Institute), juniors, Morgan Barrick and Isabella Hibbs (Leadership Development Academy).

Please let their advisor, Juliann Trump (jtrump@susd.org), know if there is anything that you would like to do to help them prepare for the role-plays and/or finance their trips.

Good luck to all of the students as they prepare for their events.

## Registration for PPG

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## 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](http://www.shoptoearn.net/desertmountainpto)

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

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!

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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](http://www.dmppto.org) and click on the forms page to register your card.

Another way is [www.escrrip.com](http://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](http://www.dmppto.org) and click on the link to see the list of paided students. It's easy!

- Print and fill out the PPG both forms (available at [www.dmppto.org](http://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

## Counseling Dept. News

As spring break has ended and we get closer to the end of another school year there are many upcoming dates and events for you to be aware of.

Our **graduating Seniors** have several dates and deadlines that we would like to reinforce.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### FOR SENIORS

April 9- ASSET Placement Test for those seniors planning to attend SCC next year

April 29- College Kick Off for seniors planning to attend SCC next year.

May 13- last day that transcripts for on-line/ correspondence classes will be accepted

**\*\* Seniors taking Eng. 102 @ SCC or Rio Salado should hand carry an official transcript to the registrar as soon as their final grade has been issued.**

May 27- graduation day

### FOR ALL STUDENTS:

March 5- Out of District Registration (3:00-7:30) appt. needed.

March 20- the last day to pay for AP Tests in the bookstore (\$90.00 per test)

March 23- last day to sign up for a Mesa Distance Learning class free of charge. After that date the class will be considered a summer school class and there will be a \$150.00 charge

March 25- Career Day during all student lunches

April 3- last day for changes to next years course selections. All changes need to be addressed with your counselor.

May 4- Computer Basics Test ( sign up in the counseling dept.)

June 1- Summer work for Honors, AP and IB classes available on line

June 8-25- Session 1 summer school @ Saguaro High School

July 6-23- Session 2 summer school (paperwork for registration on web)

Please check your course selections by using school fusion. You can log in by using your students ID # as the log in and his/her 8 digit birthdate as the password. It will be very difficult, if not impossible, for students to make changes to their course requests after April 3 so please make sure your student has all the classes he/she requested before that date. Many of the Honors, AP and IB classes require summer assignments that will be due on the first day of class. Not completing summer work is NOT a reason for a class change in August.

## SAT and ACT Test Dates

### SAT:

May 2  
June 6

### ACT:

April 4

## Visual Arts Exhibitions in the Valley-

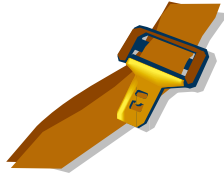
\*District Art Honors Show-Wed. March 25 through Thursday April 2 at Arcadia High School. Reception March 25 5-7pm. Come by to see Visual Art displays from ALL our of schools in the district.

\*Congressional Show "An Artistic Discovery" will showcase 12 of DMHS art students sponsored by Congressman Harry Mitchell March 30-May 4

Reception April 18 at 10 am at AZ. State Historical Society. 1300 N. College Ave. Tempe Very prestigious show!

\*Scottsdale Sister Cities will also be exhibiting some of our student art work for their theme "Your Path to Peace" the Award Ceremony is April 8 5:30-9:00 pm at The Scottsdale School District Ed Center.

\*VASA - Visual Art Student Awards will be held at the West Valley Art Museum in Surprise AZ. Twelve art students from DMHS will be exhibiting their work at this Valley-wide art show to be held April 9-May 10. Award reception will be Sunday May 10 12-2:00 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

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](http://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 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

### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

In charge of purchasing approved teacher funding requests

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

PTO Membership

### 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:claireh@cox.net) or Mauri Collins, [mauricoll@yahoo.com](mailto: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 click on the link below for special discounts for DMHS Parents/staff and students  
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](http://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](mailto:cattalwatts@cox.net)

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