December 2018



Principal's Message

Dear Day Creek Families,

We had a busy fall at Day Creek. At the end of October, we had what has become a student favorite event at Day Creek, the Halloween Bash. Students look forward to this popular event every year! Mr. Brubaker and Mr. Kushin have become master Halloween Haunt artists. The majority of students attended this year with over 80 parents volunteering to run booths at the event. Students daringly ventured through very scary mazes. Our leadership kids are specialists at "putting the scare on" and positioned themselves well throughout to terrify innocent wanderers. It was a fun night for our Day Creek community.

Our Renaissance program continues to thrive. Our hardworking students with a 3.0-4.0 GPA are rewarded throughout the year with special treats. A few times a year our highest achieving students (3.6-4.0 GPA) are invited to special events. Day Creek hosted a Family Fun Night for our Renaissance students that achieved a 3.6-4.0 GPA. We played Bingo, giant board games, and enjoyed a yummy dinner. It was another fun event at Day Creek.

Our Fall Band Concert showcased the hard work and dedication of our Band students. Parents enjoyed a beautiful evening of great music. Day Creek is privileged to have a wonderful music program thanks to the dedication of Mr. Bonner and his inspired students.

A special thank you to our DCIS PTSO and our community. Through your generous support of our PTSO fundraising, we were able to install two shade structures on our campus. The students are excited with more outside seating! Thank you for improving our Day Creek campus!

There is a lot to look forward to as we enter towards the second half of our school year. Rehearsals have begun for our amazing musical performance directed by Debbie McReynolds. This year, we are excited to present Peter Pan. I'm sure it will be another great show! Sixth graders are eagerly awaiting Pali Mt. Camp in April. We may enjoy a little mountain snow at camp, so if you have a student attending, warm boots may be a perfect holiday gift this year!

Students continue to work hard and are making amazing strides in their personal academic achievements. We look forward to the continued success and achievement of all our Day Creek Coyotes. Thank you parents for all the support you provide your students!

May your Holiday Season be happy and bright. Also, I wish you a restful break with much time spent with family and friends. Winter Break is a great time to recharge your super powers for the rest of the school year. Student progress reports and iReady Reports will be sent home with students in January. The Progress Report will help you see your child's progress at the 6 week mark of the second trimester and the iReady Report will help you see overall progress in specific academic areas. Don't forget the parent portal gives you daily access to your student's progress.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season with much good food, good fun, and happy family time.

Sincerely, David Apodaca *Principal*

2018 - 2019 Administration

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October – Courage

Aidan Cano Breahna Rinehart Asad Salman Zein Youssef Patrick Li Bailey Allen James Vista Derek Lopez Victoria Bory Jadyn Raisch Alison Chen

Gabrielle Rivera Sarah Sanchez Sophia Almeida Hayden Kazerooni Zixin Zhou Amanda Iang JT Hinahon Roxy Romero Rachel Martin Madison Alldredge

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November – Communicator

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Eva Chen Bryce Pavelak Jiyo Zhang Ryan Han Eden Engebretsen Lauren Naseib Mariel Ignacio Taylor Birdwell Nicky Sparks Keenan Sanchez Ariana Shimaoka

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Maharlica Allen David Clement Daniel Cisneros Jeremy Liu Ella Altamirano Cindy Serrato Drew Copelan Frank Zheng Sydnee Rodriguez Marissa Montgomery Isaiah Vilela

Rafael Avila Isabelle Pinto Jimmy Zuniga Antonio LaBollita Ethan Chua Ryan Hernandez Artem Tomrachev Carlos Garrido Noel Cruz Urgulla Richard Zhanhao Cao



DCIS Administration was Whipped

All the students who had perfect attendance were rewarded by being able to throw a plate of whipped cream at their administrator of choice. It seemed like a great idea until Mrs. Kuramata told us that we had almost 900 students get perfect attendance. We (administration) can safely say, we might not be eating any whipped cream for a long time. In all seriousness, it was so much fun to see students get excited, nervous, and even apologetic after throwing the "pie". It was all worth it and it is amazing to have a community that values attendance. Thank you parents for supporting your students!





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GYM-A-PALOOZA

September brought us our annual Gym-A-Palooza. About 140 students came out on a Friday to just hang out and play some games. It was one of our biggest Gym-A-Palooza ever. A big thank you goes out to Mrs. Rose, Mr. Henry, and Mr. Nemecek for helping put on such a fun event. Students were able to play volleyball, ping-pong, indoor soccer, cage match and basketball. But, I think the highlight was the students getting to dance to DJ Rose's music. It's is great to see so many kids engaged in school activities and contribute to building their school community.



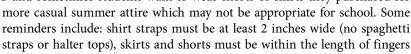
Starting Off on the Right Path

The students and staff at Day Creek Intermediate work as a team to make the school year positive and productive. Please take a minute to review some of our important school procedures and routines that will help everyone get off to a good start.

Get connected to the communication tools we use at Day Creek. The Day Creek website http://teacherweb.com/CA/DCIS/ SchoolHomePage is a valuable communication resource for students and parents. You can use it to access teacher websites, stay current on school events, and connect to school resources. Our school NewsFlash is a great way to get immediate email or cell phone text updates and reminders. You can register your email or cell phone number for Day Creek's NewsFlash using the link on the school website.

ESPRI Grade books will be open and ready for viewing within the first two weeks of school. Planning a weekly review of your child's grades on ESPRI is an excellent way to stay informed on missing assignments, progress on tests, and identifying areas of need or strength. Pick one day during the week that you and your child will sit down and discuss their progress in class. This will provide a chance for discussions on education, good study habits, and what to do when you get behind. Allow your child to practice communicating with their teacher and resolving issues before you step in, this will help prepare them to be an advocate for their education in high school and college.

Please review the Etiwanda School District Dress code guidelines at our school website using the School Information and Policies link. Our school year starts off HOT and sometimes students want to wear shorts or shirts they purchased for



when arms are placed at the side of body, and shoes must have a back strap (open toes are fine). A reminder that clothes may not display drugs, alcohol, violence (including the Hundreds clothing) or sexual innuendos and excessively saggy pants that show undergarments are not allowed.

During the first week of school, students will be given a PACK Planner to help them organize their school work. The PACK Planner is a valuable communication tool for parents and students. It contains important information about online textbooks including passwords, reward programs at Day Creek, and school procedures. We expect our students to keep their PACK Planner throughout the year and use it to record homework, plan projects, and organize their academic responsibilities. Replacements may be purchased for \$5.00.



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Here are few ways to navigate through some of the middle school obstacles and come out a winner in the end. Let's start with the basics:

Supplies and Organization

Your child will be a given a planner calendar each year. Have him/ her learn how to use it; it will keep everyone up to speed on homework and long-term assignments.

Stick to the list of materials each teacher recommends. Complicated notebooks and folder systems tend to fall apart as they move from class to class. A simple color coded system – red spiral notebook for math, blue for social studies, green for science, and yellow for language arts and some matching folders can keep homework and classwork organized at home and in school.

Clean out your child's backpack once a week, together. Middle school is the time when they begin to "forget" those permission slips or teacher notes with increasing frequency.

Structure

There are seven periods in our school day and as students advance through the grade levels, they move more frequently. Each student has four core classes (language arts, social studies, math, and science), a PACK class, a PE period, and exploratory class. PACK is a daily class period developed to meet the needs of students in language arts and math. Assessments and classroom grades are used to group and re-group students throughout the year into academic target areas for PACK classes.

The busy schedule may be intimidating to new students, but they catch on quickly and begin to enjoy the physical breaks between classes. Remind your child to use the breaks between classes to munch on a snack or quickly use the restroom, but to

Middle School Success

avoid socializing which may result in a tardy to class.

School to Home Connection

Be sure to attend Back to School Night to get a feel for the school campus in general, meet your child's teachers, hear the outline for the class expectations, and more importantly, learn how to contact them about assignments and student progress.

Keep a file of materials handed out at Back to School Night, e.g. procedures for absent or late work in math class or trimester reading requirements for language arts, etc. Hand-outs often include important contact and procedural information that you can refer to throughout the year.

Explore the teachers' websites to see homework assignments, long term assignments and valuable resources and links. Be sure to bookmark the teacher sites for easy future access for you and your child. Make an email distribution list of your child's teachers. That way when your child is ill or you want to confirm that your child is staying after school for additional help, you have all the teachers' emails in one spot.

Explore the school website to see the resources and links available to you and your child. Daily announcements, community events, online textbooks and subject area support, calendar and bell schedule, and extra-curricular activities are just some of the ways you can stay in the loop.

Homework: Four important steps

- 1. Know the homework. Be sure your child understands what he/she needs to do and writes it down. Ask your child to use the planner and then reinforce the habit by regularly checking.
- 2. Get the homework. Putting the handout in the folder and in the backpack can be a challenge. Your child must

learn to check that they have the handout and spend a valuable minute getting papers in the right place.

- 3. Do the homework. In middle school, this can be the toughest part. Our school library is open until 4:00 pm and sometimes staying another hour after school, while still in the "study zone," helps students complete a chunk of their homework before heading home. Be sure to use that valuable time before dinner or sports practice to complete a portion of homework, so that it will not seem overwhelming later in the night.
- 4. Turn-in the homework. It is always heartbreaking when students do the homework, get it in the folder, and then forget to turn it in the next day. Get your child in the habit of knowing what needs to be turned in and in what class. Sometimes a separate colored homework folder reserved for assignments they need to turn in the next day is helpful.

Social Situation

Elementary friendships often change in middle school. Talk to your child about ways to make new friends in their classes. Classroom buddies can share phone numbers in case someone needs help with homework or just has a question. Encourage your child to invite new friends over to work on a project or just eat pizza and watch movies. Socializing with a large group of friends will reduce the chances of hurt feelings when a "best friend" starts hanging out with a new group more often.

Final Note

Be good to yourself. Middle School is difficult for everyone, kids and parents alike. There's no right way to do it. You may find it is not as difficult the second time around....you may even enjoy Middle School Madness.





Coyote Cars, Crosswalks and Cautions

We encourage parents to think about car pool options and to make full use of the drop-off and pick-up locations surrounding the school. Please follow the school traffic guidelines in order to avoid traffic issues.

Students may be dropped-off and picked-up along the entire length of Coyote Drive, the street that borders Day Creek Intermediate to the north.

Cross-walks have been added to the north and east parking lot drive-ways to assist students in entering/exiting the campus from Coyote Drive. Please do not ask students to cross through the staff parking lot – there is no supervision in the parking lot for students or drivers.

Duncaster Street has limited curbside parking and quickly becomes congested. The bus turn-around is reserved for busses only and not for student pickup or drop-off. Staff members on duty will not allow drivers to enter the area to make a U-turn.

If you must exit your vehicle to assist your child with large bulky items, band instruments, or class projects, please park in the parking spaces and walk your child to the black entrance gates. Our traffic flows quickly along the drop-off curb and parked cars slow it down.

Please do not drop-off or pick-up students in front of the office. Pull all the way to the east end of the parking lot by the gym for parking lot drop off if you choose not to drop your student off on the designated surrounding street areas. Students are not allowed to enter through the office in the morning without an adult or appointment.

While we understand that everyone is in a hurry in the morning, please be patient with our staff members as they assist our parents in following school traffic guidelines. And remember, our gates open and we have campus supervision beginning at 7:15 for your convenience.

Important Reminders for Our Coyotes...

Cell Phones At School

While we understand the importance of cell phones, our students are not allowed to use cell phones during the school day. Cell phones should be turned off during the day and must remain out of sight while on school property. Students who use their cell phone during the day will be subject to progressive disciplinary action which may include requiring parents to meet with an administrator to pick-up student cell phones. Please do not encourage your child to use their cell phone during the day by texting or calling them with information. Students may use classroom and office phones throughout the day for urgent communication needs. Please remember, Day Creek is not responsible for cell phones brought to school.

Doctor Or Dentist Appointments

Whenever possible, please schedule appointments before or after school to preserve valuable academic time. If your child has an appointment during the school day, please have them bring a note to the office in the morning stating the time of the appointment and when you wish to pick-up your child. This will assist us in having your child ready and waiting for you in the office. Please be ready to sign your child out with a driver's license or other form of identification. Please remember to bring the appointment card from the doctor/dentist office to verify your early pick-up or late drop-off.

Student Window

In an effort to minimize disruptions in the classrooms, the school office will not call students to the office to pick-up forgotten items. Students have been instructed to check the Student Window if they have forgotten items at home, including PE clothes, lunches, band instruments, class projects, house keys, homework etc. We encourage students to be prepared for school and that may mean packing important items in their bags the night before, storing important papers for signatures or payment in a consistent location, or using a daily check-off sheet before leaving for school. Please help us preserve quality educational time and support your child with growing responsibility.

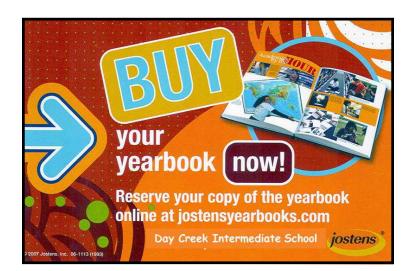
Tardy To School

Students must be in the black entrance gates by the late bell at 8:00 a.m. or they will be marked tardy. The black gates will close promptly at the 8:00 bell. If the gates are closed students must enter through the office to pick-up tardy slips that will admit them to class. Students who have 6 or more tardies in six weeks will be restricted from student activities, including sports, assemblies, dances, and afterschool programs.





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Day Creek Intermediate School opened its doors for students in the Etiwanda School District in August 2004. We are located in the northwest quadrant of the district's boundaries and educate sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. Approximately 1100 students from the city of Etiwanda and neighboring communities are enrolled at our school. Our school vision centers on the belief that failure is not an option and we encourage you to ioin us in supporting our students to