

February 2019

Principal's Message

Dear Families,

The New Year has begun with lots of excitement at DCIS. The Drama Club is practicing hard on what is sure to be an amazing production of Peter Pan Jr. JUMP students are preparing for their upcoming competition. Our CJSF students are in their second trimester and earning those volunteer hours. CJSF students heard an amazing presentation on how to be college ready by Dr. Ocegüera, Dean of Norco College. We honored students of the month who exhibited the character trait *perseverance* and celebrated our 3.0 and above students with photo booth fun. Mrs. Kuramata, our student services assistant, busily planned for College and Career day that all of our 8th graders excitedly attended. BOB students celebrated making it to their next reading goal with a party in the library. Many of our band students are participating in the ESD honor band and will be performing in February. Coyote News Network entertains and informs us through video messages every Monday.

Coyote News Network was recently honored by the State Superintendent of Instruction, for winning the "For Kids by Kids" video statewide contest. CNN received an award and \$750 towards their program. We are very proud of our CNN students for the hard work they put in with their weekly announcements and special videos they create.

Our student journalism class, Day Creek Howl, continues to share interesting and intriguing news with our students through their online newspaper and our yearbook staff works tirelessly to capture the year in print for us to cherish for the rest of our lives. If you haven't ordered your yearbook be sure to get one soon! All of this helps to engage our students each and every day.

Have you checked out our new and improved spirit wear??? We know there were some issues with ordering spirit wear at the beginning of the year and we apologize for that. However, it has all been fixed and we are up and running again. Check out our new designs and GLITTER shirts!!! Go to our Day Creek website, and click on the Spirit Wear link under the About Us tab.

We are having plenty of fun so far in 2019, as we quickly approach the final trimester of our school year. Third trimester begins on February 19th. So of course with the fun, comes the hard work that our students, staff, and families put in every day. Our students finished progress monitoring assessments just before our winter break and have started a new PACK rotation based on their progress. Students are challenged and/or supported to achieve their best through their PACK placement and the fluid movement assures students have the instruction they need.

I am proud every day of our students, staff, and families. It is with all of the hard work and support of our teams working together that make the accomplishments, both academic and extracurricular, so impressive at Day Creek. Thank you!

Sincerely,
David Apodaca
Principal



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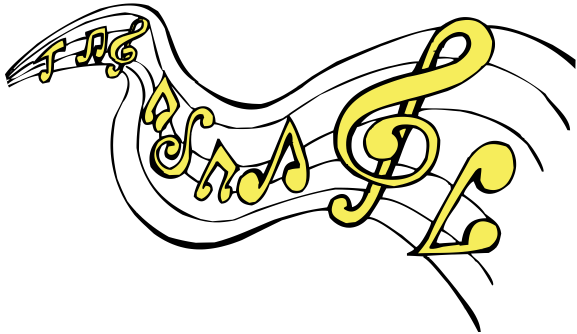
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Winter Concert

Our Coyote Band continues its tradition of creating outstanding musicians. Congratulations to all the Band students that work so hard at their craft under the direction of Mr. Bonner. The Winter Concert was amazing and a great way to get in the holiday spirit. If you haven't been to a DCIS concert yet, please come to our Spring Concert. I am sure that you will be amazed at our very talented students and have an enjoyable evening. Thank you Mr. Bonner for keeping the arts alive at Day Creek!

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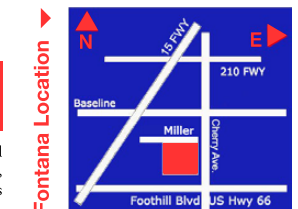
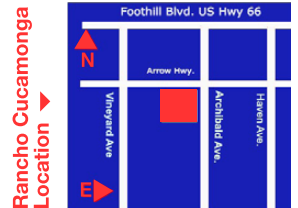
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Middle School Success

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 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

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 hand-out in the folder and in the backpack can be a challenge. Your child must

learn to check that they have the hand-out 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.

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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 pick-up 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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