

SCHOOL NEWS

Countryside Elementary School • The Countryside Howler

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Dear Countryside Community,

Welcome back! We had a fabulous first week of school. Your children began their educational day as soon as the first bell rang. Our AIMS scores and our Terra Nova Scores came in the summer and were mailed home. If you did not receive your child's scores (grades 2-8), please let your child's teacher know so they can make a copy for you. We work as partners in your child's education. In 2009-2010 twice as many students at Countryside will rank in the excelling range. This can only happen with a strong work ethic and lots of parental support. All students at Countryside need to be prepared to go to college!

Dismissal during the first week of school went pretty well. I would like to thank Officer Tovar, his family, Jody Case, Traffic Engineering Field Supervisor, and the City of Surprise for providing additional parking for the first week of school. We need your help in the parking lot. We ask you to pull all the way up so we can bring your child to your car. The lane closest to the school is for first through third graders to be picked up. The lane to the north of the drop off lane is for fourth through eighth grades. All siblings wait with the teacher of the youngest family member being picked up. Older students may stand by the flagpole, when they see their parent's car the crossing guard will cross them in the cross walk.

Our school passed the federal government's Adequate Yearly Progress. We are ranked Performing Plus by the State of Arizona. Our goal is to be an Excelling School! We need just a couple more points to achieve our goal. We need parent volunteers for Site Council and the Parent Teacher Organization. When parents are involved with their child's school, your children see you value them and their education. This is the year to become an active parent at Countryside!

Please do not hesitate to give me a call or set up a meeting with me by calling Janet Cline or Debbie Southards (623-876-7800). Thanks for sending me your very best children. Countryside School has a strong community!

Sincerely,

Janet Korinek, Principal

From the Health Office



Student Emergency Cards need to be returned to school by **Wednesday, August 26th**. These cards are important to your child's welfare and safety while they are here at school. Without this information, the nurse can not assist your child if they become sick or injured while at school. Emergency Cards are also used for contact phone numbers, relatives or friends who can pick up your student and other pertinent information regarding your student. Please update your child's Emergency Card with any new telephone numbers or if your address changes during the school year. (Proof of residence required for address changes.)

Student Drop Off/Pick Up



For student safety, please follow these procedures

- ◆ Speed limit is 5 mph.
- ◆ Pull forward in the drop off/pick up lane.
- ◆ Do not leave your car in an unmarked parking space.
- ◆ Children should exit the car on the right side of the vehicle.
- ◆ Students will not be allowed to cross traffic to enter vehicles, except at the island by the crossing guard.
- ◆ K-1 drop off is at the gate next to the library.
- ◆ Grades 2-8 drop off-pull forward in front of courtyard.
- ◆ Kinder pick up-City of Surprise lot, please pull completely to the right & stay in your car.
- ◆ Oldest children should join the youngest sibling for pick up.
- ◆ Please be patient & respectful of others; that way all of our students will be safe.
- ◆ Please watch your children in the parking lot.

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2009-10 SPORTS SCHEDULE



Boy's Baseball and Girl's Softball

August—October

Boy's and Girl's Soccer

October—December

Boy's and Girl's Basketball and Cheer

January—February

Boy's Flag Football, Girl's Volleyball and Cheer

March—May

Countryside Magnets

Countryside Phone Number magnets are coming home with your student. It will make contacting us more convenient for you.

Main Office-623-876-7800

School Nurse's Office-623-876-7804

Cafeteria-623-876-7809

Transportation-623-876-7030

Attendance line-623-876-7803



Cafeteria News

Breakfast is served from 7:50—8:05 each morning. Cost is \$0.75 cents for students.

Hot lunch price is \$2.00 for students. Parents are welcome to join their students for lunch. Cost of adult lunch is \$2.75. If you join your child for lunch, please come to the office and get a Visitor's pass before going to the cafeteria. Be sure and bring in your photo ID!

Parents can put money on their child's lunch account online at www.dysart.org. When paying online, you will need your child's student ID number. If your student does not know his/her number, you may come to the office to get it.

Student ID numbers are never given out over the phone.



Baseball/Softball Games



Girls Softball:

Sept. 1- vs. Canyon Ridge @ 5:15 pm-C-Side

Sept. 3-vs. Riverview @ 6:45 pm-VV #2

Sept. 8-vs. Sonoran Heights @ 5:15 pm-C-Side

Sept. 15-vs. El Mirage @ 6:45 pm-VV #2

Sept. 16-vs. Dysart @ 6:45 pm-VV # 1

Sept. 18-vs. Marley Park @ 5:15 pm-VV #2

Sept. 22-vs. West Point @ 6:45 pm-VV #1

Sept. 24-vs. Luke @ 5:15 pm-VV #1

Softball Coach-Jodi Salcido, Jodi.Salcido@dysart.org

Boys Baseball:

Sept. 1-vs. Canyon Ridge @ 6:30 pm

Sept. 3-vs. Riverview @ 6:30 pm

Sept. 8-vs. Sonoran Heights @ 6:30 pm

Sept. 10-vs. Rancho Gabriella @ 5:00 pm



Sept. 15-vs. El Mirage @ 5:00 pm

Sept. 17-vs. Dysart @ 5:00 pm

Sept. 22-vs. Marley Park @ 5:00 pm

Sept. 24-vs. West Point @ 6:30 pm

Sept. 29-vs. Luke @ 6:30 pm

Baseball Coach-Jeff Fallon, jefffallon12@yahoo.com

Upcoming Events



August 25th—Band Instrument Rental Night

6:30 pm, MPR

September 2nd—Site Council Mtg.

7:15—8:15 am

September 7th—Labor Day, no school

September 8th—PTO Meeting, 6:30pm

September 10th—PTO Fundraiser at Golden Spoon

3:00-8:00 pm

**Photo ID is always
required when signing
out a student.**

P A R E N T S I N F O C O R N E R

General School Reminders

- Office hours are 7:30 am—4:00 pm. Our office phone number is **623-876-7800** and the **Attendance Line** is **623-876-7803**. When your child is absent, you must call the Attendance Line to report the absence. It is okay to send a note to the teacher but you must also call the Attendance Line. Please call by 9:00 am the morning of the absence.
- Students should not be on campus prior to 7:50 am daily. There is no adult supervision prior to 7:50 am and students will not be permitted on campus until staff is on duty.
- The first bell rings at 8:05 am. Students should be at school and ready for classes at this time. The tardy bell rings at 8:15 am. Any student not in class by 8:15 is required to have a tardy pass. Students who are tardy create a disruption to the educational process. Please make every effort to ensure your child is at school each day and on time. If your child is tardy, a parent must come into the office and sign them in.
- Please ensure your child knows how they are getting home at the end of the day. Last minute changes result in confusion for the student and teacher and creates safety concerns. All transportation changes must be done in writing. If an emergency arises, please call the office by 2:00 pm.
- Please keep in mind that removing your child prior to the end of the school day directly affects his/her academic success. These interruptions also affect the teacher and other students. Please make appointments after school hours and allow your student to remain in class for the entire day.
- If you need to sign your child out early, you must come into the office and show your photo ID. We will check your ID against our records and call for your child at that time. We will not call for a child until the parent/guardian arrives and we have checked ID.
- All visitors must sign in at the front office & obtain a Visitor's Badge.
- Teachers are discouraged from visiting with parents while supervising students on the playground or in the classroom. If you need to visit with your child's teacher, please call or e-mail the teacher to set up an appointment.
- All calls to teachers are forwarded directly to voicemail during the school day. Please leave a message.
- Occasionally your student may forget something and you may need to drop it off at the office. Our school aides will make deliveries at 9:30 am, 10:30 am and 2:00 pm. Should you need to bring lunch money for your student, you may go to the cafeteria and put the money on your child's account after signing in at the office. District policy does not allow any delivery of flowers or balloons to classrooms.
- Students must be picked up on time at the end of the school day. Monday release time is 2:00 pm and Tuesday-Friday is 3:00 pm



Website Information

Please take a few minutes to log onto Countryside's website at www.dysart.org/countryside and add your e-mail address to our ListServ. You will receive an e-mail alerting you that we have posted updates to our website.

On the Countryside website, click on the maroon Subscribe/Unsubscribe button on the left side of the screen, enter your e-mail address and click on Subscribe.



Band

All Countryside 5th graders will get the chance to try out the beginning band instruments at our instrument "petting zoo" this week. After that, any 5th grader interested in band (and their parents) need to come to our Band Information and Instrument Rental Night on August 25th at 6:30pm in the cafeteria. If you have any questions before that, you can contact Mrs. Bastian at Michelle.Bastian@dysart.org or 623-876-7800.

Be sure to check out our website at www.dysart.org/countryside for information all year!

A handwritten signature or mark in blue ink, located in the bottom right corner of the page.

