

# SCHOOL NEWS

Sonoran Heights Elementary School • The Sonoran Scoop

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## A Note from Mrs. Dean

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to another great year at Sonoran Heights Elementary! It is an honor and privilege to be the Principal of this wonderful learning community and the entire staff is excited for the opportunity to work with you and your children.

In August, the Arizona Department of Education released school labels. Thanks to the hard work of the children and staff, along with support from our parents and community, Sonoran Heights is once again an Excelling School! This news came to us as our students were also recognized for being the students in the district showing the highest achievement and most growth in reading and mathematics on the AIMS assessment! Quite an accomplishment for everyone in the school community!

As the year progresses, there will be numerous opportunities to be an important part of your child's education. One great way to become involved is by joining the Parent/Teacher Organization (PTO). The PTO will continue to work hand in hand with the staff this year to expand the educational programs of our school. Many of the wonderful school and community events we enjoy would not be possible without the PTO and its volunteers, including our Fall Festival and Spring Auction Dinner! These signature events are wonderful opportunities for us to enjoy the talents of our children and enjoy some fun. Every effort by our dedicated volunteers is much appreciated and is one of the cornerstones of what helps us Excel in every way!

Another great way to support our school is to participate in the Arizona School Tax Credit Program. Married couples filling jointly are allowed a tax credit of up to \$400, and individual taxpayers are allowed a tax credit of up to \$200. This tax credit is a dollar for dollar reduction in your tax liability. At Sonoran Heights the Tax Credit Funds are used to fund many of our extra-curricular programs including Learning Academies, Choir, Art Club, Drama, Video News Club and more. Forms are attached to our newsletters, available in the office or found on the website.

As always I look forward to seeing you around the campus!

*Emily Dean*

### Sonoran Heights Elementary

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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.- 4:45 p.m.

EVERY MONDAY release at 2:45 p.m.

[www.dysart.org/sonoranheights](http://www.dysart.org/sonoranheights)

- Please call the attendance line, 623-523-8553, when your child is late or not in school.
- If a student arrives at school after 9:00 AM, they must be signed in by a parent or guardian.



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**Please note the following revisions to the 2009-2010 Student and Parent Handbook:**

1) On page 30 in the discipline matrix for grades 7-12, the following infraction was inadvertently left off the matrix:

	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense
Leaving Campus without Authorization/Unauthorized Absence/Truancy	Notify Parent Detention One (1) Day Susp	Three (3) Day Susp	Five (5) Day Susp

2) On page 21 in the discipline matrix for grades K-2, the first infraction should be:

	1 <sup>st</sup> Offense	2 <sup>nd</sup> Offense	3 <sup>rd</sup> Offense
Alcohol (use and/or possession)	Same as what's in matrix	Same as what's in matrix	Same as what's in matrix

# The Flu And Your Family

Together, We Can STOP the Spread!

## 1 Teach your kids good hygiene—everyday!

Cover your coughs and sneezes in your elbows and/or disposable tissue, use good hand washing habits and get rest everyday. Parents are the best role model for children—take care of each other and practice good hygiene, together, everyday!

## 2 Keep your kids home when they are sick.

When a child goes to school sick, he/she can infect classmates at amazing rates. Treat their symptoms at home and take them to the doctor if their symptoms worsen.

## 3 Consider seasonal flu vaccine.

The more people who are vaccinated with seasonal flu vaccine, the better chance we have of keeping this virus from jumping from person to person. Do your part to keep the community flu-free by getting the whole family vaccinated.

For vaccine location, contact Community Information and Referral at 602-263-8856.



Announcements

