

# SCHOOL NEWS

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"FOR THE KIDS... EVERY CHILD LEARNS... NO EXCUSES"

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## A Note from the Principal

Dear Mountain View Families,

Welcome back to another great year of learning. We are thrilled to announce Mountain View is an "Excelling" school, receiving this profile from the Arizona Department of Education. The Excelling School label is the highest profile a school can receive in our state. Staff, students, and our parent community all deserve the credit for this remarkable achievement. This achievement is truly a testament to our students, staff, and community's commitment to the Mountain View vision of excellence.



This school year, our school will continue to push forward to expand opportunities for children, provide remediation when necessary, and challenge each child to his/her individual potential. Our staff knows that maintaining our Excelling label cannot be done alone. Only through our home/school partnerships can we enhance the learning experiences for our students. We invite you to become even more involved in our school than you have been in the past. Whether its volunteering in the classroom, providing an educational support system for homework, donating to our school via the AZ Tax Credit Program, or volunteering for our PTO, parents do make a difference in your child's education.

I look forward to working with you again this year. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Yours for the Children,  
**Joel Knorr**

Principal

## Important Dates

Sept 7th—Labor Day—**No School**  
 Sept 15th—PTO Cookie Dough Fundraiser Begins  
 Sept 16th—Fall Pictures  
 Sept 18th—PTO Stargazing—6:30 p.m.  
 Sept 19th—PTO Family Event—Ultra Star Movie Day  
**All Day**

## School Hours for 2009-10

School starts at 9:00 a.m. Monday's are early dismissal at 2:45. Tuesday - Friday is at 3:45. Students are allowed to be on campus at 8:40 a.m. Students are to report to their classroom or the cafeteria for breakfast. Parents, please remember that there is no supervision of students prior to 8:40 a.m.

## School Picture Day!

September 16th

Grads Photography  
20100 N. 51st Ave.  
Suite A-110  
Glendale AZ 85308

*Cherish the moment,  
Cherish the memories...*

The Dysart Unified School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, or age in its programs or activities. For information regarding discrimination grievance or complaint procedures contact the superintendent at (623) 876-7000.



## STUDY ISLAND

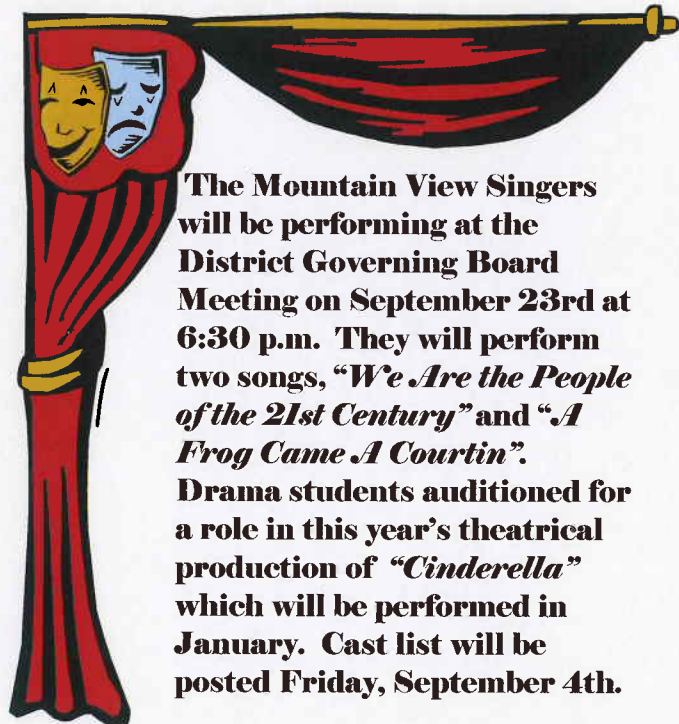
**Study Island is an instructional tool that enables teachers and parents to help students master the state standards and prepare for standardized tests from any computer that has an internet connection. All 3rd-8th grade students have access to this program allowing them to work on reading and math skills at their own pace and at the appropriate level. Students can access the program by simply logging on to [www.studyisland.com](http://www.studyisland.com), where they will find each topic organized with a lesson, assessment questions, and explanations. Your child's teacher has username and password information. Teachers have already begun using Study Island at school and we encourage parents and students to use Study Island at home. If you have any questions, feel free to contact your child's teacher.**

## Volunteer Training at School



The Dysart Unified School District requires that all volunteers, no matter how many hours you may volunteer, to fill out the volunteer application and go through a volunteer orientation. The orientations are held every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. at the Dysart Education Center. Our PTO Board realizes that there are many parents who are unable to attend the district training, so we have approval from the district to hold an additional orientation at night for all parents/guardians who are interested in volunteering. The volunteer training will be held on Wednesday, September 16 at 6 p.m. in the Mountain View School Library.

If you are interested in attending this training, please stop by the Mountain View School office and pick up your volunteer application packet. You will need to fill it out and return it to the office no later than Thursday, September 10. The orientation will be about 30 minutes and you will receive your volunteer handbook, attendance sheet, and instructions on where to get your badge. You will then be an approved and registered volunteer and will be ready to start volunteering!



**The Mountain View Singers will be performing at the District Governing Board Meeting on September 23rd at 6:30 p.m. They will perform two songs, "We Are the People of the 21st Century" and "A Frog Came A Courtin'". Drama students auditioned for a role in this year's theatrical production of "Cinderella" which will be performed in January. Cast list will be posted Friday, September 4th.**

## 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.





**MOUNTAIN VIEW WANTS YOU!**

**Support your school and receive a *dollar-for-dollar state tax credit!* It's easy! Stop by and pick up an Arizona Tax Credit Contribution form from the front office. 100% of your donations goes to the activity of your choice. You may also go to**

**[www.dysart.org](http://www.dysart.org) to print out a tax credit form and mail it to the address indicated on the form.**

**Please call the Dysart Community Education Department if you have any questions at 623-876-7056.**



**Pinnacle Grade Book  
Parent Internet Viewer  
(PIV)**

We are continuing to utilize Pinnacle as our online gradebook. Parents have the ability to access student grades, assignment summaries, and missing assignments online at any time. Parent log in information was sent home in the mail last week. If you did not receive yours or need another copy, please contact the front office at 623-876-7450. This information is considered private and confidential so we are unable to give this information out over the phone. Our office staff will be happy to resend your information to you through the mail.



**Mountain View  
Tardy Procedures**

Classes start at 9:00 a.m. at Mountain View. Students arriving to school after the academic day has already begun can cause a distraction to other students educational learning process.

If your student is going to be tardy, **a parent/guardian must accompany the student into the office and sign them in.** A note or a phone call is not sufficient. Students who are not accompanied by their parent/guardian will be considered as an unexcused tardy.

If you have any questions, please see the Student Rights & Responsibility Handbook or contact the front office.

**Traffic Jam**



With the new school year and growth comes more parents driving their students to school. With that, comes more traffic. Parking is very limited on and around our campus. Here are a couple of safety reminders: (1) If you must leave your vehicle, please park only in designated parking spots. (2) Do not leave your vehicle unattended in pick-up/drop-off lanes. (3) The front and back parking lots are not a designated drop-off or pick-up zone. (4) Students are not permitted to cross through the traffic lanes at the crosswalks unless accompanied by an adult. (5) Do not block the crosswalks when picking up and dropping off your students.

