

# SCHOOL NEWS

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## A Message From Mr. West



Dear Canyon Ridge Family,

At this time of year, as we take time to pause and give thanks for the gifts in our lives, we have much to be thankful for at Canyon Ridge.

First among those, is our remarkable learners. The staff at Canyon Ridge is truly enriched by our daily interactions, relationships and the opportunity to touch lives through 21<sup>st</sup> century education. Canyon Ridge learners have embraced these opportunities from day one and have immersed themselves in learning, being fully committed to individual and collective growth and success. Due to our learners' efforts and achievement, Canyon Ridge continues to be Excelling. To celebrate and recognize all our students we will be holding a ***We're Thankful for our Students!*** cookout and picnic during lunch on Wednesday, November 25. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be grilled outside. This special lunch will be served for our regular lunch prices and all students regardless of whether they purchase a lunch or not, will receive a free ice cream dessert.

We would also like to thank our first class staff. Our teachers and professional staff are truly lead learners and models, as they continue to learn and refine instructional strategies aligned with our school vision. This continued pursuit of learning and excellence is the reason why we are able to provide 21<sup>st</sup> century learning experiences deep in rigor, relevance, technology integration and in depth conceptual understandings which will provide our learners with the knowledge and skills they will need to be successful throughout their lives. Our support staff; the front office, nurse, instructional assistants, crossing guards, cafeteria, maintenance and transportation are all vital and are the foundation for our success.

Finally we would like to thank our parent community. Our community has been active and engaged in the learning process, supporting and partnering with the teachers to provide essential developmental assets each child needs for success. Our PTA and Site Council provide leadership in cultivating our community connectedness, making the Canyon Ridge learning community vibrant. Please be sure to extend your gratitude to each of those whose contributions make Canyon Ridge extraordinary. On behalf of our entire staff, we wish all our families a heartfelt Thanksgiving filled with future memories.

Best regards,

Kevin West

April Castillo

## Upcoming Events

- Nov. 13th - Family Fun Night
- Nov. 17th - 4th&5th Grade Choir  
Trip to Wigwam  
Resort
- Nov. 18th - Board Meeting
- Nov. 19th - PTA Meeting
- Nov. 19th - 2nd Grade Fall  
Music Show
- Nov. 26th & 27th -  
No School
- Dec. 7th/12th - PTA Holiday  
Shoppe
- Dec. 8th - 4th & 5th Grade  
Band Concert
- Dec. 9th - Board Meeting
- Dec. 10th - 6th Grade Field Trip
- Dec. 10th - 8th Grade Field Trip
- Dec. 10th - 4th-8th Grade Choir  
Concert
- Dec. 14th - NJHS Induction  
Ceremony
- Dec. 15th - 6th - 8th Grade  
Band Concert
- Dec. 15th - 6th Grade Field Trip
- Dec. 15th - 4th-8th Grade Choir  
Trip to Sun City West
- Dec. 16th - 1st Grade  
Performance
- Dec. 17th - PTA Meeting
- Dec. 18th - 1:00 School Release
- Dec. 21st thru Jan. 1st -  
Winter Break
- Jan. 4th - School Resumes

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## Parking Lot Safety Reminders

Student safety is paramount to the success of all Dysart students and schools. Ensuring that students are safe in all school environments is a priority for all Dysart staff. To assist parents and students with student safety in school parking lots, safety procedures in the parking lot and drop off lane are provided by each school. Additionally, parents and students should follow these guidelines:

- When entering the school from the West and waiting to turn into the parking lot, please stay in the designated traffic lane; keep the bike lane open and make sure your car is not in the crosswalk.
- When coming to the school from the East please adhere to all traffic laws including **No Passing** and the posted **Speed Limit**. Remember that traffic fines double in school zones.
- Follow the direction of school personnel while dropping off or picking up students.
- Students should enter and exit vehicles **only** on the curbside. Please do not have students walk around vehicles to enter or exit a vehicle.
- Parents and students are to cross the drop off lane only in designated areas. At no time should students or parents weave in between cars while crossing the drop off lane.
- Students should be accompanied by parents while in the parking lot.
- When parking in the back parking lot during afternoon pick-up, please avoid walking in front of, or between the busses. Please utilize the sidewalks for safety. The back parking lot is not to be used for drop-off or pick-up.
- The front parking lot **is not** a designated drop-off or pick-up zone. Students have to maneuver thru the pick-up lanes and oncoming traffic in order to cross. Students are not permitted to cross through the traffic lanes at the crosswalks unless accompanied by an adult.

\*6 We're Thankful for Our Students \*9\*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Excelling Label Celebration

When: Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

Where: Outside on the back playground

Why: To celebrate all of our students and their hard work for making Canyon Ridge School an "Excelling" school for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

Come join Mr. West and Mrs. Castillo for a Barbeque picnic celebration. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, music, movies, fun and games.

\*A special dessert treat will be provided for all students\*

Please see your child's teacher for adjusted lunch time schedules.

Regular lunch prices apply



"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." John Fitzgerald Kennedy

From all of us at Canyon Ridge we wish you and yours a very happy and joyous Thanksgiving. We are thankful for all of our families.