



DESERT HILLS
MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Principal's Notes

Healthy Youth Survey

Desert Hills' 6th and 8th graders will participate in the Healthy Youth Survey on October 4th. The survey asks questions about risks for injury, health concerns, and alcohol and drug use. Schools, and state and local agencies use survey results to support our youth and reduce their risks. The Healthy Youth Survey is voluntary and anonymous and provides important information to guide policy and programs that serve our youth. More information about the Healthy Youth Survey can be found on the Desert Hills' web site.

[\(Link to more information\)](#)

PRIVACY ACT - (FERPA)

The Federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 permits the Kennewick School District to release certain information known as "directory information," to certain people or institutions, unless parents request, in writing, that such information not be released.

In many cases, requests for this type of information come from news media or the armed forces for recruiting purposes. Directory information may include: 1) student name, address, and telephone number, 2) date and place of birth; 3) participation in officially recognized activities and sports; 4) weight and height of athletic team members; 5) dates of attendance; 6) photographs or other similar information. Photographs may occasionally be taken of students for use in the news media or school district publications.

[Link to more information:](#)

KSD NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Kennewick School District provides equal access to all programs and services without discrimination. Follow link here to the district policy. [Non-Discrimination link](#)

Fun-Fun-Fundraiser

THANK YOU SO MUCH for your support of our annual Fundraiser. So far, it looks like we've hit \$37,420! DELIVERY is scheduled for Thursday, October 25th. Class awards will be made after the representative has compiled our totals. The Rock, Paper, Scissors competition will be held on November 3 at an assembly for everyone. BMX Show will be scheduled for the spring. We couldn't do this without you. Your help is appreciated!

Getting Involved - PTO

The next meeting is October 2nd at 12:30 in the conference room behind the office. PTO meetings take place on the first Tuesday of each month. Please join us!

Thank you to everyone who attended Yogurt Beach Night! \$150 was made that night for PTO.

If you need to contact the PTO, please email us at PTOdeserthills@gmail.com. You can also find us on Facebook: Desert Hills Middle School PTO.

Veteran's Day Celebration

The Leadership Class will be putting together a tribute for the Veterans Day Assembly honoring service men and women from our Desert Hills family. The tribute will be played during the Veterans Day Assembly on Friday, November 9th starting

at 1:00 pm. Family of Desert Hills' students are welcome to attend the assembly, just check into the office before going to the gym.

If you would like to submit a photo of your family member who is or was a member of the armed forces, please send the photo of them in uniform to: Mrs. Murphy at kim.murphy@ksd.org or have your student bring it to room 221 before 1st period. Photos will be accepted until Monday, November 5th. Information needed with the photo: (1) Name, rank, and branch of the military of the person in the photo and (2) Name and grade of person at Desert Hills and how they are related to the person in the photo.

Clubs & Activities

Drama Club

The first Drama Club is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10th after school in the Library. All grades are welcome! Meetings will be held two Wednesday's each month from 1:30 pm till 3:00pm. Registration and permission forms will be handed out in our first meeting. If you need more information, please contact Ms. CLARK. It's going to be lots of fun! Hope to see you all there! Ms. Clark's email is kathleen.clark@ksd.org if you have any questions.

Chess Club

Desert Hills is forming a Chess Club this year! Mr. Fisher is going to be the advisor and meetings will be held in his room. All students are welcome! October meeting dates are Friday, October 12th and Friday October 26th. Meetings start right after school, and students will need a ride

Math Club

Math Club's first meeting will be on October 2nd. We will meet in room 207 from 2:40-4:00 every Tuesday in October. Mr Hatke is the advisor and can be reached at travis.hatke@ksd.org

Costume Social

The annual Costume Social will be on Wednesday, October 31, 1:20-3:00 pm in the Cafeteria and Gym. There will be dance music in the cafeteria, and volleyball in the gym. Cupcakes, pop and other snacks will be for sale. Wear your school-appropriate costume. Cost: \$3.00 with ASB, \$5.00 without. Ticket sales will be on Monday and Tuesday at lunches.

Also on the 31st, there will be lunch-time costume competitions held by the Leadership students.

home at 4:00 pm. Mr. Fischer's email address is chris.fischer@ksd.org.

Reminders

- **Great American Delivery** will be on Thursday, October 25th. If your student has a lot of product, you may need to pick them up that day.
- **Attendance:** All absences must be cleared through the attendance office. You can call 222-6614, email terry.smith@ksd.org, or send a note to school with your student. If you have a planned absence you can get a pre-excused absence a few days prior to the absence by sending a note in with your student.
- **Picture Retake Day #2:** Will be on Thursday, November 1st during lunches, 10:40 am - 12:30 pm.

Important Dates

Wednesday, October 17th

ASB meets in the Library 2:35-3:00 pm

Thursday, October 18th

Staff vs. 8th Grade Volleyball game. (Assembly schedule)

Friday, October 19th

No school - Professional Development

Monday, October 22nd

6:00 pm Choir Concert at Kamiakin High School theater.

Thursday, October 25th

7th Hour Delivery of Great American Fundraiser products.

6:00 pm Fall Band Concert - DHMS gym.

Tuesday, October 30th

6:00 Fall Costume Orchestra Concert
DHMS Cafeteria

Wednesday, October 31st

Lunches - Costume competitions
1:20-3:00 - Costume Social

Thursday, November 1

Picture retakes during lunches 10:40 am - 12:30 pm.

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