



## PRINCIPAL'S LETTER

Dear Desert Mountain Families,

I often go on Desert Mountain Television for morning announcements. I usually recap points of pride in the students and teachers from the week prior, and then I share a message about staying strong, making good choices and I also try to send an academic message about the time of year. For instance in the last couple of weeks before spring break I will share that we are nearly three quarters of the way done with the school year, and in order to finish up strong please visit your teachers during office hours and ask them to "help you to be the best you can be."

My messages about health and well-being often sound like this: "You and only you control you, you and only you control what you put into your body." Thinking about this statement I realize that it is not as easy as it sounds for some folks, and I would like to take this opportunity to share that Desert Mountain is filled with caring adults who strive to be the best we can be for our students. Please talk to your students, remind them it is important to reach out to others when we face overwhelming feelings.

Our school and district have support structures in place and we also have lists that our guidance counselors have sent home as far as outside supports in Scottsdale. We have a school Intervention Specialist and through her we have offered more prevention programming this year for students and parents.

I also suggest taking part in the PTO meetings that will be offered during the day and the evening for the remainder of the year. The PTO and our Intervention Specialist have each brought in many good speakers on parenting, electronics and dangerous drugs.

In the meantime continue to check in with your children, keep talking and talking and talking some more.

We enjoy your amazing students every day they are here! Thank you for keeping all lines of communication open.

It is a GREAT day to be a Wolf!



## EDUCATION CORNER

It has been a privilege to work with teachers, administrators, curriculum specialists and parents to review materials and provide a recommendation to the SUSD Governing Board for the adoption of new K-12 math curricula. We want to thank everyone who served and supported this productive committee. On Feb. 12, the Governing Board approved the following materials: Cengage Math in grades K-5, Curriculum Associates in grades 6-8, Pearson in high school Math, and Pathways for high school Algebra 2. We look forward to full implementation, including professional development and support for our teachers so we can continue to teach mathematics with excellence in SUSD.

~ Sheryl Rednor

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SUSD was proud to host dedication ceremonies this month at our newly rebuilt Pima Traditional and Hopi Elementary schools. These renovated campuses fully embrace the way students learn and the way teachers teach. And they're equipped with technological resources not even imagined 60 years ago, when those schools first opened. Take a look at the new [Pima](#) and [Hopi](#)!

Just a reminder, March Kindergarten Roundups are on tap for the first week of March. For the complete schedule, go to <https://susd.org/kindergartenroundup>. Find out what makes our kindergarten classrooms special: meet the teachers, principal and fellow parents, and get a sense of the great things ahead for your little learner! We appreciate your referrals!