



# Anthem Rocket Monthly

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## Special PTA Meeting

DVUSD Current Budget Status and Implications of  
the March 9th M&O Election

Special Guest Speaker, Sandi Hicks, DVUSD Director  
of Public Relations

**Wed. March 3rd 9:00 am**  
**Anthem School Media Center**

Sandi Hicks will be presenting information on the  
current Deer Valley Unified School District Budget  
and the importance of the Maintenance and Override  
Election to the funding of our school programs.

**This is a great opportunity for parents to  
come and ask questions on school  
funding and upcoming budget changes.**



## Stargazing for Everyone

Please Join Us on Tuesday March 9<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 – 9:00 at Anthem School

Family-Style: bring your own picnic 6:00-6:30  
Everyone who attends receives a sky map for the month of  
March. If anyone has a telescope and needs help learning  
how to use it or set it up, we will help them (bring your scope  
out early around 6:30 PM). Story telling about the various  
constellations. Mars and Saturn will be well placed for  
viewing through our telescopes. Bring a digital camera to  
take pictures of Saturn through our telescopes. Some of the  
constellations showing are: Orion, Gemini, Taurus, Cancer,  
Leo and Ursa Major (you know this as the "Big Dipper"). We  
will be observing through the telescopes: star clusters,  
colorful double stars, nebula and galaxies. Some popular  
objects with common names that we will be observing are:  
The Great Orion Nebula, The Eskimo Nebula, The Seven  
Sisters star cluster, Bode's Galaxies, The Owl star cluster,  
The Beehive star cluster.

This will be a very exciting and educational night.

[www.stargazingforeveryone.com](http://www.stargazingforeveryone.com)

## Anthem PTA Monthly Raffle

\$40.00 Barnes and Noble Gift Card  
\$15.00 Starbucks Gift Card  
Box of Rocky Mountain Chocolates  
Tickets are \$1.00 each and are  
available for purchase in the Front  
Office before and after school.  
One winner will be drawn on  
March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Stargazing Event.

## Show Your School Spirit!!

Tuesday, Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> & Every Friday are  
School Spirit Day. Remember to  
wear our school colors or spiritwear  
on Fridays!

**Anthem Rockets Rock!**

**Have Lunch With Your Child  
Day Tuesday March 9th.**

## THANK YOU

**Thank You! Thank You! Thank you!**

A big huge thank you to all of our  
amazing volunteers and staff! With  
your time, energy, compassion and  
can do attitude anything is possible!  
It's your time in our school that makes  
Anthem School the special place it is!

## Krispy Kreme Donut Sale

Tuesday March 9th 6:00am - 8:30am  
Anthem School Media Center  
\$6.00 for a dozen glazed  
Reserve your dozen today!!



Name \_\_\_\_\_

# of Dozens of Donut \_\_\_\_\_

Pay when you pick up your donuts!!  
Please return reservation to your  
child's teacher.



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## Kindergarten Registration Welcome Class of 2023

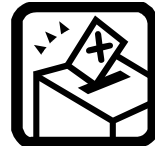


The Deer Valley Unified School District (DVUSD) will welcome the class of 2023 at kindergarten registration March 8-12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Parents are invited to visit the school's office to register for kindergarten. Students need to be 5 years old by August 31. Early registration is important as schools plan staffing needs for next school year.

## PTA Board Nomination Is Open

Nominations for the 2010-2011 PTA Board are currently being accepted by our nomination committee. If you are interested in being part of the PTA leadership for next year please email Jessica Coburn at [jess499@cox.net](mailto:jess499@cox.net) with your contact information and position you'd like to run for. All nominees must be current PTA members. If you'd like to join PTA the membership forms are available in the front office. Our Officer Election Meeting will be on April 7th at 7:00 pm with New Officer Installation on May 5th at our 9:00 am meeting. We will be accepting nominations now through March 26th. Please feel free to contact any current Board members with any questions you may have on being part of the PTA Board or their specific positions.

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## Please Vote on March 9th!

### Override Defined

An override is authorization from the voters to exceed the funding formula for education. Overrides fund Maintenance and Operations (M&O) expenses, which mostly fund salary and benefit costs (86% for DVUSD in FY09). An override can be for up to seven years but it phases out after the fifth year if not renewed by the voters (1/3 in Year 6, 2/3 in Year 7, and then 100% thereafter).

Arizona per pupil funding is ranked near the bottom nationally (with the existing overrides in place). Currently 123 districts statewide (about half) have an M&O override and 60 districts have an additional 5% override. National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Current Expenditure per pupil in average daily attendance (Constant 2006-07 dollars)

Arizona's national ranking and per-pupil K-12 expenditure: \$7,537 per student (ranked 48th)

US Average: \$9,910 per student

Education Week, Quality Counts 2009: Portrait of a Population. Per-pupil expenditures (PPE), adjusted for regional cost differences (2006)

Arizona's national ranking and per-pupil K-12 expenditure: \$7,112 per student (ranked 50th)

US Average: \$9,963 per student

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DVUSD M&O Elections History: 1990, 1995\*, 1996, 2001, 2005

\* - election unsuccessful

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### Past and Current M&O Override Uses (from 2005 Official Pamphlet)

Provide necessary staff to open new schools and to accommodate growing student enrollment.

Maintain programs in accordance with program review.

Maintain/improve salary schedules to attract and retain quality staff.

Maintain current levels of extra-curricular activities.

Maintain/improve district and school level budgets.

Maintain student transportation in accordance with current radius standards.

Maintain/provide staff development

Projected Impact of the Loss of the M&O Override Election (from 2005 Official Pamphlet)

Prevent the Deer Valley Unified School District from hiring sufficient new teachers and staff members to accommodate growing student enrollment at the current class size ratios.

Eliminate or drastically reduce instructional programs and services, including those in the areas of music, physical education, art, gifted and counseling.

Increase class size.

Reduce/eliminate extra-curricular activities, such as high school and middle school athletics.

Reduce district and school-level budgets for such items as classroom, office, and custodial supplies and materials.

Reduce bus rider eligibility by increasing student walking distances.

**For more information visit [www.dvUSD.org](http://www.dvUSD.org) or come to our special meeting March 3rd at 9:00am in the Media Center.**