



Anthem Rocket Monthly

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Anthem School PTA Monthly Raffle

We are raffling a 4G Ipod Shuffle to one lucky winner. Tickets are \$1.00 each and are available in the front office before and after school. Drawing will be held on Thursday February 4th at the PTA Open House. Tickets may be purchased in the Front Office before and after school or at the Open House from 5:30 - 6:15

Anthem School, an "Excelling" School Open House – Open Enrollment Fair February 4, 2010 5:30 – 6:30 PM

OPEN HOUSE – OPEN ENROLLMENT EVENING HIGHLIGHTS

Classroom Teachers will be stationed outside their classrooms to say hello as parents tour classrooms to see samples of students' work and other 'surprises' including being able to interact with Smart Boards (Interactive White Boards) and other technology advances that have been added to rooms over the past year – and, to see where we are headed relative to increasing technology in all classes! PE and "Before and After School Care" Program will be in the Cafeteria.

- Technology demonstrations and hands-on experience in the media center and classrooms
- Space – suited, School Mascot showing school spirit
- Student work grounded in their use of our critical thinking "Thinking Maps" tools
- Anthem Rockets Mosaic in the front office created by Art Teacher, Lindsay Boggs
- Band students demonstrating Smart-Board applications in learning instrumental music
- Kindergarten Art Walk!
- Refreshments at Anthem PTA Table
- Pizza party for the grade level with greatest number of new open enrollment forms by Feb 10
- Purchase a ticket for an I-Pod Shuffle to be raffled at 6:30 PM

Anthem Rockets Before and After School Care

Morning session 6:30 - 8:30

Afternoon session 3:30 - 6:00

including half days

For more information and rates please contact Gloria Dahl 602-501-3319

Anthem Idol

There will be an Interest meeting on Wednesday, February 3rd at 7:00pm in the Anthem School Media Center for Anthem Idol. If your child would like to participate in Anthem Idol please plan on attending this meeting.



SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!!

Thursday, Feb 4th & Every Friday are School Spirit Day. Remember to wear our school colors or spiritwear on Fridays!

Anthem Rockets Rock!

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE February 19th, 2010

Look for more details to be sent home with your child

Have Lunch With Your Child Day Tuesday March 9th.

About PTA

The Best Resource for Parents

As the largest volunteer child advocacy association in the nation, Parent Teacher Association (PTA) reminds our country of its obligations to children and provides parents and families with a powerful voice to speak on behalf of every child while providing the best tools for parents to help their children be successful students.

PTA does not act alone. Working in cooperation with many national education, health, safety, and child advocacy groups and federal agencies, the national PTA organization collaborates on projects that benefit children and that bring valuable resources to its members.

For more information visit www.pta.org or www.anthempta.org



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GREAT JOB ROCKETS!!!

Anthem School came in first place for the Outlet Mall Opt In Smart Board Contest. Way to Go!!!

Donut Day!

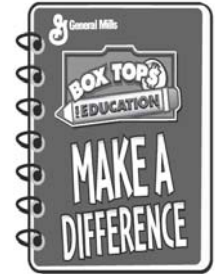
PTA will be selling Krispy Kreme Donuts before school on Tues., March 9th.



PTA Sponsored Stargazing for Everyone on March 9th from 7:00 - 9:00pm on campus.

Box Tops for Education

Thank you to all of our students, parents, teachers and staff for participating in our Box Tops for Education program. So far this year we've received \$1300 for school enhancements. Great Job!! The third quarter box top turn in contest has started and the classrooms with the highest turn in win a pizza party.



Anthem School receives 10¢ from each box top and uses the funds toward the purchase of equipment, classroom supplies, or other items for the students. For a list of products you can find Box tops on go to:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/AboutBoxTops/Products.aspx>

Anthem School Opens New Aerospace Academy

Anthem School, in the Deer Valley Unified School District (DVUSD), is inviting parents and students to an **OPEN HOUSE** on Thursday, February 4 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. located at 41020 NE Freedom Way. The Aerospace Academy, scheduled to open in the 2010-11 school year, has been developed to support and increase students' interests in pursuing Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) course work that will result in being college and career ready to compete with students from around the world by year 2021. The new Aerospace Academy is establishing partnerships with various *Arizona-based Aerospace companies and links with NASA, including Young Astronauts, Sandra Day O'Connor High School's Air Force JROTC program, and Luke Air Force Base.*

DVUSD Superintendent Dr. Virginia McElyea said, *"I'm excited to announce the new Aerospace Academy. The district has long-standing partnerships with many aerospace industries currently located in our district. I commend Anthem School's leadership and staff for a forward thinking 21st century focus."*

The Aerospace Academy is intended to support teachers' efforts to stir students' imaginations and inspire them to be interested and engaged in STEM studies. Introducing students to STEM fields will produce an increase of students entering higher education and graduating with degrees in these disciplines. Anthem School will provide real life hands-on STEM education and has emphasized the importance in providing DVUSD students with the knowledge and skill set needed to be successful in the 21st Century. For registration information, contact Anthem School at 623-376-3700.

The 7 Habits of Successful Families is coming to Anthem!

The 7 Habits of Successful Families is an engaging, family-strengthening program based on Stephen R. Covey's No. 1 bestsellers *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* and *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families*. Workshop participants: 1) apply an "Inside-Out Approach" to problem solving and goal creation; 2) resolve differences in marriage and family relationships by creatively cooperating together; 3) establish a better work/life balance; 4) become more effective in raising emotionally healthy and empowered children; 5) employ the skills of Empathic Listening and synergy; and 6) learn to discipline and motivate children effectively.

The 7 Habits of Successful Families workshop series consists of 10 hours of curriculum that will be taught in four 2 1/2 hour sessions - held one night a week for four consecutive weeks. The course offering will be free (facilitated by an Anthem parent), however supplies for the workshop can be as much as \$40 per family, grant dependent. To apply for a grant it is imperative that we know how many Anthem School Parents are interested in taking this course. If you'd like to register for this course please fill in the following information and return to your child's teacher.

7 Habits of Successful Families

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone #: _____



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Future Election Committee Fact Sheet (11/17/2009)

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

DVUSD M&O Elections History: 1990, 1995*, 1996, 2001, 2005
* - election unsuccessful

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

1. Provide necessary staff to open new schools and to accommodate growing student enrollment.
2. Maintain programs in accordance with program review.
3. Maintain/improve salary schedules to attract and retain quality staff.
4. Maintain current levels of extra-curricular activities.
5. Maintain/improve district and school level budgets.
6. Maintain student transportation in accordance with current radius standards.
7. Maintain/provide staff development

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

1. 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.
2. Eliminate or drastically reduce instructional programs and services, including those in the areas of music, physical education, art, gifted and counseling.
3. Increase class size.
4. Reduce/eliminate extra-curricular activities, such as high school and middle school athletics.
5. Reduce district and school-level budgets for such items as classroom, office, and custodial supplies and materials.
6. Reduce bus rider eligibility by increasing student walking distances.

10% M&O Override Cost Impact to Taxpayers (2009-10 values)

10% Override Amount: \$16,489,918 (if not renewed ~ \$10,982,285 in 2011-12 and \$5,491,142 in 2012-13)

Tax Rate: \$0.46

Annual Tax Levy on Average Home Value: \$119.60

Additional 5% Special Program Override Projected Cost Impact (projected for 2010-11)

5% Override Amount: \$8,250,000

Tax Rate: \$0.23

Annual Tax Levy on Average Home Value: \$59.80

Potential Election Dates

March 9, 2010

November 2, 2010

PTA Membership

Our current membership total is 174.

The classes that won the membership contest were Bldg B, Mrs. Ray. Bldg C, Mrs. Peterson and Bldg D, Mrs. Kumar.



Maintenance and Operations Override Election Factual Information

[Community Forum](#) about the election on January 26th, 5:30 p.m. at the District Office Governing Board Room

Override Election Scheduled for March 9

Cost: \$5/Month

On December 8th, the Governing Board called for an election on March 9, 2010 to continue the existing 10 % Maintenance and Operations Override that voters last passed in 2005 which supports salaries and benefits. The district is also asking for an additional 5% funding to maintain existing programs throughout the district.

If voters fail to approve the election, the district will be required to reduce the 2011-12 override budget by one-third, approximately \$5.5 million, for three years.

The reauthorization of the existing 10% will not be an increase to homeowners; however, the new 5% would mean approximately \$60 a year for an average home valued at \$260,000.

Jim Migliorino, Executive Director of Fiscal Services, and Sandi Hicks, Director of Public Relations, are doing factual presentations at all schools, district departments, and for the general public. Information and the presentation can be found on the district website. There are 25 polling places, ten of which are school sites.