

## FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

- 1st Jamba Juice
- 4th PTSA Mtg. 9 AM
- 5th The Erinn Knak Mile Run—O'Connor
- 8th Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night Fundraiser
- 10th Staff vs Student Basketball Game
- 11th - 13th Empowertown 7th & 8th Grade
- 16th Jamba Juice
- 16th Basketball/Sprit Line Banquet
- 21st No School
- 26th Band Solo Ensemble Festival—Highland Lakes
- 28th—Feb 4 Read Across America Week

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# SchoolNews

STETSON HILLS SCHOOL



Deer Valley Unified School District

JANUARY 2011



## Stetson Hills...Expanding Our World Through Digital Innovation



### Project 2021 goal:

Our goal is to provide a technology rich school where 21<sup>st</sup> century skills are utilized and framed within research proven instructional strategies.

### Targeted audience/Desired results:

Ongoing professional development focused in effective instructional strategies and technology integration for all K-8 teachers.

Provide technology tools throughout all K-8 classrooms.

Over the next five years, provide 5-8 grade students with an individual netbook to utilize in their everyday learning.

To reach our goal of providing our fifth grade students laptops for next school year we need to raise approximately \$85,000. To date we have earned \$25, 000 towards this endeavor. We will continue to network and fund raise to reach our 2010-11 goal.

### Upcoming events:

February 16<sup>th</sup> Jamba Juice (earns us about \$180.00 a month)

March 5<sup>th</sup> Family Fun Run ~ Sign up today!

May 7<sup>th</sup> First Annual SH Golf Tournament

Our school is in need of raffle items for the Golf Tournament. If you own a business and would like to donate an item or service to the raffle we would be greatly appreciate your donation.

### For example:

Teeth Whitening	Oil Change	Restaurant Gift Certificate
Jewelry	Carpet Cleaning	Car Tune Up
Flowers	Candles	House Cleaning
scaping	Massages	Pedicure/Manicure
	House Painting	Dog Grooming
		Bug Spray
		Land- Gift Cards

## CHARACTER COUNTS AT STETSON HILLS!

Congratulations to our 2nd quarter winner... Maddison Noble. Maddison, a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Stetson Hills, had her Character Counts ticket chosen out of the huge stack that was turned in to the office. Maddison was awarded a new bike by Jeanne Getz, from the Horace Mann Foundation. Maddison earned her winning ticket by helping for going above and beyond to make new students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade feel comfortable and welcome! Way to go Maddison!



Teachers and staff members will be looking for students to display one or more of the 6 Pillars. Character Counts tickets will be given to students. If students receive a ticket, it will be entered into classroom drawings that will be used for the 3rd quarter, school-wide, drawing of an iPod or bike.

Students who had their Character Counts tickets submitted to the office for the 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr. school-wide drawing were given a voucher for a free Phoenix Suns ticket or a free kids meal at The Good Egg.

*"It's not who you are, it's what you do that matters."  
Todd Cloutier*

Two students were chosen from each grade level to participate in a celebration of positive character at a Character Counts luncheon for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. Students received a Character Counts t-shirt and certificate, as well as being recognized with their parents. Congratulations to the following students who were chosen for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter as students who consistently display positive character:

Kindergarten: Emilia DeMarcus & Brendan Anderson 1<sup>st</sup> grade: Taylor Bertsch & Tanner Yoder 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Ethan Hertel & Wyatt Arthur 3<sup>rd</sup> grade: Rylee Bayus & Brianna Mattaino 4<sup>th</sup> grade: Jason Blakely & Miles Kuestersteffen 5<sup>th</sup> grade: Mitchell Decovich & Tyler Hansen 6<sup>th</sup> grade: Maddison Noble & Brayden Bennett 7<sup>th</sup> grade: Ryan Murphy & Stone Cogswell 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Melissa Mansfield & Noah Barinque



**A very special THANK YOU to Sardella's pizza for sponsoring this event!**

# Family Fun



# Run/Walk

Stetson Hills is having a Family Fun Run/Walk and would like for you to join in. If you are an active person, somebody who enjoys being outdoors, or like to contribute to the community, this is a great opportunity! The goal of the Family Fun Run/Walk is to raise money for Project 2021. The goal of Project 2021 is to provide a technology rich school where 21st century skills are utilized and framed within research proven instructional strategies. It will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 9 am. Please mark this down on your calendar. Jamba Juice will be selling 8 oz. smoothies for \$2.00. Prizes will be awarded to the top 2 students who raise the most amount of pledge money, as well as the top runner for K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and adults. More information will be coming soon.



## LOST AND FOUND

We have a lot of lost winter wear and lunch boxes in our lost and found located in the cafeteria. Please have your child/children check out the coat rack and bookshelf to see if

anything belongs to them. If you are visiting your child at lunch, you too can stop at the lost and found to see if anything belongs to your family. All items that are left on the shelf or hanging on the coat rack, will be donated to Swift Charities.

The Big Blue Box is located by the bike rack at the back of the school. Items that remain in the lost and found are placed in the charity box at the end of the month.

## Attention Class of 2024!!

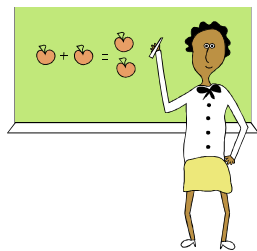
Kindergarten registration will start the week of March 7, 2011. We are excited to meet our incoming Stallions!! If your child will turn 5 on or before August 31, 2011, you can enroll in Stetson Hills kindergarten program. Our Kindergarten teacher's will have a Round-Up on March 9, 2011 from 5:30—6:30 PM. During the Round-Up you and your child will be able to meet our fabulous Kindergarten teachers and visit a kindergarten classroom. You may also turn in your registration packets at that time. The following documents are needed:

- Original birth certificate
- Original immunizations
- Proof of residency (utility bill or contract to your home)
- Legal papers (if applicable)
- Driver's license

We will make copies of the above items and return the original to you. Please mark your calendar for this exciting event!



# Opt In - School Rankings



If you are shopping at the Outlet Malls, Anthem, please be sure to turn in your receipts so we can receive credit towards winning a smartboard.

<b>ZONE 5</b>	
Sandra Day O'Connor High School	0.8
West Wing	9.6
Las Brisas	0.3
Stetson Hills	3.0
Desert Sage	2.4
Norterra Canyon	19.6

## KINDERGARTEN NEWS

*"Reindeer Day" We dressed like reindeer and played reindeer games*

We had a so much fun learning about the Holidays around the world in December and all loved "Reindeer Day"! We dressed like reindeer, played reindeer games

and had a fun party. We also participated in Barnes and Noble Days! Mrs. Scheffler, Grandma Judy & Mrs. Finch read at story time. We all had a blast drinking hot coco with

marshmallows. Thank you so much for all who participated in all December events. We so appreciate you. Also a BIG Thanks for all the special holiday presents.

Second Grade Happenings Submitted by Lauren Aoyama

### Student in Mrs. Dinsmore's class

We had a lot of things going on the last few months. We went on a field trip to Stuffington Bear Factory. We learned about Native Americans, and to celebrate Thanksgiving we had a feast. We had a cart parade and to go with our Native American unit we did different crafts to go with different tribes.

In Science, we watched seeds grow. In math, we learned about odd and even numbers. We also read Johnny Appleseed. In math we also learned about place value and how to add with regrouping! We went on a virtual field trip to Plymouth. To go with Johnny Appleseed we did apple testing.

We worked on writing "tell me mores" in our journals. We also had a blast at our holiday celebration. We got to make snowmen out of donuts and play holiday BINGO!



**We had a cart parade and did different crafts for our Native American unit.**



# Did you know?

Stetson Hills was awarded a Character Education Grant from the Arizona Department of Education in the amount of \$2,100.00! With this grant, Stetson Hills has purchased Character Counts curriculum for each grade level, Music, and PE classes. From DVD's to character kits which focus on the 6 Pillars of Character (Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, & Citizenship) students will have the opportunity to focus on each trait through classroom lessons, plays, role playing, etc. Students will also be participating in weekly class meetings which will allow them to foster a positive classroom environment, learn to communicate with one another effectively, and listen and help one another with issues that may arise. We are very excited to bring new curriculum to the classroom; ask your student about the exciting new things happening with our Character Education program!

*Our actions*

*speak louder*

*than words*

## Yearbooks Are On Sale Now!!!

If you would like to order your Stetson Hills yearbook, you may order two ways:

1. Go to our school website and order your yearbook online.
2. Turn in your order to your classroom teacher. Be sure to write your child's name on your order.

Cash or check made payable to Stetson Hills in the amount of \$25. Please ensure your phone number is written on your check.

## ART



With the third quarter off and running, I am very excited that many art classes will be starting three-dimensional art projects. From masks, to paper making, to clay, there will be lots going on in the art room! In order for these projects to be a success we are in need of some items from your recycle bin. We will have a big need for empty cereal and cracker-type cardboard boxes, paper towel rolls, magazines and large plastic containers (like the economy size pretzel/cheese ball kind). If you are doing a little spring cleaning, we could really use an old blender for a paper making project, saran wrap and foil. You can also see some other items that are useful in the art room on the art website at [www.StetsonHillsArt.weebly.com](http://www.StetsonHillsArt.weebly.com) Thank you very much in advance, we truly appreciate all of your help!



It was another amazing fund-raising event this season for National Junior Honor Society and the “spirit-chain” fund-raiser. Our school helped raise over \$2,000 to buy food and sponsor a district family this holiday season. This year we adopted a family

through the district’s head-start program and were able to fill their wish-list of ‘wants’ and ‘needs’. We also purchased a plethora of items to fill their table for the holiday season. With some of the extra funds left over, we are happy to be able to send two students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade to the first annual Empower-town Camp taking place this

# NJHS

February. Thank you so much Stallions for your continued support and generosity.

*Adopt a family  
Empowertown  
Bees have a  
“secret life”*

## 7th Grade Language Arts

We finished out the first semester with an exciting end to our unit on non-fiction and the BIG FOX strategy. Students explored this strategy learning about things from fireworks to pet-translators and bullying to juvenile detention centers. Our

next quest takes us down the road of realistic fiction where we will embark on a story of a young man accused of murder, but did he commit the crime? The advanced kids will be looking at the way in which bees have a “secret life” and how bees relate more

to human sociology than we realize. Most importantly, we will be dusting off some of our old spelling and grammar skills, as I have just learned this will be an important part of the AIMS test this year! YAY! J

## Empowertown

If you have been on campus, and heard the announcements lately, you may have heard this term Empowertown and wondered-what is this? This year, Mrs. Galbreath, along with several other staff members, will be taking approximately 75-7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders to Whispering Pines camp in Prescott, Arizona, with Social-Centric presenter and motivational speaker, Calvin Terrell. The camp, Empowertown, is designed to break down the barriers that lead to bullying. This camp will look at social groups, racism, discrimination, gender bias, stereotyping, and other problems that can cause or lead to bullying and other negative behaviors. We hope to create a community that will stand strong against bullying and bring unity of our campus.

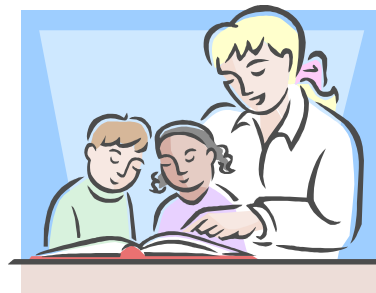




## How can you help your Third Grader at home?

Have your child read a book at their level for at least ten minutes each day. After reading ask your child to retell what they read in detail. You can also ask questions like, "Why do you think that happened?" "What will happen next?", and "What is the most important event that has happened in the story?"

You can also practice math facts in class we are focusing on addition, subtraction, and multiplication. You can use flash cards, go to your child's teacher website and look for fact practice. Parents you can even write down 25 mixed facts on sheet of paper to give to your child. Please try to do some kind of practice each day.



*Testing for  
gifted services  
for 2nd—5th  
graders, week  
of May 2nd*

## Gifted Services - SAGE

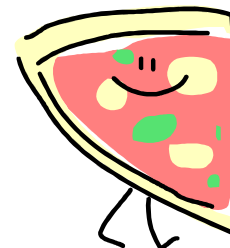
"Testing for gifted services for 2nd-5th grades will be during the week of May 2nd. If you feel your child demonstrates gifted characteristics and you would like them tested, please call Vicky Mead, SAGE Teacher at 623-445-5364, or email: [vicky.mead@dvusd.org](mailto:vicky.mead@dvusd.org). More information about what it means to be gifted can be found on the National Gifted and Talented Website: <http://www.nagc.org/index.aspx?id=574&ir>."

## Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Label Collection

Our next Box Tops and Campbell's Soup Label Collection contest deadline is February 18<sup>th</sup>. The class that collects the most will win a pizza party and there will be prizes for individual students as well.

Our very own Sandra Day O'Connor marching band was involved in a "Flash Parade" at our local Safeway! Take a look at the video on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qoazs6r4aZA>

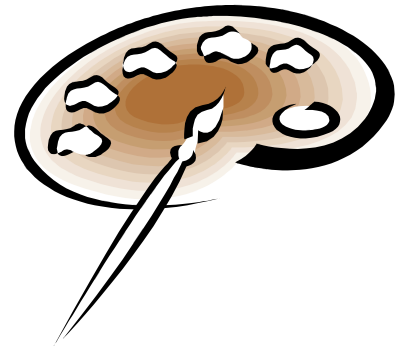
Did you know for the contest that ended in October we earned over \$1060 for our school? This is such a fun and easy way for our school to earn money. Please help by collecting as many as possible. Ask your family, friends, neighbors and coworkers to collect them, too. Keep clipping! Thank you very much.



**Pizza party and prizes for  
individual students**

## Reflections Art Contest

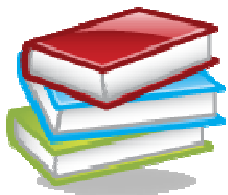
Thank you to all the students who entered in the Reflections Art Contest! Congratulations to the following students who received at least one "Award of Excellence": Allison Kaminski, Lily Newcomb, Tyller West, Kelly Anderson, Cameron Lambertus, Alix Cornwell, Jessica Jones, Caroline Pappalau, Sasha Why, Aaron Lambertus, Brandy Anderson, Halle Vincent, Sterling O'Ray, Kaylee Erickson, Allisa Miller and Tara Singleton. These entries have been forwarded to the Arizona PTA for the state level of competition. Stay tuned for the results. Good luck and thank you so much for your hard work!



## Dr. Seuss Family Literacy Night!!



Stetson Hills is holding its first ever Dr. Seuss Family Literacy Night on Thursday, March 3, 2011 from 6:00-7:30 pm. Book mark making, flip video poetry, reader's theater, birthday party and jump roping are just a few of the activities that will be available for the whole family to enjoy. Be sure to be there in the beginning for a special guest appearance! See you there!!



## Read Across America

Are you *wild* about books? Stetson Hills is, and will show it during Read Across America week February 18-March 4<sup>th</sup>. On Monday you can wear your *wild* animal prints! Tuesday you can wear your *wild* socks and we will have guest author's visit!

Wednesday wear your class shirts as you participate in the book parade. Thursday, show that *wild* and crazy hair and attend our Dr. Seuss Family Literacy Night from 6:00-7:30. On Friday bring a \$1.00 and wear a hat. All funds raised will help purchase books for the book room! So get ready to be *wild* about reading!



# Used Books

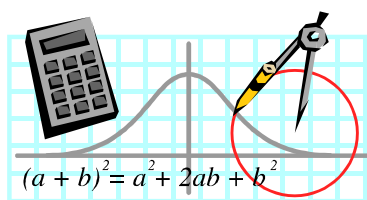
Do you have gently used books sitting around home? Bring them to the Stetson Hills Book Swap! During our Dr. Seuss Family Literacy Night on Thursday, March 3, 2011 from 6:00-7:30 you can bring your books and go home with different books! Student volunteers will be available at a booth in the Cafeteria ready to take your books at 6:00 pm. At 7:00 pm you can shop for books to take home for each one you bring! So dig through your bookshelves, cupboards and even under your bed and bring those books to swap!



## 8th Grade

In Science, students are still working on our Chemistry unit. We will be learning about the discovery of the atom and how it has changed over the years. Students will learn about the atomic structure. In addition to that, students will learn the systematic organization of the periodic table. After the chemistry unit is complete, we will learn about the basic principles of heredity during our Reproduction and Heredity unit.

In Language Arts, we have started two major endeavors that will take us all the way through 3rd quarter. The students have just begun working on their poetry unit. They will be required to learn multiple types of figurative language, write 10 different types of poems, and put it all together in a book that they create. In addition to that, each student has been assigned a book that they must read on their own at home. Every Friday, they meet with the students who have the same book and discuss what they have read. It looks to be a very busy and productive quarter!



In Social Studies, students will be learning about the Cold War and Civil Rights in the upcoming weeks.

In 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math, we are finishing up Chapter 6 on angles, polygons and transformations. Next week, we will be starting Chapter 7 on finding area and volume of 2D and 3D figures.

In Algebra 1-2 Honors, we are finishing our unit 9 on solving systems of equations and inequalities and working towards moving into high degree polynomials

## Stallion Stables

During the month of December the Stallion Stable collected much needed supplies for the Arizona Humane Society. We collected over 150 items including dog and cat food, treats, toys, leashes, paper towels and much more. They were very excited to receive our gift and have promised to feature us in their next edition of Paw Prints.

## Nurse **IMMUNIZATION RULES FOR STUDENTS** **11 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER**

Students **11 years of age and older and entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade** are now **required** to have **Tdap and MV** to attend school beginning next school year 2011-2012. These immunizations are **recommended** for students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade as they turn 11 years old.

- **Tdap** (tetanus, diphtheria, attenuated pertussis) required for students as they turn 11 years old and older if 5 years have passed since the last tetanus/diphtheria vaccine dose (DTP, DTaP, or Td).
- **MV** (meningococcal vaccine) Meningococcal meningitis can be highly contagious in teens and young adults and may result in severe disability or death.

**\*\*Students who will be 11 years old and entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade by 15 August 2011 must have documentation of these immunizations PRIOR to beginning school year in August, 2011. Your child may be exempted from school until these shots are obtained.**

**DO NOT WAIT UNTIL AUGUST TO GET THEM!**

***Exemptions to immunization requirements for religious, personal, or medical reasons are available.***

***Please contact the School Nurse for information and forms.***

Immunizations are available thru your primary care provider, Walgreen's Take Care Clinics, CVS Pharmacy Minute Clinics, or you may go to the Maricopa County Community Clinic, located on the NE corner of 67<sup>th</sup> and Peoria Ave. and get them for free.

Please bring/send proof of immunization to me as soon as possible. Information may also be mailed or faxed to the number and/or address below. Thank you for your attention to this new immunization rule by Arizona to protect our children from preventable illnesses.

Brenda Jones, RN, BSN, MA

**623-445-5310/11**



Stetson Hills School

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Phoenix, Arizona 85083

Main number: 623-445-5300

Fax number: 623-445-5380

Attendance number 623-445-5390

Office hours: 7:30—4:30

School hours: 8:45– 3:30 1st—8th

KAM 8:45– 11:30 KPM 12:45– 3:30

Early release: 8:45-12:05 1st—8th

KAM 8:45-10:15 KPM 10:35-12:05



### **Stetson Hills School believes...**

#### **Excelling Staff...**

*"Meet the social, emotional and differentiated academic*

*needs of all students.*

*"Implements rigorous curriculum with high expectatiions.*

#### **Successful Students...**

*"Take responsibility for their own learning.*

*"Respect themselves and others.*

*"Strive to achieve their highest potential.*

#### **A Collaborative Community...**

*"Promotes actively involved families.*

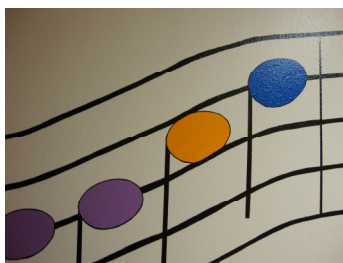
*"Engages community partnerships.*

#### **An Embracing School Culture...**

*"Accepts and values all students, staff, and community members."*

## **Where can you find me?**

Stetson Hills has added some new character to the school. I've decided to take a picture of the new additions to see how observant you are. Each month will feature a new picture of a painting, sign or display that you need to tell me where you find it. The first email I receive with the correct answer, that student will have their picture taken and will appear in next months newsletter! Who's up for the challenge? I hope to hear from you soon. Email me with your answers to:



Carrie.Finch@dvusd.org

CORRECT WINNER OF DIARY OF A WIMPY KID SIGN LOCATED IN MEDIA CENTER ON THE SHELF BEHIND MRS. WANDELT'S DESK— MEGAN FROM 2ND GRADE

