Dear DV Community,

As we nearly turn the page to September, academic progress reports will be available on Monday, so please check ParentVue or StudentVue and discuss with your child her/his grade situation. If there is a need for extra assistance, please encourage your student to talk to his/her teacher for options or consider our free Peer Tutoring. Proaction in September goes a long way toward success by the end of the semester. Here are some bits of timely information for this week:

- We are looking for some parent representatives to our Desert Vista Site Council that meets monthly starting in late September. From the DVHS Site Council Nomination Form, a representative number of parents/guardians will be chosen to participate with our staff and students with the intent of using this council for feedback on a variety of topics for school improvement and effectiveness. If interested, fill out the form and submit by Friday September 3rd. Thank you for considering it.

- DV has traditionally had very good participation and student success in the PSAT over the years. For interested freshman, sophomores, and juniors; please check out the PSAT Registration Information.

- We would like to invite everyone to Dr. Joe McDonald Night at our first home football game on September 23rd against Corona del Sol High School. Dr. McDonald is the founding principal of Desert Vista and we will honor his legacy that night as well as our two state championship football teams from the past. Dr. Joe successfully laid the foundation for Excellence Through Performance that lives and breathes at DV!

- If you are a parent/guardian who drops off or picks up your student from school, you are keenly aware by now what a challenge the student parking lot can be in the morning and after school. For either a drop off or pick up, we encourage parents/guardians to consider designating a drop off and/or pick up spot a block or so away from school. Having your student walk onto campus in the morning or come to you after school will save you time and decrease traffic in the student lot. As long as we are all being respectful of neighborhood parking limitations (mailboxes, No Parking signs, etc), the use of our surrounding streets can be an effective strategy for traffic flow into and out of DV. Thanks for considering it.

- Although the name of our counseling department chair, Amie Hickel, may be listed under the “Guidance” entry in ParentVue; that does not mean that she is definitively your child’s counselor. Your child’s defined counselor can be found in DV Counseling assignments based on the alpha split of your child’s last name. I encourage everyone to know who your counselor is and reach out as needed if there is a need to do so.
During the week of September 6th, we will have an ongoing Club Fair in the courtyard over lunch periods. That’s a great time for students to see and ask questions about the variety of clubs/activities available to them. Once our club list with the most accurate contact information is finalized, it will be posted here. Check back soon.

While our indoor mask requirement is in play, please remind your student to have his/her mask with him/her and be prepared to wear it over nose and mouth while indoors. Where warranted for playing an instrument in band or engaging in certain exercises, we are making reasonable exceptions; but those will be communicated by the teacher. The mask requirement will not last forever, and we have seen a decrease in positive cases on our campus per the Covid-19 Dashboard since the mask requirement began. If a student needs a mask, one can be picked up in the office or from a security guard.

Have a wonderful weekend! Go Thunder!!

Mr. D