



DESERT HAPPENINGS

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August 29	August 29	September 2	September 4	September 16-20
All School Bowling	Parent Night @ 6:30	No School—Labor Day	Picture Day	ITBS Testing

DAA Welcomes You to a New School Year!

Welcome to the new school year! We are all so happy you are here. It is so exciting to see all the young faces, both new & returning.

There are few new changes this year: Mrs. Harebottle has moved on from DAA at the end of last year. We thank her for all she has done for our school and wish her all the best on her next venture. Our former, principle, Mr. Bartlett has also left and taken a position teaching in Florida to be

closer to his daughter. With their departures, we hired Mr. Jay Emery to be our new teaching/principal. He will be teaching 7th & 8th grade as well as heading all administration duties. Hopefully you got to know him a little as information about his family & background were sent out over the summer.

Our returning teachers are teaching the following grades:

- Mrs. Trudeau: Tk, Kindergarten, & 1st grade
- Mrs. Rivas: 2nd-4th

• Mrs. Goen: 5th & 6th.
We currently have 42 students enrolled with the following numbers:

- Tk/Kindergarten-1st—12
- 2nd-4th Grade—10
- 5th - 6th Grade—13
- 7th & 8th Grade—7

We may be a “small” school....but we are mighty! We thank you for your continued support of our school and look forward to an amazing year!

Parent Night

Includes New Policies

Be sure to plan on attending Parent Night on Thursday, August 29. Meet in the church sanctuary for general announcements at 6:30 p.m. and then be dismissed to visits your child's classroom for important information & policies.

It is important for you to attend as there has been several changes to the handbook (see page 2), volunteer policy, & calendar. See you there!



Mr. Emery (far right) welcomes students on the first day of school.

‘Bowling’

Back-to-School

We are ‘bowling’ back-to-school on Thursday, August 29. This is a fun back-to-school activity for the whole school, grades Tk-8. We will be leaving the school at 12:30 p.m., after lunch, and will return by 3:30 p.m.

Teachers have sent home information, permission slips, & driver requests. If you have yet to receive yours or have any questions about this even including driver policy, see your child's teacher.

Hot Lunch:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	Pizza	Cheese Quesadilla	Mac ‘n’ Cheese	Haystacks (Taco Salad)



Important Updates Added to Handbook

Please be sure to read your school handbook as there has been several changes made. The four main updates are as follows:

Attendance:

The number of tardies & absences your child receives will be closely monitored and new interventions will be put in place to better encourage you to have your child attend school regularly and on time. Such interventions include warning letters, teacher/principal conferences, & the possibility of retention. Please see page 10-11.

Discipline Policy:

Teachers will be utilizing a new discipline policy connected to Renweb. Formal documentation or a student "write up" will be used with Renweb that will allow better communication for parents/guardians to receive emails and access information about any discipline situations. Consequences of the discipline policy are also written and included. Please see

page 12.

Technology & Cell Phone:

Parents & Students must sign a cell phone contract. Cell phones must be turned off on campus and turned into the teacher once in classroom. Consequences of cell phone policy violation are included. Please see page 15.

Clothing & Appearance:

Besides our required uniform top, students also must follow new guidelines for outerwear such as sweatshirts & sweaters. All sweatshirts or sweaters must be solid colored in uniform colors (blue, red, white, or gray) or purchased through our contracted uniform company with the school logo.

Rings, earrings, bracelets, necklaces and other jewelry are not part of our uniform and therefore are not to be worn at school or school functions.

Please see page 16-17.

Thank you for taking note of these changes and following school policy.

Save the date!

September 4

No uniforms required on this day. Order forms to be sent home soon!

Back-to-School Fun Facts

- Including college students, about 78 million kids head back to school every fall.
- There are about 8 million teachers in the U.S.
- Didaskaleinophobia is the acute fear of going to school, which affects about 2.4% of all children.
- The average pencil can be sharpened 17 times and write about 45,000 words or draw a line 35 miles long before it's out of service.
- Before pencil erasers were invented, a common way to get rid of pencil markings was with a rolled up piece of white bread!
- The average backpack weighs 20% of the student's body weight! It's recommended to keep that percentage below 10%.

Bible Text of the Week

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and He will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 3:5-6



HIGH-LIGHTS OF FIRST DAY ARRIVALS

