



# DESERT HAPPENINGS

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September 20	September 23	September 24	October 2-4	October 7
Fall Fundraiser Kickoff	Picture Make-Up	McCallum Theatre Field Trip	5th-8th Science Trip	Fall Fundraiser Ends

## Fall Fundraiser Begins with Yankee Candle Fundraising

**T**oday we start our fall fundraiser with Yankee Candle Fundraising. Students are selling candles, home décor, & wrapping paper for the upcoming holidays. You have 2 choices to sell: through the catalog or online.

If you are selling online, please be sure to register for an account to get your "Seller ID" This will make sure your child gets credit in their class for all their sales and the money will return to their classroom. Go to

[www.yankeecandlefundraising.com](http://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com) and go to Seller Login. Sign up to become a seller and once you have completed the process, you will get a final email with your Seller ID. You will need our group #: 990103635 to make the account. There is also a free app you can download for easier selling.

All money raised by this fundraiser is for classroom funds & teacher wish lists. There is a prize sheet included for items sold and this year we

have a fun incentive program to encourage participation—Weepuls! After students sell a certain amount of items, they can pick little prizes from the prize wagon if they have their weepuls.

This is a great fundraiser that sells quality products in an easy way. Last year we raised over \$2000! So, get selling!

***All orders must be turned in by Monday, October 7.***

## McCallum

### Attendance Policy

If you will be driving for the McCallum Theatre Field Trip next week, please be sure to remember the following:

- All chaperones need to wear a school ID badge (provided by your teacher).
- Do **NOT** enter the theatre without your child's teacher. All members of a classroom must meet outside and enter together.
- **NO LATE** admittance or seating once your group has entered and/or performance has started.

## DAA Field Trip Policy

**O**ur classrooms are busy preparing for next week's field trip to the McCallum, happening September 24. Therefore it is important to highlight our field trip policy as written in our school handbook (p. 21):

"Field trips are part of the educational experience at DAA. Parent chaperones are needed on most, if not all trips. All accompanying parents are chaperones and are asked to make arrangements for the care of siblings, of any age. Siblings, extended family mem-

bers, & friends from other schools are **not** allowed to attend a class on any field trip or recreational trip for the following reasons:

1. Field trips are planned specially for children at each grade level.
2. The responsibility of being a chaperone demands the **full** attention of the parent.
3. Many attractions that welcome school field trips require **no** siblings or extended family.

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Hot Lunch:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	Pizza	Cheese Quesadilla	Grilled Cheese	Vegetarian Tacos





## Volleyball Season Begins!!!

**W**e are so excited to announce that our volleyball season is underway! Coach Charles DeLorey who has been coaching the last couple of years and whose children attended DAA from grades K to 8, is back! A girls team has been formed, with 8 girls, and practice already started this week. Practice happens every Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday after school. Their first games are as follows:

**September 30 @ 3:30**  
DAA vs. Desert Christian  
*Home Game*

**October 2 @ 3:30**  
DAA vs. Sacred Heart  
*Away Game*

## Fall Fun Facts:

- The first day of Fall is September 23.
- Historically, fall was called "harvest" because of the "harvest moon."
- Fall is caused by the Earth's tilt, not our distance from the sun.
- Pumpkin spice has nothing to do with pumpkins. It is a combination of spices used to make pumpkin pie.
- Fall colors are caused by the amount of sugar in leaves.
- Birds spend most of fall migrating.
- Fall tourism brings in \$3 billion a year to the New England states.



## DAA Field Trip Policy Continued

4. School-aged siblings should not miss a day of school. Exceptions may be made for younger siblings in TK-1st grade only but please make prior arrangements with the teacher.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this policy.

## Bible Text of the Week

*Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.*

Ephesians 4:29 NIV

## CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT: 5th-6th Are Already Learning A Lot!

**T**he 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade are learning a lot this year! In bible we are learning how God transforms us. At the beginning of the unit the students were given a brown flower pot. They had to describe what the flower pot looked like. Then students were given the opportunity to pick fabric to glue on to their pot. They then had to describe how that fabric changed their brown pot into something beautiful. The same is true with God. When we invite Jesus into our lives he takes our old selves and

transforms us into something beautiful. It has been fun watching the students read all about the many ways that God transform them.

In math the 5<sup>th</sup> graders are learning how to estimate in multiplication and division. They are also learning how to multiply with powers of ten. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders are learning all about the least common factor, the greatest common factor and prime factorization. They are really impressed that one math problem can take up to half a page on their paper.

In reading, students are reading their L.C. books and will begin to start their first L.C. project for the year. In writing students are learning all about the many different types of nouns and finally in science, students are learning about the many different types of rocks that there are. There is so much more to learn and the 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade class is excited to see what else they will discover this year.

- Mrs. Goen