



DESERT HAPPENINGS

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September 30	October 2-4	October 7	October 19	October 23
No School—In-Service	5th-8th Science Camp	Fall Fundraiser Ends	Fall Fest/Movie Night	Minimum Day

Remembering Pastor Greg Clark As Service is Planned for Saturday

We are sad to announce the sudden & tragic passing of our senior pastor, the pastor of Palm Desert Oasis SDA church, Greg Clark. On Sunday, Pastor Clark suffered a heart attack. He was rushed to the emergency room but was unresponsive. Our thoughts & prayers are with his wife, Brenda, and his three daughters Kalia, Lissa, & Annie. His youngest daughters had just arrived at their colleges within the last week to start the new school year.

The teachers, staff, & stu-



Pastor Clark smiles on the students during his story at chapel.

dents at DAA are just shocked by the news and are reflecting on memories of Pastor Clark.

He would come and visit our campus often participating

in chapel about once a month. He would always have his large, crumpled, brown paper bag which was full of random items.

As he told his story for the day, he would pull out the various items and tie them into his object lesson.

Pastor Clark will be greatly missed. The teachers keep expecting to meet him in the hall or get a surprise visit when he “popped” his head into their classroom.

A service is being planned for tomorrow, September 28 at 5:00 p.m. in the Palm Desert Oasis Church sanctuary. A meal will follow.



No School Monday
Due to
Teacher In-Service

Grades 5-8 Attend Science Camp

Grades 5th-8th will be attending science camp this year in Idyllwild for AstroCamp! It happens October 2-4 and students will learn all about life in space. They will be making rockets & launching them as well as going zip lining. They will also be looking in telescopes at night to find the different constellations and planets.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser—1 Week Left!

The first week of our fall fundraiser has already concluded with orders & ‘weepul’ incentives being turned in and collected! But you still have 1 week left. Please remember you can sell with the catalog and/or online. Download their easy-to-use app to contact family & friends via email, text, & social media.

Students are having a lot of

fun collecting ‘weepuls’ which allows them to pick prizes from our prize wagon. The wagon has a variety of prizes for the number of ‘weepuls’ a student has, plus the prizes may change from day to day.

Our school receives 40% of all sales and money raised will go to classroom funds & teacher wish lists.

All orders need to be turned in by October 7.

Hot Lunch:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	NO SCHOOL	Bean & Cheese Burrito	Spaghetti	Cheese Enchiladas





Sports: Girls Volleyball Gear Up for First Games

We are excited to start a new volleyball season with our Lady Lions! They are practicing hard and preparing for their first game on October 2 against Sacred Heart. This will be an away game but we hope parents and maybe others will be able to attend to cheer and support our players. Always be sure to check out the game schedule & scores each week in Desert Happenings.

2019-2020 Volleyball Team

Isabella Allen
Ariana Avalos
Jillian Coffin
Gianna Fernandez
Emely Gonzalez
Rebeca Lopez
Joridane Rada
Dana Ramos

Coach DeLorey



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



CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT: 7th & 8th Grade—A Class to Love

The 7th and 8th Grade class this year are small in numbers but large in heart & energy. They are inquisitive and anxious to learn. We started the year studying about the story of Elijah. The class enjoyed learning their memory verses and creating a skit on Elijah's God given ability to heal the woman's son. It set a great precedent of how to live our lives as a Christian.

Our Science class has been studying about the amazing Earth with all the minerals and rocks and how we have learned to use them for everyday living. Coming up is the study of space and we are very lucky to attend an AstroCamp in the Idyllwild mountains next week. All the kids are looking forward to this trip.

We finished our first book,

The Conscientious Objector in our Language Arts class and learned all about Desmond Doss, the man who refused to carry a weapon in World War II. What amazing faith!

In math, we are using *Zoom* and meeting with Mrs. Kimberly Matthews. It has been wonderful and it really does feel like she is right there in the class room. We also have an amazing volunteer, Mrs. Valadez, and her husband, come in almost every day to answer questions and help out with assignments.

One of the amazing things I am finding out is that these kids really do keep me feeling young! Their energy sometimes gets the best of them but, all in all, I really have come to love each and every one of them.

- Mr. Emery

Tk-8 Amazed at McCallum Theatre

I can't pick my favorite. I like it all!" replies one first grade student. That was the wide consensus Tuesday after students returned from watching "People's Republic of China, Hebei Province: Cirque Mei" at the McCallum Theatre. The show opened up with dancing lions to the delight of the students. Then, the audience watched numerous acrobats flip, balance, juggle, & spin.

Thank you to all our parents who were able to drive and chaperone.

We are truly blessed to have such wonderful opportunities available to us & our students to see live performing arts and cultural experiences and at no cost.

We hope to be back at the McCallum very soon.

Bible Text of the Week

'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'

Revelation 21:4