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From the Desk of Mr. Jiles

Dear Desert Heights Family,

Next month we will be taking the AIMS test. The culmination of a year's work for our students will be rigorously tested. It is very important during our AIMS week that students get adequate rest, arrive on time and prepare for testing by consuming a healthy breakfast! Our AIMS prep process is underway, as practice booklets have been distributed to our students. Please be looking for more information regarding the AIMS test throughout the month of March!

Friday marked the start of our "Read Across America" program! Students are encouraged to read as much as the rules allow and to have parents document the amount of time read by initialing their child's reading logs. Rules and guidelines regarding the "Read Across America" program are available on our school website. This year, I have agreed to make it into a human sundae not once, but twice! To better manage the event, we decided to split the grade levels into two teams so that the top three readers from each grade level can maximize their experience. Human sundae festivities will take place on April 2, 2010 at 8:15a.m. and 2:00p.m.

We hope to see all of you at our Flag Raising Ceremony and Sock Hop this Friday! Also, please visit our school book fair! Let's have a great March!

Mark Jiles, MA. Ed.

Principal



Spring Break

March 15th thru March 19th

Upcoming Health Event

Big Smiles Mobile Dental Clinic is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 2010. If you have not yet returned the permission form and want your child to receive dental services, please be sure to bring the form to the Health Center/Front Office ASAP. Remember, this is an outside company that is offering dental services throughout the valley. This is a great opportunity for all of our parents who want to take advantage of these services and have their child/children receive dental care during school hours without having to miss work for a dental appointment otherwise. Any questions or concerns about this company should be addressed to the address and phone numbers given on the permission forms by the company itself. (www.bigsmilesdental.org / (877) 227-9892)



From the Health Center

Notice of Communicable Disease:

Strep throat has been detected and is contagious (“catching, infectious”) A visit to a health professional will be necessary before the student may return to school.

Contagious Period: Untreated, 10-21 days. Treated with antibiotics, up to 48 hours after first dose.

Symptoms: Typically, sudden onset of red sore throat, **fever**, **listlessness**, swollen glands, **nausea**, and headache. Tongue may be coated white and then become bright red.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: Exclude for at least 24 hours after the first dose of **antibiotics** and the individual is **fever-free**.

Please check your child/children and notify the school if he or she present any signs or symptoms/ a visit to a health professional may be necessary before he/she may return to school. If symptoms appear while in school, the child will be excluded from the group setting and you will be called to pick him/her up.



Read Across America Dress Themes

Monday, March 8th Crazy Hair Day
Tuesday, March 9th Twins Day
Wednesday, March 10th Pajama Day
Thursday, March 11th Crazy Hat Day
Friday, March 12th Grand and Jeans Day