

First News First—

June & July 2014

SUMMER

Hello DVFRC Families!

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Summer is finally here and we have so many awesome programs planned for you and your children. We have a lot of new things going on in our center that we are excited to share with you.

As of June 1st, we will no longer be located within Desert Winds Elementary. DVUSD is repurposing the school to be a Public Day School for the district. Our new location will be Desert Sage Elementary, with our summer classes being held at both Desert Sage (DE) and Highland Lakes (HL). Both addresses for these schools are located in the left column on this page. Our hours of operation during the summer (June and July) will be Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:30pm.

In May, we welcomed two new Outreach Specialists, which some of you may have already met. Maritza Dimarco and Courtney Taylor are currently with the center part-time and will be on hand to help facilitate our programs and assist families with any needs. Also in May, we said goodbye to our Outreach Specialist, Tanya Hedges. She and her family will be moving to Tennessee this summer to pursue a new career. We are sad to see them go, but excited for their new opportunity.

This summer we are offering a variety of different programs for our DVFRC families. In June, we will be offering a week-long series of Love and Logic at Desert Sage (DE) as well as several visits from the Phoenix Zoo. In July the Arizona Science Center will be here to explore with you and your children. Also, Joy Gallagher will be at Highland Lakes (HL) Monday and Wednesday mornings in both June and July, as well as Wednesday afternoons in June. You won't want to miss these **FREE**, fun, and educational opportunities for your child.

Call, email, or visit our website to register today! Class space is limited.

As always, we thank you for your continued support of the DVFRC and we look forward to seeing all of you this summer!

Sherie, Lynne, Maritza, Courtney

Upcoming Events

- Car Seat Safety Class: Join us for a parent education class on car seat safety. This **FREE** class teaches best practices for car seat safety, car seat basics, & how to properly install seats in your vehicle. Participants may be eligible to receive a free car seat.

Tuesday, June 24th 8:00-10:00am DE
Space is limited; Please call to register



June 2014

Week 1: June 2-5

It Costs Almost Nothing!

Parents and children will discover creative ways to make games and crafts from recycled items.

Monday, June 2nd 10:00-11:00am HL

Love & Logic Parenting Series

This series is every day, this week ONLY; childcare will be provided.

June 2nd thru June 5th 9:00-11:30am DE

Block Building

Children's experience with blocks can vary in large measure by the nature of the invitation we offer. Learn the different stages of block building and how to enhance your block area.

**Wednesday, June 4th 10:00-11:00am HL
2:00-3:00pm HL**

Week 2: June 9-12

Movin' & Groovin' w/ The Phoenix Zoo

Twist and shout, do-si-do and turn about! While we all love to rock and sway, animals like to move their way. We will find out interesting ways animals move their bodies, and do the same with our bodies too.

Tuesday, June 10th 2:00-3:00pm DE



Week 3: June 16-19

Using Music to Support Literacy

Learn how to support children's expressive and receptive language development by creating new words and themes for familiar songs.

Monday, June 16th 10:00-11:00am HL

Desert Discovery w/ The Phoenix Zoo

Arizona boasts four beautiful deserts, all full of wonderful plants and animals. Join our journey through the life of the giant saguaro cactus and discover some of the animals you can see in the desert!

Tuesday, June 17th 2:00-3:00pm DE

Cooking Activities with Children

Parents will learn hands-on cooking activities to do with children while also bringing in awareness of good nutrition.

**Wednesday, June 18th 10:00-11:00am HL
2:00-3:00pm HL**

Animal Kingdom w/ The Phoenix Zoo

From fur to feathers, scales to exoskeletons, discover the amazing characteristics of the animal world. Identify and learn about the similarities and differences that help us categorize animals into distinct scientific groups.

Thursday, June 19th 9:00-10:00am DE

Week 4: June 23-26 & 30

Teaching Children Acceptance

Learn how to assist young children as they begin their journey towards acceptance with identity and attitudes.

Adrienne with Find Help Phoenix will be present after the class to show parents how to find resources within their communities. Refreshments will also be provided.

Monday, June 23rd 10:00-11:00am HL

Music & Movement

Parents and children will interact with music and movement together with favorite songs, dances, rhythms, and instruments to play.

**Wednesday, June 25th 10:00-11:00am HL
2:00-3:00pm HL**

Growing Up Animals w/ The Phoenix Zoo

Growing up is hard to do! Join us on a journey through the stages of life as we learn what baby animals are called and see what they look like as adults.

Thursday, June 26th 3:00-4:00pm DE

Write Now

Encourage your child's writing skills without the use of pen and paper.

Monday, June 30th 10:00-11:00am HL

July 2014

Week 1: July 1-3

Series w/ Joy #1 Challenging Behavior

Children engage in challenging behavior for a variety of reasons, but all children use challenging behavior to communicate messages. Once parents understand the purpose or meaning of the behavior, they can begin to select strategies to change the outcome. Join us for this FREE 5 week series. Child care and certificates included! **5-week series begins, Wednesday, July 2nd 10:00-11:00am HL**

Week 3: July 14-17

Felt Board Fun: Make & Take!

Ideas for a variety of flannel board activities will be shared for both stories and songs. Patterns will be available for participants to make the activities during the workshop.

Monday, July 14th 10:00-11:00am HL

Play Dough Science w/AZ Science Center

Explore the word "property" as we mix and measure unique scientific ingredients, whip up some "desert sand" dough, and create many types of dough concoctions to take home!

Monday, July 14th 10:00-11:00am DE

Series w/ Joy #3 Challenging Behavior

Wednesday, July 16th 10:00-11:00am HL

Week 2: July 7-10

Songs, Rhymes and Fingerplays

Parents and children will learn songs, dances, and fingerplays to help little ones develop memory and recall skills.

Monday, July 7th 10:00-11:00am HL

Lemonade Chemistry w/ AZ Science Center

Reduce, reuse, and recycle in this one-of-a-kind exploration of innovation and sustainability. We will read about how Jeremy the Jackrabbit recycles in his community, engage with colorful and textural recyclables, and create a 3-D masterpiece to take home!

Monday, July 7th 10:00-11:00am DE

Series w/ Joy #2 Challenging Behavior

Wednesday, July 9th 10:00-11:00am HL

Week 4: July 21-24

Fun with Craft Foam

Use the materials provided to create foam visors, photo frame, scrapbook page, or let your imaginations run wild!

Monday, July 21st 10:00-11:00am HL

Series w/ Joy #4 Challenging Behavior

Wednesday, July 23rd 10:00-11:00am HL

Week 5: July 28-31

Colored Sand Collage

Join us as we explore colored sand and shaving cream, create colored sand collages, and learn how to create your own colored sand.

Monday, July 28th 10:00-11:00am HL

Innovation Creation w/AZ Science Center

Reduce, reuse, and recycle in this one-of-a-kind exploration of innovation and sustainability. We will read about how Jeremy the Jackrabbit recycles in his community, engage with colorful and textural recyclables, and create a 3-D masterpiece to take home!

Monday, July 28th 10:00-11:00am DE

Series w/ Joy #5 Challenging Behavior

Wednesday, July 30th 10:00-11:00am HL

Dino-Mite w/ AZ Science Center

Explore paleontology as we transform into dinosaur detectives! We will study Arizonan fossils, excavate dinosaur eggs and investigate the fossils inside. Learn about dino poop and piece together these pieces from the past!

Wednesday, July 30th 10:00-11:00am DE