

# First News First—

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Hello DVFR Families!

Thank you for your continued support of our classes and programs here at the Deer Valley Family Resource Center. We have really enjoyed getting to know all of you and your children this year! Our classes have been very successful and well attended, and we look forward to even more great experiences next quarter.

We are excited to introduce BASICS at our resource center. BASICS (Building a Screening Infrastructure for Children's Success) is funded by First Things First and provides free hearing and vision screenings for children ages 6 weeks to five years. February 13th is the date for these screenings to be offered at both our Desert Winds location and New River location. We have attached a flyer at the end of our newsletter with additional information. **Registration is required for this event.**

In addition, we will be offering parenting classes, with child care and lunch provided, by author/educator Jill Davis for parents and caregivers wanting to learn some new skills and techniques. Also, the Phoenix Zoo will be visiting the DVFR along with some of their favorite little friends. You won't want to miss these **FREE**, fun, and educational opportunities with your child. Please see our calendar or visit our website for class dates, times and locations.

**Call or email to register today! Class space is limited.**

We hope you have a wonderful holiday season with your loved ones and little ones, and we wish you all health and happiness in the New Year!

*Sherie, Lynne, Tanya*

## Upcoming Events:

- **Feb:** Early Childhood Education Night
- **March:** Preschool Registration
- **April:** Kindergarten Round-Up
- **May:** DVFR Summer Classes

## Family Resource Center



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## January 2014

### ***It's Slime Time!***

In this class we will be incorporating the properties of liquids and solids through story time, conversation, and of course, creating slime! Join us for this fun, hands-on class.

Presented by The Arizona Science Center

**Tuesday, Jan. 14th 10:00-11:00am DW**



### ***Make Parenting Fun!***

Are you looking for new ways to enjoy parenting your child? Join us for this **two-part** series with author/educator Jill Davis. Jill will provide helpful information to strengthen your confidence as a parent and give you tools to manage challenging behavior.



Child care and lunch will be provided.

**Wednesday, Jan. 22nd 11:00-12:00pm DW**

### ***Raising a Reader***

Prepare your child to start school ready to read and learn! This **8-week** course includes book bags to take home and ideas for fun activities for the whole family.



This class will be held at Desert Winds Elementary  
19825 N. 15th Ave. Phoenix 85027

**Begins Thursday, Jan. 23rd 1:00-3:00pm**

### ***We've Lost Our Marbles!***

Explore how gravity and force affect motion by practicing these concepts with marbles. We will also explore the physics of gravity while creating take-home materials to test.

Presented by The Arizona Science Center

**Tuesday, Jan. 28th 2:00-3:00pm NR**



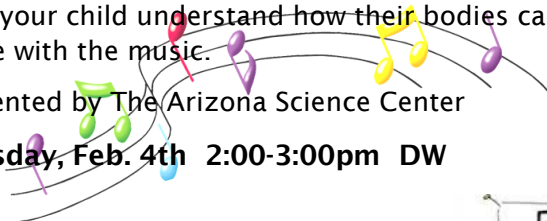
## February 2014

### ***Please, Don't Stop the Music***

Join us as we use some familiar, and some not so familiar instruments, to investigate rhythm and beats. This class will help build engineering skills as well as help your child understand how their bodies can move with the music.

Presented by The Arizona Science Center

**Tuesday, Feb. 4th 2:00-3:00pm DW**



### ***Hearing/Vision Screenings***

Help protect your child's future through early detection. BASICS provides **FREE** hearing/vision screenings for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. Annual children's wellness checks often do not include hearing/vision screenings. Healthy hearing and vision is important for your child's development.

Free games, prizes, and books will be provided.

**Thursday, Feb. 13th 8:30-11:30 DW**  
**12:30-2:30 NR**



### ***Whirly, Twirly, Flying Things!***

We will design and test whirly birds, create soaring paper helicopters, and experiment with parachutes in this gravity-defying class! Children will take home their engineered creations!

Presented by The Arizona Science Center

**Tuesday, Feb. 18th 10:00-11:00am NR**



### ***Make Parenting Fun!***

This is the second part in our two-part series. Author/educator Jill Davis joins us again to provide helpful information to strengthen your confidence as a parent and provide tools to manage challenging behavior.

Child care and lunch will be provided.

**Wednesday, Feb. 19th 11:00-12:00pm DW**



## March 2014

### ***Baby Brain Box***

Parents will spend time with their child to promote healthy brain development. Cuddle, touch, and talk to your baby to allow them to reach their greatest learning potential.



This class is designed for children birth to 24 months.

**Tuesday, March 4th 10:00-11:00am DW**

**Thursday, March 27th 10:00-11:00am NR**

### ***Mud Pie Studios***

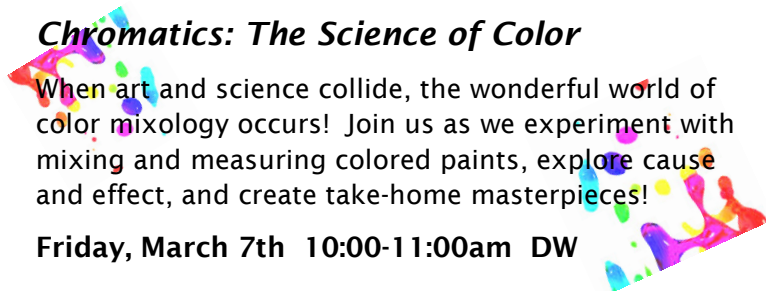
We will be painting flower pots for Spring!



**Wednesday, March 5th 10:00-11:00 DW**

### ***Chromatics: The Science of Color***

When art and science collide, the wonderful world of color mixology occurs! Join us as we experiment with mixing and measuring colored paints, explore cause and effect, and create take-home masterpieces!



**Friday, March 7th 10:00-11:00am DW**

### ***Animals A-Z***

A is for animal, F is for fur...Scales, feathers, and fur are some of the things that cover animal bodies.



Sort the animals into groups based on what is the same about them as we skip through the alphabet learning new animal words.

Presented by The Phoenix Zoo

**Wednesday, March 12th 10:00-11:00am DW**

### ***3-2-1 Blastoff!***

Come investigate rockets, space shuttles, propulsion, and gravity when we explore space exploration. Your child will create their own unique creation from recycled materials and blastoff their masterpiece from the launch pad!



Presented by The Arizona Science Center

**Tuesday, March 25th 2:00-3:00pm NR**

**Just a reminder...DVUSD Spring Break is  
March 17th—21st**



## April 2014

### ***Freeze: The Science of Ice Cream***

In this fun exploration of mathematics and chemistry, your child will practice hands-on measuring, mixing, and self-help skills while engaging in literature through story time. Children will be asked to investigate and make observations about liquids and solids while helping to create the chemistry of the ice cream making process.



Presented by The Arizona Science Center

**Tuesday, April 8th 2:00-3:00pm DW**

### ***Colorful Creatures***

Animals come in many colors...like red, green, brown, and blue. All those pretty colors might help them hide from YOU! A tale of a chameleon will help explain it all, we'll explore animal colors and have ourselves a ball.



Presented by The Phoenix Zoo

**Wednesday, April 16th 2:00-3:00pm DW**

### ***It's Slime Time!***

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Presented by The Arizona Science Center

**Tuesday, April 22nd 10:00-11:00am NR**

### ***Bicycle Rodeo***

The City of Phoenix Police Department will be on-site to conduct a bike rodeo promoting bicycle safety. Participants will need to bring their own bicycle and helmet to attend this event. Parents must also attend with their child. Enter to win a new 12-inch bike and helmet!



**Friday, April 25th 3:00-5:00pm DW**



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12:30—2:30pm New River

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