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Depoali Diamondbacks

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Message from the Principal

Depoali Students and Families, Welcome to Depoali Middle School! I hope that you have had a restful and safe summer. I am looking forward to meeting each of you very soon.

As we begin this school year, I would like to share with you the plans that we have to address student needs since we have had a variety of learning models since March of 2020. First, we will work as a staff to identify where students are presently performing in each class. We will use this information to drive our instruction and pacing. We plan to differentiate to meet the many different performance levels of our students, while continuing to move students forward with the grade level essential learning content. The staff has worked to identify the essential learning content for each course and grade level and we will work to ensure that each student has access to this content. We will use Enrichment class to provide additional learning opportunities for those students who may be struggling to master this content.

As importantly, we will also be using Enrichment time to provide students with opportunities to focus on their development with in the social and emotional skills. We will continue to use a positive behavior and interventions and supports system, teach social and emotional learn-

ing standards, provide opportunities for students to engage in activities with peers to foster student relationships, and teach safety procedures to reduce negative student interactions and provide reporting protocols.

I am very excited to kick off the year in the right direction for each student, and invite all students and parents/guardians to join us for our annual Depoali Days. We are aware that this will be a big transition for many of our students and families as we return to the building this year. We hope to reduce that anxiety with these days where we will provide the students with a jumpstart to the year by introducing our procedures, providing a tour of the building, and a chance to meet several staff members. Please read the details on page 2. **For our most current information: <http://www.washoeschools.net/depaoali>**

Enjoy the remainder of your summer! We look forward to seeing all of you at our Depoali Days, and starting the 2021-22 school year off with all of the information you will need to begin a successful year.

Sincerely,
Joye Ancina

PBIS—S.T.R.I.K.E.—OUR MATRIX

Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports- is a school wide set of expectations that are reinforced to help create a positive, predictable and consistent safe learning environment. Take a look in your child's planner for the S.T.R.I.K.E. matrix. This will help you to understand the expectations and the system of supports

we have for all of our students in all parts of our school. Our school-wide goal is for each student to earn 5 signatures a week and 1 of them can be from you at home.

We encourage you to have a conversation with your child about how he or she is doing and check their signatures frequently. We also would like

you to set home goals and reinforce those with your signature. We are looking to positively reinforce frequently using the STRIKE language and signatures. We want to celebrate students for their successes during our mid and quarterly rewards based on this reinforcement system.

Depoali Middle School Mission:

We will create a safe and equitable learning environment where all students learn, grow and contribute.



Important Attendance Information:

Students must attend school at least 90% of the year. Parent/Guardians should call or provide a written note for all absences on the day of the absence. A student MUST complete the make up work when absent no matter the reason. The student has the number of days absent plus one day to complete the make-up work. If a student is marked absent for 18 days, or more, and does not make up the work or activities, then the student may be at risk of failing their course (s) and may not be prepared for the next grade level.



Student Schedules

Student schedules will be available for pick up during Depoali Days, and available on Infinite Campus by July 26th.

Infinite Campus

Your Infinite Campus login and password remain the same as last year. If you are new to the district, please contact the school to get your IC login. Call- 852-6700

Bus Schedules:

Look for the 2021-22 bus routes within your area if you live more than 2.25 miles from Depoali Middle School by going to Washoe-schools.net, selecting the "schools" tab and then Bus Schedules.

Depoali Fees

No student will be turned away from any class or activity for inability to pay class fees. Please contact the school counselor and secretary regarding any questions.

Weapons Policy:

At no time is there a weapon of any kind, real or fake (pistol, revolver, shotgun, BB, pellet gun, knives, brass knuckles, nunchaku, or other weapons defined as dangerous) to be on school property or at any school event. Students in violation may be subject to suspension or expulsion. Drugs, paraphernalia, e-cigarettes and alcohol are also prohibited items. School Police will conduct random canine sniffs to ensure the safety of all students.

Depoali Days: The place to prepare for success!

Dates/Times

July 27th: All returning 8th graders from 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM

July 28th: All returning 7th graders from 9:00 AM- 12:00 PM

July 29th- All NEW to Depoali 6th, 7th and 8th graders. 9:00 AM -12:00 PM.

You must complete the following prior to getting a class schedule or paying fees at Depoali Days.

- Online registration
 - Bring copy of Immunization records- 7th graders need to have **T-Dap and MCV-4 immunizations before Aug. 9.**
 - Make copy of proof of residency/email or bring a copy to Depoali (NV Energy Bill)
- Steps during Depoali Days:
1. After providing proof of residency, and immunizations, you will get your schedule and fees sheet.

2. Pay ALL fees for 1st Semester courses. Buy Depoali Wear (optional)
3. Take fee receipt to get planner/lanyard/ID pack
4. **NEW**-Take Fall Pictures/get student ID—ALL students will take their Fall pictures during Depoali Days.
5. Tour the school, watch a orientation video in the gym, and enjoy ice cream provided by the Depoali PTA.

Fees: Payment Method: we can only accept cash or checks to Depoali Middle School.

Diamondback Fee: \$20 (All Students)

Yearbook -\$40(Optional)

Class Fees

6th grade Art: \$5

PE: \$5

STEM: \$5

Science: \$5

Lead Well: \$15

Band: 6th- \$20, Intermediate—\$40, Advanced-\$30, Jazz-\$15

Choir: 6th-\$20, 7th/8th- \$40, Advanced- \$40

Music Appreciation (Piano)- \$25

Orchestra— 6th- \$70, 7th/8th Grade—\$40, Advanced—\$30, Golden Strings- \$15

PE uniforms will be for sale online only for \$20 at:
<https://kateslogos.com/collections/depoali-middle-school>
PE uniforms will be mailed directly to you.

Fall picture details:

Families can preview picture packets or purchase pictures online by visiting mylife-touch.com with your picture day code of EVTRJ4MTW. You may complete a picture packet when arriving at Depoali Days, or visit this site after taking pictures at Depoali Days. The picture make-up date will be September 16th.

ONLINE REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EVERY DEPOALI STUDENT. Please remember to complete your online registration for the 2021-22 school year. You can access the registration by signing into the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. There will be a message in your inbox that states "online registration". Once you click on that message, follow the directions to complete the registration. By completing your registration, you are providing Depoali Middle School with the most current contact, health, and household information for our students. It also allows you to provide permission for internet use, media, and field trips. **Online Registration must be completed before July 26th.** If you do not have internet access at home or need help with the registration process, our school has an Infinite Campus Parent Portal kiosk in the front office. Summer office hours: 9am-1pm Monday-Thursday. Please contact the school office if you forgot or need your parent log-in and password to Infinite Campus.

Please contact Vikkey Mumby at vmumby@washoeschools.net regarding any online registration questions. We encourage all families to identify a phone number AND email address for connected messaging as we will use this message system when reaching out to families for routine updates and information, or in the event of an emergency.

Safety/Reporting /Resources
STOP—WALK—TALK Technique is taught through enrichment-lessons to promote self advocacy and reporting to an adult. Safe Zone—signs throughout the school to signify zones where students can find an adult to report any bullying or seek a safe place to access support. Any staff member is a safe place to report.

STOP—tell the person to stop behavior.

WALK—walk away.

TALK—if it doesn't stop or is unsafe, talk to an adult. **Report!**

It is critical that students report any concerns during school if possible so that the staff may respond and help to resolve the concern.

If you can't report a concern during school hours, please use SafeVoice. You can download the application, or call 833-216-SAFE
www.safevoice.nv.org

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
1-800-273-8255
Or Text "CARE" tp 839863



Safety

- When dropping off your students please use the front of the school. Please pull to the right along the curb in the student drop-off, and quickly drop your student off. School Police have asked us to remind you there is no parking or stopping on Wilbur May. There is no parking or dropping off in the south parking lot by the music rooms.
- Encourage your student to wear a helmet if biking to school and use the bike lane. This lane is not for parking.
- Internet safety and cyber bullying are very serious issues. We encourage you to monitor your students by checking their texts and Social Media. Dock and charge their phone in the evening with you. Please remember to report any cyber bullying comments to the school. All reports will be investigated and there may be a school consequence even if postings happened outside of the school day.

Encourage your student to earn 5 signatures a week, 1 of those signatures can be from you at home by setting and reaching a home goal.

Lunchroom- Combo meals will be FREE again this year!

The middle school cafeteria is a little different from elementary school. Your student will have many more choices to make. If you would like to put some money on an account, send a check or cash with your student and they can take it to the lunchroom before school or during advisory. You can also add money online, please see our website. If money is added online, it takes 24 hours to be added to an account. If you feel your child is spending too much money at lunch you can come in and see Mary Ann Loeffler in the lunch room (not during lunch) and she can print you an itemized account of where your child is spending his or her money.

Please help us to prompt all students to eat lunch. We ask that all students go to the lunchroom for the first 10 minutes of lunch before going outside, or to the

DRESS CODE:

Please remind your student that they must meet the dress code.

Please follow the policy that is listed within the student planner. If a student is in violation, the student may be asked to adjust their clothing, or contact a parent/guardian to help adjust or change their clothing. Thank you!

Social and Emotional Learning standards:

- Self-awareness
- Self-management
- Social awareness
- Relationship skills
- Responsible decision-making

We will cover these during Enrichment and utilize social and emotional strategies across all classes.

library. We would also like to remind all families to talk to their students about cleaning up after they have finished their lunch. Students may be asked to help clean the cafeteria if they are throwing food or leaving a mess.

With the variety of selections, 6th graders tend to spend a good deal of time in line trying to figure out what to choose. Our suggestion is that for the first couple of weeks of school, your child bring a bag lunch to school. When he or she feels comfortable with how the lunchroom works and all the "kinks" are worked out with the lunch lines and things are running smoothly, then he or she can try the combo or the a la carte meals. A combo meal is **FREE** for all students and consists of an entree, a side dish, juice and milk and some kind of dessert. Breakfast is also served daily and is **FREE** for all students.

A la carte ranges from a cookie, to bags of chips, to juice, to a hamburger, or a sandwich and students must pay for these items.

There are so many choices that your child will have a tough time deciding. Cafeteria meals aren't what they used to be. They are much more tasty and nutritious, especially from combo meal lines. Come on and try them, remember it is a school expectation that you have your ID in the cafeteria while waiting in line.

Add money to your account online:

www.myschoolbucks.com

STUDENTS SHOULD HAVE THEIR ID DAILY TO KEEP THE LINES MOVING!

WCSD Dress Code: The requirements of the dress code are not intended to silence expressive conduct, but instead, constitute an attempt to maintain a productive, safe, learning environment.

- The dress or grooming of students must not present potential health or safety problems. Clothing should fit so that it does not create a health or safety issue.
- Clothing shall not contain unprotected speech including, but not limited to: obscene, vulgar, or profane language or illustrations; and, nothing that promotes an illegal activity, including underage drinking, illegal drug use (to include marijuana), domestic abuse, gang membership, battery, assault, or any other civil or criminal conduct which would violate state or federal law.
- Clothing must cover the body from the chest/breasts to below the buttocks. This includes all private/intimate parts of the body, to include the midriff.
 - Undergarments shall not be intentionally exposed (e.g., bras, boxershorts).
 - Shorts, skirts, skorts, and dresses must be an appropriate length, extending to the student's mid-thigh.
 - Pants/bottoms with rips, tears, or mesh are acceptable but shall not reveal or expose a private/intimate part of the body nor cause a safety concern (e.g., a tripping hazard because the hem of the pant leg drags on the floor).
 - Nylons/panty hose/tights may be worn as an undergarment underclothing but not alone as pants/bottoms.
 - Leggings, to include yoga pants, are acceptable worn as pants.

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Upon the conduct of
each depends the
fate of all.

Alexander the Great

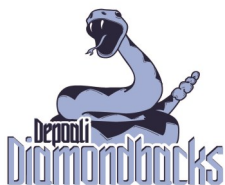
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Tiered System

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Washoe County School District (WCSD) believes that to provide the most effective education for ALL students, we must start with providing an effective education for EACH child. We know that children have different learning styles and not all children will respond to the same instructional approach. Some students require additional support to experience success. In the WCSD, we use Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS), a system of instruction that supports success for all students. MTSS provides early academic, attendance and behavioral help, rather than waiting for a student to fail; MTSS provides an improved way for school teams to meet the individual needs of your child; MTSS provides instruction at different levels or tiers depending on the needs of each student; and, MTSS is available to all students to help them succeed and to increase student achievement.

At Tier 1, the classroom teacher uses the core curriculum for all students, including strategies to support students performing at different levels. Research has shown that approximately 80% of students are successful with the general education classroom approach and with our general education curriculum.

At Tier 2, we supplement the core curriculum with additional scientific research-based group interventions for students not successful at Tier 1. At Depoali Middle School approximately 20% of students will be provided with approximately 215 minutes per week of additional direct instruction in their areas of need. Parents of children identified as requiring Tier 2 supports will be notified in writing and proposed group interventions and support strategies will be described. Research has shown that approximately 15% of students are successful with the general education classroom approach supplemented with Tier 2 interventions. For the 5% of students who do not respond favorably to instructional support at Tier 2, Tier 3 interventions will be provided.

At Tier 3, Depoali Middle School Multi-Tiered System of Supports Team, meets to a) review information collected about the student's skill deficits, and b) plan an educational program with more intensive support to specifically address identified skill deficits. At Tier 2 and 3, it may be necessary to alter students' schedules to adapt and increase instruction in areas of need. The plan and the schedule will be proposed to parents.

At each tier, student progress is monitored on a schedule determined by the student's need. At Tier 1, all students' basic skills are monitored 3 times a year. At Tier 2, students' skills are monitored at least monthly. At Tier 3, students' skills are monitored weekly. Parents may request to have access to ongoing progress monitoring data so you will be aware of your child's progress as data is collected.

We take very seriously our responsibility to ensure the success of ALL students. Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) will allow us to support each student efficiently and more effectively, regardless of their unique learning styles and needs.

All 7th grade students must have a current T-dap booster shot and MCV4 shot before they can enter school in the fall.

PTA

Please support your school and your child by visiting our website at www.washoeschools.net/depoali/ and clicking on the PTA link. At this link, you can add your contact information so we can contact you concerning upcoming events. Your time with your child and supporting their education is such an important piece. You can also become an official member of the PTA by clicking the link and submitting the form with your \$5 fee. The Depoali PTA considers all parent/guardians members! Thank you for being a part of the Depoali family.