



# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



Ignite, Engage, Encourage and Expect Excellence

## \*\*A NOTE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL\*\*

Dear Parent(s)/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2020-21 School Year!

I know it has been a hectic start of the school year for all of us. However, I do want to thank you for your patience during this new way of learning.

By now, households should know the difference between the In Distance Learning and GEO. Once we have been give the go ahead to open the schools for in class learning (date to be determined), all In Distance Learning students will return to the classroom. At that time, directions will be given as to how the students will arrive at Desert Spirit and how they will enter into their classroom. Parents will not be allowed to take their student to the classrooms.

We have been fortunate to have been provided all the safety precautions for your children and staff. We are prepared to keep Desert Spirit a clean and safe environment for all. Everyone entering the campus must be wearing a face mask. All students will be provided a face mask, face shield and reusable water bottle.

We must ask that you make sure your child is feeling well BEFORE sending them to school. Otherwise, we will have to call you to come and pick up your child. That being said, we will need you to review and complete your student's profile and update phone numbers and email addresses so that we have current information.

Information is always on the marquee, on DoJo, on Facebook, notes sent home, voice-mails (please listen) and District web site: [www.gesd40.org](http://www.gesd40.org). Please be aware of all of these information opportunities.

Educationally yours,

MaryBeth McKim

Principal

## PARENT PORTAL

Want to know how your child is doing academically? Stop by and see Ms. Colleen, bring a photo ID and sign up. Easy to use.

## ID BADGES/BUS BADGES REMINDER:

All students are required to have an ID Badge for the cafeteria, library and for the bus if applicable. ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR THEIR ID'S AT ALL TIMES THIS SCHOOL YEAR. Badges cannot be covered up or defaced.

If badges are lost and/or destroyed there are charges for replacing any part:

Lanyards: \$1.00

Plastic Pocket: \$1.00

Badge: \$3.00

Lanyard/Pocket/Badge: \$5.00

Bus Riders may only receive 2 temporary passes per quarter..

**PLEASE REMEMBER YOUR BUS PASSES EACH AND EVERY DAY!**

## DESERT SPIRIT WEB SITE CALENDAR:

All event are being posted on our web site. Feel free to look it over for upcoming events.

## CELL PHONE POLICY

This is a reminder that cell phones are not permitted to be on or seen at school.

Please refer to the blue pages in the Parent/Student Handbook for the violation policy.

## **Be a part of our Mosaic of Minds!**

**Come join the GESD team. We have openings for:**

**Bus Drivers**

**Campus Monitors**

**Educational Assistants**

**Guest Teachers**

**Teachers**

**Apply at: [www.gesd40.org](http://www.gesd40.org)**

**#ALL IN FOR ALL KIDS**

## LET'S COMMUNICATE...

ClassDojo is the easiest way for teachers to encourage students, and share their best moments with parents.

Students in Grades 1-8 have homework nightly Monday -Thursday. Please be sure that they complete all assignments carefully.

ClassDojo's mission is to reinvent classrooms by bringing teachers, students and parents closer together.

Teachers use ClassDojo as a communication platform to encourage students, and get parents engaged too.

Classrooms become positive places - which means there's no more 'classroom management'. Just happier classrooms :) If you have not signed up already, get a hold of your teacher so that you can see what's going on in your child's classroom.

## SEPTEMBER EVENTS:



September 4—No school for students—All day teacher PD

September 7—No School—Labor Day

September 10—Kurbside Kona Ice by the bus bay 3:00-5:00pm

September 24—Kurbside Kona Ice by the bus bay 3:00-5:00pm

**KURBSIDE KONA NEXT TO DESERT SPIRIT ELEMENTARY**

**BIWEEKLY- THURSDAYS STARTING AUGUST 27, 3-5PM**

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