

**DEER VALLEY**  
*Unified School District*

# SPECIAL REPORT

TO THE COMMUNITY  
SHOWING A RETURN  
ON YOUR INVESTMENT  
**2021-2022**

## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear DVUSD Community Member,

Thank you for your continued support of Deer Valley Unified School District (DVUSD) as an **#extraordinary** place to learn, work, and belong. This publication serves to provide our valued DVUSD community with a view of how our funding is allocated across the District.

Despite the struggles of COVID-19, DVUSD has spearheaded initiatives and projects that will not only continue to move our District forward, but also promote our fiscal transparency and responsible spending. Being fiscally responsible will be even more important in the future, as we prepare for the explosive growth and housing boom that is underway in the North Valley.

For more details about our District's finances, visit [dvusd.org/budget411](http://dvusd.org/budget411) or contact Jim Migliorino, Deputy Superintendent of Fiscal Services at (623) 445-4958 or [jim.migliorino@dvusd.org](mailto:jim.migliorino@dvusd.org).



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## GROUNDBREAKING FOR **NEW** DVUSD SCHOOL

DVUSD has broken ground on Elementary School #32 in the Stetson Valley development at 5757 Inspiration Mountain Parkway. **The new school opens August 2022** and will initially serve K-6 students, with the infrastructure in place for expansion to a K-8 campus, dependent upon growth. The voter-approved bond-funded project includes:

- Administration Building and three classroom buildings
- Multi-purpose Building, including gymnasium and cafeteria
- Media Center and dedicated Maker Space
- Baseball and Soccer Fields
- Playground with Shade structures
- More than 18,000 square feet of covered walkway
- Student capacity of 965 students

In the coming months, DVUSD will hire a principal, and that person will coordinate the selection process to determine a school name, colors, and mascot. For more groundbreaking photos, as well as information about the school and future attendance boundary, visit [www.dvusd.org/Elementary32](http://www.dvusd.org/Elementary32).



## Improvements Made @ ALL DVUSD Schools

from voter-approved Bonds.

To see which projects took place at your school, visit

[www.dvusd.org/budget411](http://www.dvusd.org/budget411).



**NEW** Turf Fields



**PG2** Sweet Treat

**PG4**

**INSIDE**



# The Grass is Greener at all DVUSD High Schools

High school athletes, band members and P.E. students alike walked onto new AstroTurf fields at the start of the 2021-22 school year after their installation during the summer of 2021 at all five DVUSD high schools.

The \$5.1 Million investment in these synthetic fields replaced the live grass that was previously in place at the five high schools in the district, bringing with them numerous benefits.

"As an Athletic Director, the **biggest benefit is the continual use of the field. We no longer have to shut down facilities and spend money on painting, seeding, and mowing.** The facility will always look pristine. We can host as many events as possible, and it allows us to grow our programs because athletes always want to play in great facilities," explained Mountain Ridge High School Athletic Director Tony Miller.

This synthetic turf is also a **safer alternative for students.** The new material eliminates the use of potentially harmful pesticides and fertilizers while significantly **decreasing maintenance and water costs.** Each field uses the latest technology and is much cooler than many turf fields around the valley.

These new fields will serve as a practice and playing area for band programs, all three levels of football (Freshman, Junior Varsity and Varsity), cheer/spiritline, track, soccer and JROTC, as well as for other school events.



## Find out why DVUSD's Kindergarten is #Extraordinary!!

DVUSD Fall & Spring Kindergarten Preview Nights will be held at all K-6 & K-8 schools **November 1-4 & March 1-3.**

At the preview nights, meet DVUSD staff, tour classrooms, learn how to register your child for Kindergarten, and have your questions answered. Throughout the district, events will be held both virtually and in person depending on the school.

For more information and a complete list of event dates and times, please visit: [www.dvUSD.org/kinderevents](http://www.dvUSD.org/kinderevents)

DVUSD Kindergarten offers a variety of #extraordinary learning opportunities:

- **Free, Full-Day** Kindergarten Program
- Special Classes offered daily including: **Art, Physical Education and Music**
- **Before and After School Care** programs provide an enriching environment for students
- **Specialized programs:** Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), Academy of Arts, gifted program, Spanish and Mandarin language immersion programs and more!
- Small class sizes offer individualized attention for students from **certified, highly-qualified teachers**
- 92% of DVUSD Schools are **A or B-Rated Schools**



## FREE BOOKS FOR KIDS!

The Deer Valley Unified School District invites your three to five-year-old child to join the Big Kid Book Club before enrolling in kindergarten!



Visit [www.dvUSD.org/BookClub](http://www.dvUSD.org/BookClub) to sign up

# DVUSD BY THE NUMBERS:



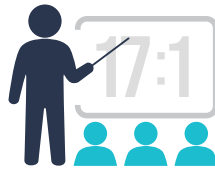
**92%**

A & B-Rated Schools



**24**

A-Rated Schools



**17:1**

Student to Teacher Ratio



**100%**

Schools receive Energy Star Rating for Efficiency



**1:1**

DVUSD Student to Computer Ratio



**9.6%**

Operating budget spent on administration



More efficient than the state average and half as costly as the charter school average



**82**

Students Per Administrative Position



**112**

DVUSD 2021 Graduates receiving the Seal of Biliteracy (literate in two languages)



**\$73,072,377**

In Scholarship Offers for 2021 Seniors



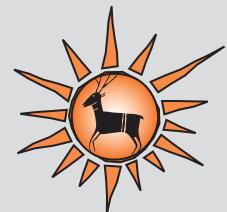
**3,361,632 Meals Served**

Provided free meals to ALL participating children, made possible by funding through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This continues throughout the 21-22 school year.



**Extraordinary**

**Programs**



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## CTE Signature Programs at all 5 High Schools

- Architectural Drafting and Interior Design
- Bioscience, Nursing and Sports Medicine
- Hospitality and Culinary Arts
- Engineering and Marketing
- Law Enforcement and more!

Read more at  
[www.dvUSD.org/cte](http://www.dvUSD.org/cte)

## STEM, STEAM, and Arts Specialized Schools

- Canyon Springs STEM Academy
- Terramar Academy of the Arts
- Sierra Verde STEAM Academy

STEM-Science, Technology, Engineering and Math  
STEAM-Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math

## Language Immersion and Special Classes

- Mandarin at Diamond Canyon, Desert Sage, Gavilan Peak and Boulder Creek High School
- Spanish at Union Park

Read more at  
[www.dvUSD.org/WorldLanguages](http://www.dvUSD.org/WorldLanguages)

## Did You Know We Also Have...

- Advanced Placement
- Aspire-Deer Valley's Online Academy (K-12)
- Dual Enrollment (graduate with Associates Degree)
- Gifted Services PK-12
- International Baccalaureate
- Traditional Academy at Bellair

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## Nourishing DVUSD Minds



The mission of Deer Valley Food and Nutrition department is to provide safe and nutritious meals that are both convenient and affordable. The pandemic provided a unique opportunity to serve with our community in new ways and provide meals utilizing our creativity, ingenuity, and love for what we do. **We added meal delivery and curbside pick-up at 44 locations for children in our community, regardless if they were DVUSD students.**

Our meals meet strict nutritional guidelines, including a variety of fruits and vegetables, whole grain-rich products, low-fat and fat-free milk and dairy products. Providing foods that meet these standards as well as our student's preferences is a rewarding challenge. One of our nutrient packed, quick-fix recipes that can be made at home is our Orange Delight Blenderless Smoothie.



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Receive an Arizona Tax Credit and help DVUSD Students. Details at [www.dvUSD.org/TaxCredit](http://www.dvUSD.org/TaxCredit)

### AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE:

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National School Public Relations Association

**ASPRA**  
Arizona School Public Relations Association

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## Orange Delight BLENDERLESS SMOOTHIE

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup applesauce, unsweetened, chilled
- 1 cup orange juice, 100%, chilled
- 2 cups vanilla yogurt, lowfat

### Directions:

1. Pre-chill applesauce (fruit puree) and juice several hours or overnight.
2. Stir applesauce, juice and yogurt together in a large mixing bowl until smooth.
3. Portion 8 ounces into serving cups.
4. Served chilled. Smoothies may be refrigerated overnight.

### Tips and Ideas:

- Create variations using different juice and yogurt flavors, or other pureed fruits.
- Add in various extracts or spices, for example vanilla and cinnamon.
- Boost the protein content with Greek yogurt.