



January 10, 2023

Greetings DLES Families,

Happy New Year! I hope the holiday season treated you and your family very well. I hope you are making wonderful lifelong memories. It is hard to believe that half the school year is behind us, and we are into the year 2023. I am excited to see all our students back in school.

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Parent reminders:

1. If your child is experiencing any cold/flu symptoms, keep them at home until well.
2. School begins promptly at 7:50 am and ends at 3:00 pm Monday-Friday.
Please DO NOT drop off your child(ren) before 7:30am.
3. Update parent phone numbers with the school.

Important Dates:

- January 13, 2023 – 2nd Quarter Awards Celebration
- January 16, 2023 – NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King Day)
- January 17, 2023 – Winder Benchmark Testing Begins
- January 17, 2023 – 100th Day Count
- January 20, 2023 – Early Release at 12:00pm
- January 23, 2023 – ZUMBA Family Fun Night from 6:00pm-7:00pm
- January 25, 2023 – NO SCHOOL (Cultural Symposium)
- January 30, 2023 – ZUMBA Family Fun Night from 6:00pm-7:00pm

If you should have any questions, please feel free to call the school at (928) 283-1080.

Kind Regards,

Ms. Jerilyn Tsinigine, Principal

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Did you Know...

*Over 7 million (1 in 7) U.S. students miss nearly a month of school each year.

***CHRONIC ABSENTEEISM** is considered when a student misses 18 days (10% of the school year) of school or more. Please speak to administration if your child has a medical condition that impacts their attendance.

*Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade or be held back. Students with high attendance risk in kindergarten and/or first grade scored an average of 50 points lower on third-grade ELA tests.

*Students with strong attendance had significantly higher scores on the third-grade ELA test; when absences increased, the likelihood of performing at grade level on both ELA and math tests decreased.

*By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.

*When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances of graduating.

*Funding for schools in Arizona is based on daily attendance rates.

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Thank you for your support!

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