

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Dear Students and Families,

It was a great week to be a Commander! Huge shout outs to Student Council for organizing a successful and P.R.I.D.E.ful week. The parade was such an inspirational way to bond our Bear Valley community, the football games was a huge success with the Commanders taking home a big win, and the Homecoming Dance was a night to remember.

This week, we will have PSAT SAT practice test #1. These practice sessions build confidence, as well as, help you to goal set and plan for the actual test in the spring. Your scores on PSAT and SAT can earn you scholarships to 2 year and 4 year colleges and universities. Additionally, building skills needed to successfully complete these assessments are transferable to any post-secondary plan. You can access free, personalized SAT practice anytime, anywhere at satpractice.org.

Friday is our Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration. Our committee has many fun performances planned and a potluck in the cafeteria at the end of the school day, followed by Real Talk with Tiffany in the JFK Room at 4PM.

With Gratitude,
Tiffany Almon
Principal

UPDATES and REMINDERS:

- ★ Fridays are COLLEGE SPIRIT DAYS wear your college gear!
- ★ Free College Application Day is 10/15/19 click [here](#) for more information. Students, get a pass to go to the Future Center to complete at least one college application on this day!
- ★ Students can earn 1.0% point towards their attendance by attending City Year AftEr School tutoring from 3 - 4 in the cafe. You must have a permission slip signed by parent/guardian to attend after school (you can get a permission slip from Ambrosia in the main office). If you have an off period, you can work with City Year in the cafeteria on homework or Khan Academy and earn 0.5% points towards your attendance. You must work the entire off period to earn this 0.5% point.
- ★ Students are welcome to join their teachers or other staff members for lunch AND to receive support before, after school, and during lunch; but, **a pass is required**. Students can receive a reusable pass from the teacher/staff member they wish to visit or the library and Future Center during the school day.
- ★ Robo calls will go home when a student has an unexcused absence. Please excuse absences within 24 hours. Reach out to Tiffany (720-423-4330) if you are experiencing issues with our attendance line. We aim to provide excellent customer service, and I need to know when we are not meeting this expectation.
- ★ If you need to pick up your student, please **come into the main office** and we will call your student's class

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- ★ to send them down. For security reasons, we prefer that you come in rather than calling our main line.
- ★ Students are required to wear **lanyards** and bring their ID each day so that staff can easily identify upperclassmen and Freshmen with permission who can leave campus for lunch. This also helps to quickly identify who has an off period when schedules are printed on the back of student i.d.s.
- ★ Students with a valid driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance can purchase a parking pass for \$20 in the main lobby beginning Monday. We require students who park in our student lot to have a parking pass.
- ★ If you would like to join the Commander Connection, our parent/guardian teacher student association, please email Tiffany at tiffany_almon@dpsk12.org.
- ★ **Talking to youth about marijuana**

Fall is finally here, and many Colorado teenagers and families are looking forward to the many fun activities that come with fall, including homecoming, football games, dances and parties. These activities provide a great opportunity for parents to have a conversation with their teens about their expectations involving marijuana. SMART Colorado has put together a great resource that provides parents with tips on how to talk to their kids about marijuana. You can view that resource here: <https://rb.gy/522c0e>.

Announcing our Homecoming Winners

Spirit Days:

Infinity Stone Day: Seniors
 Superhero Day: Seniors
 Flash to the Past: Juniors
 Partners in Crime Day: Juniors

Float Winners:

1st-Seniors
 2nd-Juniors
 3rd-Freshmen
 4th-Sophomores

Club Float Winner:

IB Social Club

Homecoming Royalty Winners:

Lord and Lady (9th Grade): Ella Borbon and Gabe Sabela
 Duke and Duchess (10th Grade): Breanna Bueno and Chiaya Thach
 Prince and Princess (11th Grade): Sean Gutierrez and Emily Borbon
 King and Queen (12th Grade): Martin Lomeli and Claudia Loya

Powder Puff Game Winner: Seniors

Homecoming Football Game: Kennedy Commanders! 35 - 21

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Week of 10/7 calendar:

Monday 10/7	Tuesday 10/8	Wednesday 10/9	Thursday 10/10	Friday 10/11
Green	District Directed Practice PSAT Students Report to Advisory for Attendance PSAT is Administered through 1:30 PM	Blue	Green	Blue
still in October Count Window TAKE ATTENDANCE!	**Minute by minute schedule & testing rooms will be sent upon final calculator count and confirmation of student accommodations**	**still in October Count Window** TAKE ATTENDANCE		Modified Schedule (62 min blocks) for Hispanic Heritage Celebration

Important Dates

10/8: P/SAT SAT Practice Testing day, students will be released after testing at 1PM. They will receive lunch, and are welcome to stay from 1 - 2:35PM and study in the cafeteria if they do not have a ride home. Seniors do not participate in the practice test, but are welcome to come to school to study in the library or the cafeteria.

10/8: CSC meets from 4:30 - 6PM in the cafeteria -- minutes will be posted to the website, all are welcome to observe the meeting.

10/11: REAL TALK WITH TIFFANY from 8:30 - 9:30 and from 4 - 5. Real Talk with Tiffany is an opportunity for families, guardians, community members, and students with off periods to ask questions, give feedback, and receive updates from our Principal, Tiffany Almon.

10/15: Parent Teacher Conferences 4 - 7PM

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10/18: no school for students due to parent teacher conference exchange day

10/21: no school for students due to teacher professional learning

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For a list of games and events see our [Calendar](#)

Commanders Show P.R.I.D.E.

P professionalism

R respect

I inclusion

D dedication

E excellence

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