

# DESERT SPRINGS ACADEMY/CHARTER SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Guardians:

Welcome to Desert Springs Academy! We're looking forward to an exciting and rewarding 2018-2019 school year! Wednesday, August 1st, is our start date; it is a half day with dismissal at noon. Please note that our school hours remain the same: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m.–2:45 p.m. and Friday from 8:30 a.m.–1:45 p.m. Every Friday is an early release day. Students arriving after 8:30 a.m. are considered tardy and must be signed in at the front office. If you must take your child out of school early, please inform the teacher at least one day in advance. This includes medical and dental appointments. For emergencies, please notify the school prior to your arrival to minimize classroom disruption.

Drop off/pick up procedures are as follows: Students should arrive between 8:15-8:25 a.m. Enter parking lot by west side of building and proceed to north gate (behind school). The gates will be locked at 8:25 a.m.; if you arrive late, you must come to the office to sign-in.

Childcare is available before school beginning at 7:15 a.m. The charge is \$1.00 per day. If your child will be in the morning childcare, please send him/her to room 1 to sign in.

Student release will begin at 2:45 p.m. (1:45 p.m. on Fridays). Any student who has not been picked up by 3:00 p.m. (2:00 on Fridays) will be sent to Miss Alice's afterschool program. Please arrange afterschool care with Miss Alice Ledford, 250-1235.

Our uniform remains the same: a navy blue or white collared shirt with navy blue or khaki pants or shorts (walking short length, uniform type material, no jeans). Every Friday is Patriotic Friday! Students must wear regular uniform bottoms, but may wear other shirts with or without collars that are red, white, and navy blue, or patriotic. Shirts that have symbols, emblems, or messages that are not patriotic will not be allowed. Tennis shoes will be required for safety reasons.

Don't forget to send a lunch and snack each day with your student! We do not have microwaves or refrigerators for heating and cooling food. Cold-packs in lunches are recommended on hot days.

Enclosed you will find a school calendar. Please visit our website and go to the "Classroom News" link to read your teacher's welcome letter and to find your school supply list. Also, please read the parent handbook which is posted on our website under "Enrollment Info".

Parents are permitted to view the resumes of teachers in the presence of administration; please inquire at the school office.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

-Ms. Ellie Wray, Director