



HIGH DESERT SCHOOL

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Halloween Guidelines

Costumes must follow dress code, as stated in the Scholar-Parent Handbook. No weapon-like props and masks can only be worn at during the costume contest at lunch.

Costume Contest: Grade level costume contests will be held at lunch. Categories are: funniest, scariest, and most original

Pumpkin Contest: bring your already carved/decorated pumpkins to the office in the morning. Pumpkins will be judged at lunch and will be picked up to be taken home at the end of the day.

Behavior Contracts

Sometimes our students need reminders of school rules and policies from our Student/Parent Scholar Handbook or class rules for a variety of reasons. These reminders/redirections are Behavior Contracts. The rules are reviewed with administration and/or teachers and sent home for parent and student signatures. A phone call or email will be sent home as well.

Learning Lab

Learning Lab is open during 5/6 and 7/8 lunch in the Library. Learning Lab is an opportunity for students to get additional help with classroom assignments, including homework with a teacher and instructional aide. Learning Lab is available for all students.

Valet

Please remember to drive slowly and be aware during drop-off and pick-up. U-turns and jaywalking are illegal and extremely dangerous as there is a blind curve both east and westbound. Student safety is our top priority!

Dancing Feet

Saturday, November 3, 2018 our HDS Dancing Feet Competition Team is participating in a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser at Applebee's in Palmdale. Purchase tickets with Mrs. Millar or Spiegel for only \$10 and support one of HDS's outstanding programs!

Athletic Enrichment

Cross Country: League championships are at Pelona Vista Park on November 1st. Please support our HDS Hawks at their last meet!

Upcoming Events

October 29

Monday Group Handbells
2:20pm-3:20pm, Room 319

X-Country Practice
2:15pm-3:30pm

October 30

Tuesday Group Handbells
2:20pm-3:20pm, Room 319

5th grade Science Olympiad
2:15pm-3:5pm, Room 317

Dancing Feet Team Practice
2:05pm-4:15pm, MPR
*optional

X-Country Practice
2:15pm-3:30pm

October 31

Halloween
Costume Contest
Pumpkin Contest

November 1

Non-Student Day

X-Country Championships
Pelona Vista Park
2:45pm "Small Schools" Boys
3:05pm "Small Schools" Girls

November 2

Non-Student Day

What is a growth mindset, and why does it matter?

Students with a **fixed mindset** believe that their intelligence and talent are innate traits that don't change. For example, they might say "I just can't learn math." These students typically worry about not looking smart, get upset by mistakes, and give up sooner on tough tasks.

Students with a **growth mindset** believe that ability can change as a result of effort, perseverance, and practice. You might hear them say, "Math is hard, but if I keep trying, I can get better at it." Students with a growth mindset see mistakes as ways to learn, embrace challenges, and persist in the face of setbacks. High-performing students and low-performing students may have either mindset.

Studies show students with a growth mindset:

- ✓ Are more motivated and engaged, even when work is challenging
- ✓ Are more likely to review or revise their work
- ✓ Score better on math and verbal standardized tests
- ✓ Fail fewer classes and have higher GPAs
- ✓ Are more likely to persist in high school and college

