



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- DRA graduation will be held August 23rd, 2019.
- Parent 101 Workshop will be held on September 20th, 2019. To RSVP, please contact Tayler Ellsworth by emailing tayler.ellsworth@diamondranchacademy.com.

REMINDERS:

- Please make sure that all visits are planned at least (3) days prior to the visit day.
- You are welcome to contact your Parent Communication Director during office hours, which are 6:30 am MST and 3:00 pm MST. They can be reached via email and text message.
- Student Request forms will be sent out every Thursday/Friday.
- Letters to your student will be printed out and delivered to your child Monday-Friday until 4:00 pm MST. No letters will be sent or delivered on weekends or holidays. Please include your student's full name in the subject line.
- To set up transportation for your student's home visit please contact Tayler Ellsworth by emailing tayler.ellsworth@diamondranchacademy.com.
- When calling the front desk, please have your student's user name and password available.

the **DRA** way

August 2019

Academics

Did you know ?

DRA is a standing testing center for the April and September ACT tests. That means that your student can take the ACT on DRA's campus surrounded by staff that they already know and trust. This is to ensure that your student does their absolute best on testing day. Information on how to register for DRA sponsored tests will be emailed out before registration deadlines. If you are interested in your child taking the ACT at any of these dates, please contact Alyx Stuehler at alyx.stuehler@diamondranchacademy.com for more information.

The next ACT is **September 14th** and it will be on campus. The following test will be on **October 26th** and will take place off campus.



A Patriotic Act of Service

At Diamond Ranch Academy, we try to provide many service opportunities for our students to participate in. We are always impressed when our students return to campus after these activities to hear how well behaved and willing to help they have been. The students enjoy the chance to get back into the community to help in whatever way they can.

This last month, several ladies from our girls' campuses were able to help serve breakfast with the local Lion's Club on the 4th of July. They helped to serve breakfast to members of the community after the parade. We are thankful for our students and the hard work they put into helping others.

Athletics



Baseball

A group of baseball athletes participated in



the Dixie State Summer Showcase. The boys received college instruction and had the opportunity to play games against other high school kids from all across the state. The boys were very well behaved and were grateful for the opportunity to participate!



Volleyball

The Volleyball team has been hard at work preparing for their upcoming season. They recently completed "Survivors Week" which was their camp for the season. The girls practiced hard and enjoyed bonding as a team. We are excited to see them play together this season!



3 on 3 Basketball

The athletic department held an intense 3 on 3 basketball tournament for the younger students aged 12-15. The students participated in a double-elimination tournament with five different teams participating. Team Oreo took home the first place spot. The boys enjoyed themselves and had a great time.



Friday Night Lights

Recently DRA held the "Friday Night Lights" Superbowl. The Benchwarmers and MAGA faced off in the final game! Even with the competitiveness of both teams, the boys had awesome sportsmanship and had a blast. In the end, MAGA came out on top and remained undefeated for the entire season! The final score was 40-30.

4th of July

Holidays are always hard when you are away from family but at DRA we try to plan lots of fun activities to make the day enjoyable. For the 4th of July, our male students enjoyed a day in the sun. They played various games such as kickball, nine square, and baseball. They were able to set up the giant waterslide and end the night with a campfire roasting s' mores. The kitchen even held a BBQ to make it feel almost like being at home.



Art Update:



Chalk Art Festival in Cedar City

Robert Cook, the art teacher at DRA, took three students to the Chalk Art Festival in Cedar City, Utah.

ROBERT CURT, the art teacher at DRA, took three students to a CNAIK art festival in Cedar City Utah. Although they didn't come home with the grand prize, they did manage to be recognized for producing the "Best Rendering." Sean, Jared, and Logan held their own against some stiff competition. While waiting for their results they were able to squeeze in some cold drinks and a visit to the Southern Utah Museum of Art. Way to go guys!



Washington County Fair

The Washington County Fair just wrapped up last weekend. One event that students participated in was the art festival. Two students took home awards for their works of art.

Rachel C. won "Best of Show", "Sweepstakes", and a "First Place" ribbon. Jared L. also walked away with a First Place ribbon.

Diamond Ranch is proud of these young artists and their accomplishments. We hope that they will continue to pursue their art after graduating from DRA. Way to go!

Parent Coaching Highlight:

Taken from: The Lecturing, Insight and Nagging Traps



TALK, TALK, TALK, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH! Words are cheap, but actions change behavior, or reinforce it. Parents love to give insight. It makes them feel like they are being wonderful parents, but it is a poor substitute for action. Children quickly become immune to what you say; they become parent deaf.

Isn't nagging necessary? Nagging is another attempt to control. It's a cousin to lecturing. Parents nag because children do not do what they should. Why? Because parents do not reward them for doing what they should do. Parents try to make up for their failure to organize an effective rewarding system by talking, reminding, begging, pleading and scolding, but these are the groanings of the impotent. Anger and threats often become part of the parents' useless verbal arsenal.

How can you stop nagging? Let it go. Let the natural consequences teach the lesson when it is

appropriate. Stop rescuing. Precipitate a crisis by not reminding. Let the toy stay outside in the rain or get chewed up by the dog. Let him get an "F" on his paper. Nagging is proof of the lack of structure and follow through in the home. The only people who need to nag are those who have not taken the time to set up a system so that the children are rewarded for correct behavior and punished, or not rewarded, for bad behavior. **Stop nagging and act!**

Did you know ?



Diamond Ranch has a library on campus! Students can check out books every day between 8:00 am and 12:00 pm. All books in the library are donated from DRA students and parents. If you send books to your student, they will get the chance to read them first before they help grow the library. Donated books are always accepted!

Employee of the Month:

Academic
Bridget Bates



Bridget is a dedicated teacher that is always looking for ways to improve her classroom. We often receive letters from students about how they enjoy her class. We appreciate all you do!

Girls' Programming
Brittney Thliveris



Brittney continues to learn and grow and is very dedicated to DRA. In her recent evaluation, Brittney had memorized all the level work and could recite it without hesitation. Thank you!

Clinical
Karen Myers



Karen is an active member of the treatment team and is committed to the students and families she works with. She is creative in her approach and the students respond well to her direction. Thank you Karen!

Boys' Programming

Director

Director

William Hormell



William continues to grow in the company, and come in on his own time to help out others. William is "Team DRA" and is quick to help where the team needs him. William DRA thanks you for all that you do!

Reeve Knighton



Reeve always goes above and beyond with any task he is given. He works hard to make our academic department the best that it can be. Thank you Reeve for your dedication to your department and to our school.

Tyler Wright



Tyler is a great asset to the DRA team. He works hard to provide his families with the best care and students look up to his example. He has a great sense of humor and we are thankful to have him!

Benefit Roundup:



The boys have been kept busy playing all sorts of games and participating in fun outdoor activities. It is fun to watch these friendships go up against each other in friendly competition. A few of the highlights from this month include minute to win in games, nine square competitions, pickleball, kickball, volleyball, and trips to the pool and to Sand Hollow Reservoir. The boys have also hiked in Zion National Park, have gone to the movie theatre, and of course, enjoyed cold treats.



Boys:





The girls have been busy this last month. They have done many fun and exciting things for their weekend benefits. Some of the favorites have included hiking in Southern Utah followed by fun mixed sodas at a local soda shop, swimming at Sand Hollow Reservoir, hiking in Zion National Park and having a picnic, and playing a live-action version of Clue! The program directors are trying to keep the girls enjoying the warm weather while it is here because we will miss it!

Girls



