More Than Just the Game...

Themes to Unite an Entire Community!

School Social Media

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Desert Hot Springs High School United Student Body
Cristina Velazquez has been the Activities Director at Desert Hot Springs High School since 2015 and is a Professor for the California State University, San Bernardino teacher credential program. She is a first time presenter for Area F CADA and has recently served as WASC Co Chairperson, Leadership team, and Women Leaders Forum of Southern California.

Kai Lyles has been in education for the past 15 years, and currently serves as the Athletic Director and Assistant Principal for Desert Hot Springs High School. Prior to, he served in numerous roles such as school counselor, Varsity coach, and class advisor and belongs to the California State Athletic Directors Association.
Pre-football game brawl at Desert Hot Springs High

A brawl broke out at Desert Hot Springs High School before the football game with Coachella Valley. The principal of DHS High called off the game.

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• What do you do with an 0-10 losing record?
• When you are not making $?
• How do you bounce back from a full on brawl that made National News?
• When our spirits were down, we turned to...
The United Student Body (ASB 2.0)
Golden Eagles football nights more than just the game

By Joan L. Boiko
Special to The Desert Sun

Many students, parents and community members come out to their local high school home football games to support their team and enjoy some great half-time entertainment. At Desert Hot Springs High, Golden Eagles football fans are getting some added bonuses all in the name of promoting school and community positivity and showcasing exemplary role models both on campus and in the city.

The high school’s first home game was the school’s second annual “Community Night,” at which they honored local pastor Dr. Kephyan Sheppard, who has been active in the city’s schools and recently began the “Advancing DHS!” website. The school’s new logo, in conjunction with its 20-year celebration, was also unveiled that evening.

“We chose Dr. Sheppard for his commitment in supporting DHS and for his work within the community to bring light to all of the positive things happening in DHS,” said Desert Hot Springs High School Vice Principal and Athletic Director Kai Lyles. “His website, Advancing DHS, helps show the community what is so great about DHS. The crowd was great and gave him a huge applause.”

“So many people do so many great things in our city, so to be chosen was extremely humbling,” said Sheppard. “It’s an honor not just for me but for our church volunteers at Word of Life who do so much behind the scenes to fulfill their God-given assignment to impact our city.”

Last Friday’s Homecoming featured a superhero theme inspired by “Avengers,” including a halftime parade of floats created by each class, a halftime show including the band’s rendition of the “Avengers” soundtrack along with Golden Eagles cheerleaders and dance team, food booths provided by school sports teams and clubs and the crowning of the homecoming queen.

Upcoming home game celebrations include “Latin X Night” on Oct. 4, “Pink Out — Breast Cancer Awareness & Fund Raiser” on Oct. 11, “Educator Appreciation Night” on Oct. 25 and “Senior Night” on Nov. 1. All presentations begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the game at 7 p.m. Admission to all home games is $7, except for evening honorees who are invited guests to the events. All are invited to attend.

“We want to make our Friday night football games a place where anyone can come to watch a great game while supporting our school,” said Lyles. “I’m trying to do new things to promote positivity here in DHS because there are amazing things happening here on a daily basis.”

Sheppard agrees.

“I have interacted personally with students at the high school, two schools and two of the elementary schools here in the city over the past seven years,” he said. “Being there with the other schools in the way I can, without a doubt, say that I have come to know some of the region’s brightest young people in DHS. Through my interactions with several teachers and (school) administrators in the city, I sense that we are all working toward something special, and I look forward to being able to contribute.”

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Football Nights: More than Just Football.

- Promoting school and community positivity
- Showcasing role models & community leaders
- Uniting clubs, creating fundraisers
- Charity events
- USB/ASB at the center of it all!!!!

THEMES FOR EACH HOME GAME
BLUE & GOLD
COMMUNITY NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 6

BLUE AND GOLD
DHS HS
VS
ARROYO VALLEY
COMMUNITY NIGHT

OUR FIRST FOOTBALL GAME OF THE SEASON
GO ALL OUT IN BLUE AND GOLD

$7 w/o USB

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD
Dr. Kerbyan Sheppard
• Community Member/Leader, City Council, Businesses
• Award/Plaque, Varsity Letter
• Mayor-Honorary Captain
• Fire Dept, Police Chief
• Sidelines with Principal
• Art Dept Created Posters
• Blue & Yellow Smoke Bombs
• Superintendent, Board Members

BLUE & GOLD COMMUNITY NIGHT
October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Highlight Women who have overcome Cancer
Star Spangled Banner
8 Chosen Women Leaders w/Family
Pink Roses & Pink Smoke Bombs
PreLeadership Created Pink Women Empowerment Posters
Cheer Team, IATG Club, Mini-Cheerleaders
Pink TShirts with Logo, Funds to Charity

Pink Out!
Educator Appreciation Night

Friday Night Lights
Educator Appreciation Night
2018

It's Taco Time!!
Teacher Taco Tailgate
Educator Appreciation Night
• Band, Cheer, Football nominated educators that made a difference--All invited!
• Special recognition on the 50 yard line
• Teacher Tailgate Party
• Special Teacher Area
• Star Balloons, Blue & Gold Smoke Bombs
• Educator Appreciation posters by USB
• Superintendent, PSTA President, Board Members

Educator Appreciation Night
• September-Oct is Hispanic Heritage Month
• Spanish Club Fundraisers
• Ballet Folklorico Performances
• Band with Spanish/Latin Hits
• Spanish Music throughout the game
• Vendors with Tacos, Aguas Frescas, Churros, Tostilocos, and more!
• Spanish Classes created flags from Spanish Speaking Countries

LATINO NIGHT
THEMES FOR EACH HOME GAME:

1. Blue & Gold
2. Educator Appreciation
3. Pink Out
4. LatinX Night
5. Senior Night
6. Homecoming
7. Rivalry
8. Black Out
9. Glow Out
10. White Out
11. Class Colors
12. Tropical
13. Military Appreciation
IT'S GAME TIME!
More Than Just the Game...

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Promoting School & Community Unity
Showcasing Role Models & Community Leaders
Maximizing Club Involvement
Creating Fundraisers & Charity Events
USB/ASB & Athletics Partnership

Presenters: Cristina Velazquez & Kai Lyles

Themes for Each Home Game:
1. Blue & Gold
2. Educator Appreciation
3. Pink Out
4. LatinX Night
5. Senior Night
6. Homecoming
7. Rivalry
8. Black Out
9. Glow Out
10. White Out
11. Color Wars
12. Tropical
13. ‘Merica/camo (Military Appreciation)

Educator Appreciation Night
- Band, Cheer, Football nominate educators that made a difference in their lives
- Educators get special recognition on the 50-yard line
- Teacher Tailgate Party (Tacos for everyone)
- Special Teacher Area decorated w/Star Balloons of school colors
- Blue & Gold Smoke Bombs to set the mood
- Educator Appreciation posters by USB, PreLeadership, & Art Superintendent, PSTA President, Board Members invited

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- October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- Highlight Women who have overcome Cancer
- Star Spangled Banner sung by Cancer survivor
- 8 Chosen Young Women Leaders w/Family are recognized
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- Pink T-Shirts with Logo, Funds to a local Charity

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