

CLUB NEWS



Basketball &
Cheer signups
12/2/19



Teen Late Night Holiday Party
12/20/19 7-9 pm

Meet Santa
Pancake Breakfast
12/21/19 8:00am-12:00 pm



Winter Camp 1/2/20 & 1/3/20
7am-6pm/Teens 8pm \$20.00 a day



December 2019

Volume 25,

A WORD FROM MRS. KOPERNO



INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

A Note from Mrs. Koperno	1
A Note from Teachers	2
Arts News	3
Community	4
MAA Flashback	5
MAAPO News	6
Calendar	7
Boys & Girls Club News	8

Guess how many snowflakes are in the newsletter?



As we end 2019, I would like to thank you for your commitment to Mesa Arts Academy. The success we have experienced since the beginning of the school year is due a great deal to parents, caregivers, and families like yours. Thank you to everyone who came out to help build our new playgrounds. It is exciting to see the students enjoy the new structures and all of the extra enhancements, including the paintings, corn-

hole, and stage.

I wish you a restful winter break and hope you enjoy this time with your student(s). I hope the time provides a myriad of opportunities for you and your family to do things you might not be able to accomplish when school is in session. For the New Year, I wish you health and happiness!

School is closed beginning December 23rd. During winter break, there will be opportunities to create a stronger bond with your student

(s) and continue to support their academic growth and success. The holidays are good times for storytelling around the dinner table or routines like bedtime reading that cultivate connections between home and school expectations. Young students do best with regular schedules, and I encourage you to prepare for their return to school on January 6th by instilling in them an understanding about the importance of being rested and ready to learn.



Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year from our MAA School family to yours.

Help Our Kids & Save Money on Your Arizona Taxes!



The Arizona Extra-Curricular Activity Tax Credit is the main way we fund all of our extra-curricular activities. This includes the after-school musical, arts programs, field trips, and more!

If you, or anyone else you know, has Arizona State taxes taken from your paycheck or will owe State taxes this year, you can designate up to \$200.00 for a single person, or \$400.00 for a married couple of those taxes to go to the Academy.

Any Arizona taxpayer may participate. If you individually cannot participate this year, other family members, friends or coworkers can take advantage of this opportunity. This is not a donation. It costs you nothing. You will receive this back when you file your State taxes as a tax credit. Please contact Mrs. Oyer or Mrs. Koperno if you have questions.

Kindergarten-As we finish up the first half of the 2019-2020 school year, it is a great time to reflect on the many accomplishments in kindergarten. The students have learned many new sounds and words, and have also begun decoding words. They are on their way to becoming successful readers!

In math, we will focus on adding numbers through 10. We have a kindergarten goal to count to 100 in a 1-minute time. A great way to help your child attain this goal is to count to 100 with your child as often as you can. A good opportunity for this would be while you are driving to and from school, or as part of their bedtime routine. In social studies, students will spend time learning about traditions of other cultures.

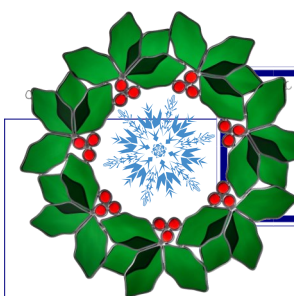
During the winter break, please continue to read with your child every day. Reading with your child is one of the best things you can do to help them in their educational endeavor. Thank you for all your support!

1st & 2nd Grade-.We are approaching the middle of the school year; students have worked hard and accomplished much. First graders are on the road to becoming solid readers. Students will soon begin reading AR books and working more independently on their classwork. In first grade we will focus on other cultures of the world through a variety of books based on the Gingerbread Man fairytale. In math, students will be working with addition and subtraction through twenty, and beginning place value. Second graders are learning about Ancient Greek Myths. In math, second graders are working on addition with regrouping, time, and money.



Our classrooms are in need of a few items for the winter, including facial tissue, paper towels, and baby wipes. Anything that you can donate is appreciated! We will soon have winter break. Please encourage your child to spend some of that time reading. Your support of first and second grade is greatly appreciated!

3rd—5th Grade-Winter is upon us, and so is cold and flu season. If you are able to donate tissues, hand sanitizer, baby wipes, or Clorox wipes, we would greatly appreciate it! This month, third grade students will wrap up their unit on animals, and begin learning stories of Ancient Rome. In math, they will be working on properties of multiplication and division. Fourth grade will be working with fractions in math, finishing up an Earth's processes presentation in science, and also completing their poetry unit. Fifth grade will be starting their life science unit learning about cells and genetics. In math, they will be learning more complex ways to work with decimals. Please encourage your child to read over winter break, as well as practice their multiplication facts. Have a wonderful and restful break!

6th - 8th grade -Happy Holidays from the Middle School staff. Can you believe almost half a school year has gone by? Thank you for the support you have given to us thus far. This year, camp was almost cancelled, but thanks to our superhero administrative staff who jumped into action to make it work, and to you, the parents, who came back to fill out yet another form, we had one of the best camps ever! The students represented our school very well, showed excellent engagement and camaraderie, and had a wonderful experience. Mark your calendar for the Middle School Elective Showcase on Tuesday, December 17, at 6:00 pm. We wish you a safe and restful winter break, and a very happy New Year!



December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
1	2	3 After School Musical Rehearsals 3:30-5:00	4	5 After School Musical Rehearsals 3:30-5:00 MAAPO Sports Team Fundraiser \$1 Jazz A to Z M.A.C. Performance at MAA	6	7
8	9 K-2 Winter Performance 6:00 pm Wood Gym	10 3-5 Winter Performance 6:00 pm Wood Gym	11	12 After School Musical Rehearsals 3:30-5:00	13	14
15	16 Fieldtrip 3rd-5th Arizona Heritage Center Tempe World's Chocolate Fundraiser ends	17 Elective Winter Showcase 6:00pm Wood Gym MAAPO No Uniform Fundraiser	18 Coffee with Mrs. Koperno 7:30am	19 After School Musical Rehearsals 3:30-5:00 MAAPO Meeting 3:30pm	20 Pajama Day Early Release 12:30am Snack Shop Sale after school 12:30	21 Club Breakfast with Sanra
22 / 30	23 / 31	24	25	26	27	29
Winter Break 12/23-19 1/3/20 Club Closed 12/23/19-1/1/10 Winter Break School Closed						





You can connect with the School, MAA and the Club all on Facebook!

MAA: <http://www.facebook.com/MesaArtsAcademy>

MAAPO: <http://www.facebook.com/MesaArtsAcademyParentOrganization>

Grant Woods Branch: <http://www.facebook.com/grantwoodsbranch>

Have a great winter break!



MAAPO Fundraisers

Sports Team Fundraiser
Wear a jersey or shirt of your favorite team \$1

December 5th

No Uniform \$2
December 17th

MAAPO Meeting 3:30pm
December 19th

Snack Shop Sale after school 12:30
December 20th

Fundraiser ends 12/16

World's Finest Chocolate



World's Finest CHOCOLATE

ARTS DEPARTMENT

Mandatory Fall Performance Dates

K-2nd, December 9: Students arrive at 5:30, show starts at 6:00 pm.

3rd-5th, December 10: Students arrive at 5:30, show starts at 6:00 pm.

6th- 8th, December 17: Students (percussion, guitar, advanced music, musical theater, and dance) stay after school, show starts at 6:00 pm

Willy Wonka!

Our after school musical group is excited to perform *Willy Wonka Kids* at the Mesa Arts Center on February 6 at 6:00 pm. Mark your calendars because this show is going to be sweet



Upcoming Field Trips

On December 16, our 3rd-5th grade classes will be touring the Arizona Heritage Center in Tempe. We love learning about our state!

Let Freedom Swing Jazz Concert

MAA students will be attending an hour-long jazz performance on December 5 with several guest musicians from Jazz at Lincoln Center. They will perform for us in our school gym three times this year to take us on a journey through the history of jazz.

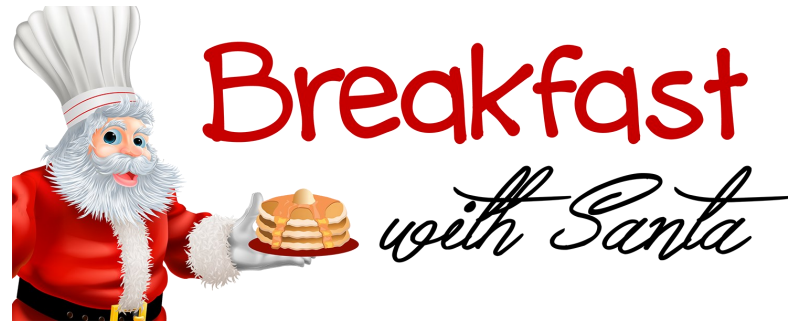
Photography Class

Students placed their composition in the sun and watched how the sunlight "developed" their photograph by turning exposed areas blue and leaving covered areas white.



Thank you to all of our community partners for their continuous support throughout the year!

GRANT WOODS MESA BRANCH PRESENTS



When: Saturday, December 21, 2019

Where: Grant Woods Mesa Branch

221 W 6th Ave

Mesa, AZ 85210

Time: 8:00am-12:00

Come eat breakfast, take a photo with Santa and your child gets a gift. Sponsored by **Society Car Club**. For more information call Jennifer Cummings at (480)844-0963 or jennifer.cummings@clubzona.org

Thank you **Society Car Club!!**



Community Thanksgiving Dinner
Thank you everyone for your support!



Mesa Arts Academy Flashback!

