





# Spring Break Camp March 9-13

# Come Experience Nature At Grant Woods \$80.00 for the week \$20.00 a day!







Bird Watching



**Parents**, payments are due on the 20th of the month!



NOYI surveys will be starting on 3/9-3/20- if you want to opt of the survey please Maya Sabbagh at the front desk. This will be done in computer class.

## Keep an eye out for ROBOTICS coming back at the end of April.



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### Dear Parents.

Spring is in the air and the month of March brings a lot of fun activities to MAA. Our kids are gearing up for testing, and our teachers are working hard to ensure they are ready for the spring assessments. We are excited about the progress our students are making in the classrooms and are certain that we will achieve all of

## 2019-2020 yearbooks are on sale until March 20th for \$13.00, price after March 20th, \$15.00

### ASBESTOS Notification

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires all public and private elementary and secondary schools to inspect for asbestos in school buildings and to submit a report (management plan) to the State of Arizona. AHERA also requires that the Local Education Agency (LEA) perform six-month inspections and to notify all parties concerned of any changes or updates. Parent / employee notification must be made on a yearly basis.

The management plan (MP) is available for review at the administrative office of the campus.

Mesa Arts Academy's Campus was inspected and tested for Asbestos Containing Building Materials by a licensed and accredited service and lab in 2019. Mesa Arts Academy is Asbestos Free.

## 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 extracurricular 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.

our goals during testing.

In our efforts to keep you informed of the activities at MAA, we will continue updating our MAAPO Facebook page, in addition to monthly letters. Please take note of all the upcoming events in March. Not only do we have Spring break from March 9 - 13, we also have the MAAPO carnival on March 27, 2020.

I know how busy you are, but your dedication shows how committed you are to education. With all of us working together, we will certainly achieve all of our goals this year.

Have a wonderful Spring Break!



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Kindergarten-Kindergarten enjoyed our field trip to the Mesa Arts Center, where we watched the play "Willy Wonka". We also had a wonderful time celebrating Dr. Seuss' Birthday. It is hard to believe that Spring Break is just around the corner. We have a lot to learn before then. One way you could help is to please have your child read every day; it is one of the most important things they can do to become better readers! As we approach the fourth quarter, please work with your child on sight words, spelling words, letter sounds, and numbers. In math, the students will continue solving addition problems, as well as continuing to work on subtraction.

1st & 2nd Grade-. This month in math, first grade students will continue working on measurement and addition through 40. We will also begin a unit on measurement and review telling time. Second graders will begin working with graphs and adding and subtracting with three digits. First graders have completed a unit about the human body and will learn about the American Frontier. Second graders will be learning about insects and The Civil War. Students in first grade have really stepped up their reading and are working hard to win the AR trophy for the most books read for the first time this year. Please remember that students need to read at least 69 words per minute before moving on to 2nd grade. Before moving to third grade, second graders need to be reading 111 words per minute.

**3rd—5th Grade-**It's March, and that means it is time to start preparing for AzMERIT, our state assessment. Please make sure that your children are at school every day on time to ensure their success on the AzMERIT test. It is also important that students are getting enough rest each night, as well as a good breakfast in the morning. Keep having your third and fourth graders read to you at home and practicing their math facts. Fifth graders should be reading at least 30 minutes a day outside of school. Also, we are always in need of tissues and baby wipes for our classrooms, especially during cold and allergy season, and we truly appreciate your donations! Have a safe and relaxing Spring Break!

6th - 8th grade - Spring time temperatures are a welcome interlude between winter's chill and summer's scorching heat. Our students have been growing like the plants in our garden. It was a pleasure to meet with you during conferences to discuss your student's progress and achievements. We would like to thank you for all of the support you give our program by helping students have good attendance, get enough rest, and participate in interventions. After Spring Break, there only are two weeks of school before we start AzMERIT state testing the week of March 30. We will communicate more details about testing as we approach those dates.

### NOYI Survey at the Club!!

Our students will be taking part in the Clubs annual survey that will be used to track the wellbeing of members in the Boys & Girls Clubs nationally. The NOYI surveys will be starting on 3-9-20-2020. If you want to opt of the survey please Maya Sabbagh at the front desk at the Club.

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Our students had an amazing performance at the Mesa Art Center! It was truly magical! We want to give a big thank you to Mesa Arts Center's Aces grant program for giving our students the opportunity to take center stage.

3/14/2020 @Desert Ridge High School time TBA 4/4/2020 @ASU Desert Financial Arena time TBA

### "The Magic Globe" Spring Performance and Art Gallery

K-2nd - May 4, 2020: Students arrive at 5:30, show starts at 6:00 pm

3rd-5th -May 5, 2020: Students arrive at 5:30, show starts at 6:00 pm

This performance is mandatory for all K-5 students.

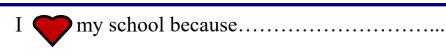
The Art Gallery opens at 5:30 and will showcase works of art made by your students throughout the year.

### "Groove" Spring Performance and Art Gallery

6th-8th - May 11, 2020: Students in Percussion, Guitar, Advanced Music, Musical Theater, and Dance must stay after school. Show starts at 6:00 pm.

This performance is mandatory for all percussion, guitar, advanced music, musical theater, and dance.

The Art Gallery opens at 5:30 and will showcase works of art made by your students in Makers, Visual Arts, and Photo throughout the year.

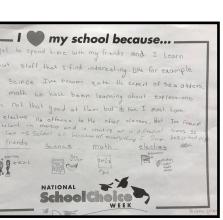




## ARTS DEPARTMENT

# Willy Wonka!

Color Guard and Music Ensemble Competition Dates





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# Dress Down Day Tuesday 3/17



### \$2.00 CLOTHING MUST STILL FOLLOW SCHOOL DRESS CODE

**MESA ARTS ACADEMY** PARENT ORGANIZATION

# SPRING CARNIVAL

March 27, 2020 | 4-6:30PM 221 W 6th Avenue

Enjoy great food, games, vendors, raffles, and more! Tickets are \$0.50 each.

Invite your friends and family: https://bit.ly/2SQsP3q



Do you have a business or product to promote? Join us at our annual MAAPO Spring Carnival!

When: Friday, March 27th, 2020

Where: Mesa Arts Academy 221 W 6th Ave, Mesa, AZ 85210

Time: 4:00 PM – 6:30PM

Cost: \$25 per booth space or donation of raffle prize. 10x10 space. Table is not provided.

For more information, please contact MAAPO President Stacie LePert @ stacielepert@yahoo.com or call/text 623-285-4235

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## **RIGHTS OF HOMELESS STUDENTS**

Mesa Arts Academy shall provide an educational environment that treats all students with dignity and respect. Every homeless student shall have access to the same free and appropriate educational opportunities as students who are not homeless. This commitment to the educational rights of homeless children, youth, and unaccompanied youth, applied to all services, programs, and activities provided or made available.

A student may be considered eligible for services as a "Homeless Child or Youth" under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act if he or she is presently living:

- In a shelter, temporary shared housing, or transitional living program
- In a hotel/motel, campground, or similar situation due to lack of alternatives
- At a bus station, park, car, or abandoned building

According to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Act. eligible students have rights to: **Immediate enrollment**: Documentation and immunization records cannot serve as a barrier to the enrollment in school.

School Selection: McKinney Vento eligible students have a right to select from the following schools:

The school he/she attended when permanently housed (School of Origin) The school in which he/she was last enrolled (School of Origin) The school in the attendance area in which the student currently resides (School of Residency)

**Remain enrolled** in his/her selected school for the duration of homelessness, or until the academic year upon which they are permanently housed.

Participate in programs for which they are eligible, including Title I, National School Lunch Program, Head Start, Even Start, etc.

Transportation Services: A McKinney-Vento eligible student attending his/her School of Origin has a right to transportation to and from the School of Origin.

**Dispute Resolution**: If you disagree with school officials about enrollment, transportation, or fair treatment of a homeless child or youth, you may file a complaint with the school district. The school district must respond and attempt to resolve it quickly. During the dispute, the student must be immediately enrolled in the school and provided transportation until the matter is resolved. The Homeless Liaison will assist you in making decision, providing notice of any appeal process, and filling out dispute forms.

For more information, refer to http://www.ade.az.gov/asd/homeless/ or contact:

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