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your scheduled time, please contact your child's teacher to find a time that works for both of you. It is vital for our school and our students' success that parents and guardians be actively involved in their child's education.

I would like to remind you of our policy regarding students arriving to school late or checking out of school early. Our school hours are from 7:30 to 3:30. If your child is late, an adult needs to accompany him/her inside and sign-in on the notebook at the front desk. Similarly, please make sure you sign your child out in the notebook on the front desk if you are picking up early. It is ideal to let the teachers know ahead of time that you

will be picking up your child and what time you plan on arriving. That way your child can be ready, and we do not have to spend time looking around the school if the class is involved in a related arts class or at lunch. We thank you for your cooperation regarding this policy. It is for the safety of our children.

Don't forget that Saturday, November 9, is our playground build day. It begins at 8:00 am and will end around 4:00 pm. If you are able to volunteer. please register at the website

https://nvite.com/ kaboom/d1f79 Ilook forward to seeing each of you there!

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

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

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.

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Kindergarten-Fall is here! It is an exciting time of year. The brisk cool air gives the students a lot of energy. They have been working hard and learning a lot. We are looking forward to some exciting field trips that are coming up this month. In writing, the students have begun to write complete sentences using a capital letter for the beginning word, and ending the sentence with a period. Of course, the students also strive to leave spaces between each word. In math, the students are working on number sense using the numbers 1 to 20. In science, the students are learning about our bodies' five senses; hear, taste, sight, smell, and touch. Please continue supporting your child by reviewing what we have worked on. Also, read frequently to your child. Read, Read, and Read some more!

1st & 2nd Grade-First grade students have learned basic strategies to read, but each student still needs practice. Students in first grade will begin AR in the coming month. Second graders are reading more every day. Please encourage your child to read at home. This month, first grade students will be introduced to ancient civilizations such as Mesopotamia and Egypt. Second graders will be learning about Ancient Greece and working on vowel sounds. In math, first graders will continue with addition and subtraction within 20 and begin graphing. Second graders will continue to work on place value as well as addition and subtraction with regrouping. Students will spend time learning about Thanksgiving, which will include the study of past and present times as well as focusing on the Native American contribution to Thanksgiving.

3rd—5th Grade-We hope everyone had a wonderful fall break! It was nice to see everyone at conferences. Please remind your child to practice their math facts and read every night. Third grade will be starting multiplication and division in math and myths and fables in ELA. Fourth grade is starting fractions in math and poetry in ELA. Additionally, the Phoenix Art Museum will visit fourth grade on November 26. Fifth grade is starting division of multi-digit numbers in math and a civics unit in reading and social studies. Third through fifth will be going on two field trips this month: The Arizona Museum of Natural History on November 7, and Riverview Park on November 8.

6th - 8th grade -It was a pleasure seeing you at conferences. Thank you for your input and continuous support. Please make sure to follow up on homework help, tutoring, or other arrangements that have been made to ensure your child's success at school. Middle School students will be attending the Chauncey Ranch STEM Camp in Mayer, Arizona, from Wednesday, November 6th, through Friday, November 8th. We leave from school on Wednesday morning, and return Friday afternoon. Please make sure you take care of any final arrangements or clarifications about the trip. Progress reports will go out the week of November 11th. Students will be taking Galileo benchmark tests the week of November 18th. Send us an email if you have any questions, or you can call (480) 844- 3965. jennifer.gooding@clubzona.org; janelle.brooks@clubzona.org; angelica.buenrostro@clubzona.org

	NOVEMBER2019					
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5 After School Musical Rehearsals 3:30-5:00	6	After School Musical Re- hearsals 3:30-5:00	8	KaBOOM! Buid Day 8:00am-4:00pm
	[Chauncey Ranch Camp 6th, 7th & 8th Grade				
10 Veterans Day	Veterans Day No School Club and Office Open Club Hours 7:00am-6:00pm Teens until 8:00pm Free for all	12 After School Musical Rehearsals 3:30-5:00	13	After School Musical Rehearsals 3:30-5:00	15 Lowe's Staff Lounge Project	16
17	18	After School Musical Rehearsals 3:30-5:00 MAAPO No Uniform Fundraiser	20	School Musical Rehearsals 3:30-5:00 Thanksgiving Community Dinner 5:00 MAAPO Meeting 5:30 pm	2 2 REACH Assembly 7:30am	2 B Community Clean up 7:00-12:00 pm Lowe's Garden Project
24	25 World's Finest Chocolate Fund- raiser Kickoff	2.6 After School Musical Rehearsals 3:30-5:00	2 7 No School Club and School Office open Club Hours TBD		29 sgiving Day	30

MAAPO NEWS



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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

> Congratulations to the MAAPO officers! We are excited and honored to have you in these positions!





President Stacie LePert Vice President Joaquin Jordan

Treasurer Nicole Sain

COMING SOON

we'll be fundraising with 😽 World's Finest Chocolate







7:00-12:00 pm And don't forget to log in your volunteer hours!!!

Secretary Amanda Moore



MAAPO **Fundraisers**

No Uniform November 19th



Fundraiser 11/27-12/15

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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

Our students rocked the house at the Week Without Violence Performance at MCC. They performed to a completely packed house of several hundred people! Our students received positive feedback from the theater staff as well as audience members about how professional they were on and off stage. We couldn't be more proud!



Mesa Encore Theater Build Day Field Trip

Middle school Musical Theater and Advance Music classes both had the opportunity to have a hands-on experience backstage at a professional theater this past month. They received a rundown of what it would feel like to work in the arts as a set designer and even got the chance to contribute to the build for the upcoming show, "Pirates of Penzance". If you're interested in tickets for the show, please visit www.mesaencoretheater.com. All students who attended the field trip received 2 free tickets.

November is jam-packed with exciting field trips for our students! Check out the list below to see what our students will be doing!

> 11/6-11/8: Chauncey Ranch with grades 6th, 7th, 8th 11/7: Phoenix Art Museum with grades K, 1st, 2nd 11/7: Arizona Museum of Natural History with grades 3rd, 4th, 5th 11/8: Arizona Museum of Natural History with grades K, 1st, 2nd 11/8: Riverview Park Picnic with grades 3rd, 4th, 5th

ARTS DEPARTMENT



Week Without Violence Celebration





Upcoming Field Trips



Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley & Mesa Arts Academy is building a Playground!





GENERAL MOTORS

We need more than 125 volunteers from the Mesa community to help us give more than 250 area

kids the childhood they deserve by building a new playground.

Saturday, November 9th -- 8:00 a.m. **Grant Woods Branch / Mesa Arts Academy** 221 W. 6th Ave Mesa, AZ 85210

- Volunteers should be age 18+ and will assemble playground pieces, mix concrete, move mulch, etc.
- Wear comfortable clothes you don't mind getting dirty and closed toe shoes; leave valuables at home.
- Youth activities provided.
- Gloves, goggles, breakfast, and lunch will be provided.
- All Volunteers must Register through the Link below.



Play is central to a child's ability to grow into a productive adult. Together, we can ensure kids get the balance of play they need to thrive! Please join us and show that play matters to you.

Register to Volunteer at https:/nvite.com/kaboom/d1f79

For More Information, contact Stacie LePert at 623-285-4235 or maaparentorganization@gmail.com



If you are unable to attend in person, we hope that you will show your support for the cause of play in our community by joining the conversation online on November 9th using the hashtag #playmatters..

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221 West Sixth Avenue Mesa, Arizona 85210 (480) 844-3965 FAX (480) 844-0205

To promote the safe loading and unloading of students and to keep traffic flowing, please adhere to the following rules. This will make the drop off and pick up process smoother for everyone.

Student and driver safety is our primary concern.

- The curbs are NOT for parking.
- ٠ up only.
- Cars must be attended to at all times in this area. ٠
- Move your car as far forward as you can. Then, drop off or pick up your student.
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- Follow the directions of staff members.
- Pull car forward to fill up any gaps.
- Go around the parking lot if asked to move.
- Stay in your car. •
- Allow students to cross at crosswalk.
- Passing cars waiting in the loading and unloading zone causes a danger.
- Only pass cars after your car has passed the crosswalk. ٠
- Park in designated parking area if you arrive for pick up before 3:20.
- table in the grass.
- dangers of moving vehicles (backing up and moving forward).
- homework, etc., you must park your car.
- Do not block the driveway; leave the sidewalk open.

Mesa Arts Academy appreciates parent volunteers and those willing to assist with traffic duties.

Parents remember!







• All parents should park only in designated parking areas if you plan on leaving your car.

The curbs are for loading and unloading students. It is an area designated for drop off and pick

Please drop the students off on the passenger side. It is safer than the driver side.

Students may not wait by the Club. All students waiting for pick up must wait by the blue picnic

Caregivers must keep students close to them while walking through the parking lot to avoid the

If a student needs to return to their classroom to get their lunch box, money for ice cream,

