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Congratulations to Jennifer Gooding for 10 years of service at MAA!!



Congratulations to Mercedes Rogers, our new 5th-grade teacher!



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Welcome back!!!!



A WORD FROM MRS. KOPERNO

Welcome Back!

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful summer. I also hope you are relaxed, recharged, and ready for this new school year. I am so delighted that you are part of our amazing learning community. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and I look forward to working with you and your children.

All signs point to another incredible and productive school year. Our skilled and devoted staff have planned and prepped for your child(ren). Our enthusiastic office team is still registering new families, ordering needed materials, and updating student files. Our much-appreciated MAAPO (Mesa Arts Academy Parent Organization) is gear-

ing up to welcome families, provide volunteer opportunities, and offer other exciting events and programs. We are indeed a joyous and caring community with the common goals of nurturing responsible, caring students, and promoting high-level learning.

New Staff Each year brings positive change. This includes a few additions to our staff. We are delighted to welcome Mercedes Rogers, our new 5th-grade teacher. Mercedes brings a solid skill set and a gentle, sensitive approach to meeting children's learning needs. We are fortunate to have new aides Brittany Mack, Ntombi Makuyana, and Kahri Hajos. We have brought in new talent for our Arts Department. Please wel-

come: Rachael Houston, our new Director of Arts; Marty LoFaso, Guitar/ Instruments, and; Meaghan Katz, Dance/ Musical Theater. Welcome, All!

Thank you to all who are helping prepare for the new school year. Your commitment to ensuring that Mesa Arts Academy remains a celebrated and successful school is awe-inspiring. I eagerly look forward to greeting students and families again. It remains an honor and privilege to serve as your principal. Please stop by and say hello. Together, I know we will make this school year one of growth and achievement for all children.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW

Every teacher and academic aide is highly qualified under the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act and Arizona Department of Education. You may re-

view their qualifications in the Teacher Bio book. You also have the right to review our Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) for using federal education

funds. We value your input in this area. Both the CIP and Teacher BIO Book are located in the school office and are available during normal office hours.

KINDERGARTEN Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! This is an exciting time for your child, although he/she may be a little apprehensive about going to "real" school. This is a time of mixed emotions for everyone. The first day of school is one of the most important milestones in your child's life. I'm so glad I got to be a part of it.

Be assured that I will do my best to make this school year an enjoyable time for your child, but also a time filled with real learning. The skills we practice daily in kindergarten are the building blocks for your child's future success in school and in life. I know if we all work together, we can make this a wonderful year for our students and help them reach each goal that is set for them.

If your child does not already know how to write their name or tie their shoes, helping with those skills provides you with a great opportunity to contribute to their success in school.

1ST-2ND GRADE

Welcome to the first and second grade classrooms. It was wonderful meeting all the families who attended Open House. We have enjoyed getting to know all of our new students, and have spent much time establishing classroom routines and procedures, as well as reviewing skills learned last year. We will be introducing our new math curriculum, Ready Math, beginning with concepts such as number sense and geometry. Reading is large focus in first and second grade. First grade will be reading fables and learning about the human body. Second grade will be reading fables and fairy tales. Please make sure your children are reading for at least 15 minutes each night. This will help them become strong readers and learners. Also, help your child be prepared for class every day by ensuring their binders are signed nightly.

3RD-5TH GRADE Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready for an amazing school year. In third grade, Mr. Rendon is back as our classroom teacher, and Coach Chris is returning as the co-teacher. Mrs. Kush is still our fourth grade teacher, and Mr. Hunt is the new instructional aide. In fifth grade, we are excited to welcome Ms. Rogers as our new classroom teacher. Ms. Adams has moved up to be the instructional aide for fifth grade. As we start the school year, remember that binders must be signed EVERY NIGHT, including yellows and reds (see Binder Policy in your child's binder). Feel free to contact us regarding any questions that you may have. Together we will have a fantastic year!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Welcome to the new school year, to all of our families! We are glad you chose MAA for your child's education as they navigate through the Middle School years. As you probably noted at Open House, we are doing a Middle School model, which is grades 6th through 8th. Ms. Gooding will teach ELA, Ms. Brooks will teach Math, and Mrs. Buenrostro will teach Science. In addition, we will each teach Social Studies to our Homeroom. Welcome Ms. Amy to Middle School, who is coming up from 5th grade to be the assistant in Room 6. Also joining our team is Miss Ntombi, the new assistant in Room 8. We have an exciting school year planned. Middle School students will participate in an overnight stay at Chauncey Ranch in November. We will provide more information on that trip in the coming months. Please check the school calendar for upcoming dates, as well as your student's binder on a regular basis for updates. Finally, progress reports are going out the first week of September. Our contact information is listed below. Please do not hesitate to email us with any questions or concerns.

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 Ms. Gooding Ms. Brooks Mrs. Buenrostro
 6th Grade Homeroom, ELA 7th Grade Homeroom, Math 8th Grade Homeroom, Science

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 HAPPY LABOR DAY School and Club closed	3	4	5 Playground Design Day 4:00 Children's Design Session 6:00 Adults' Planning	6	7
8	9	10 No Uniform Day Day Fundraiser	11	12 Family Engineering Night 4:30-6:30 pm at the Club Sponsored by Arizona Science	13 Shirt Orders Due	14
15	16	17 Constitution Day	18	19 MAAPO Meeting 5:30 pm MAAPO New officers will be elected	20 After School Audition Workshop 3:30-5:00	21
22	23	24 Audition After School Musical 3:30-5:00 Future For Kids starts at Club	25	26	27	28
29	30	10/1	10/2	10/3	10/4 Early Release 12:30pm	10/5
Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Release 2:00pm Monday-Thursday						

Volunteering Opportunities

Community involvement is a key component to the success of students here at Mesa Arts Academy. We invite everyone to be a part of our school community. We welcome and encourage volunteers, and hope that you will take advantage of the many opportunities available to you. These opportunities include supporting classrooms, attending/volunteering at MAAPO events, chaperoning field trips, and more. Please contact your child's teacher for ways to become involved in your child's classroom.

There are many different ways to earn Volunteer Hours! How will you?

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| Assist in the Classroom** | Attend School Programs |
| Bilingual phone calls | Serve on School Committees |
| Prepare Classroom Materials | Attend School Board Meetings |
| Help in After-School Program | Attend MAAPO Meetings |
| Translate forms/Newsletters | Attend School Clean-up Days |
| Serve Breakfast/Lunch* | Secretarial Office Support** |
| Make Phone Calls from Home | Solicit Donations from Businesses |
| Attend Field Trips** | Plan a Fundraising Event |
| Trim & count box tops and labels | Help with Family Events |
| Make a Presentation to a Class | Monitor students on the playground** |
| Picture Day Assistant | Participate in Fundraising Events |
| Help during Testing week | Attend REACH Assemblies |
| Help during School Events (ex. selling flowers..) | Make props for after school musical/performance |
| Plan/Attend Community Service Activities | Help with afterschool dinner program** |

* Food Handler's card is required ** Fingerprint and background check are required



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>

Participating in MAAPO events count toward required volunteer hours. Please enroll your **Fry's V.I.P Card to Fry's Community Rewards Program**. Log in at www.FrysCommunityRewards.com and follow the instructions. Find Mesa Arts Academy and the number for the school is **80353**.



If at any time you wish to schedule a conference or phone call with your child's teachers, call the school office to schedule or e-mail the teacher directly.

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Fall Performances Dates

Student participation in fall performances is mandatory. All fall performances will be held in Wood Gym at the Club. Students should report to their homerooms at 5:30pm, with show time at 6:00pm.

K-2nd: Monday, December 9, 2019

3rd-5th: Tuesday, December 10, 2019

6th-8th: Tuesday, December 17, 2019



**Mr. Morales:
Percussion,
Instruments,
and Comput-
ers**

Brian has been playing music for over 20 years, and teaching since 2005. He has toured the country as a performer with Drum Corp International and been a part of many groups in classical, jazz, and rock/pop genres. He is currently a regular drummer and percussionist for musical theatres around the valley. In addition to teaching music and computers at Mesa Arts Academy, Brian is also a percussion instructor for Horizon High School in Scottsdale.



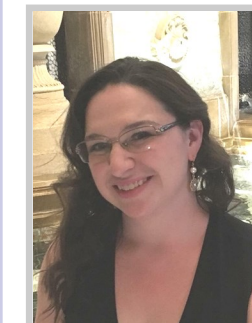
**Ms. Nahil:
Makers and Art**

Nahil Ismail has been a lifelong artist. Her focus is the visual arts but will dip her toes in every art form she gets a chance to. She has been teaching and working with children for five years, starting at the Mesa Arts Center Camps and then becoming a part of the Mesa Arts Academy team for the past three years. She enjoys working with kids, being a part of their creative education journey, making art, and falling in love with art over and over again.



**Mr. Lollie:
Visual Arts**

David Lollie went to the University of New Mexico with a football scholarship, and graduated with degree in Art Education. He later became certified in Graphic Design while living in Tucson, AZ. He taught art for three years at Destiny Elementary in Gilbert, AZ. David has been working with children and young adults for over 20 years. He was a substitute teacher for Mesa and Chandler districts, and a substitute at MAA for two years before joining our staff in 2016 as an Instructional Assistant. He is excited for the opportunity to teach a visual arts class for the Middle School students here at MAA .



**Ms. Meaghan:
Dance and
Musical Theater**

Meaghan Katz is the dance and musical theatre instructor at Mesa Arts Academy. She graduated from ASU in May 2016 with concurrent degrees in Family & Human Development and Speech & Hearing Science. She is also an experienced performer who has been acting and dancing since elementary school. She has taught classes and individual lessons in theater, music, and American Sign Language, and has worked behind the scenes on several musical theater productions in the community. Meaghan is very excited to be joining the team at Mesa Arts Academy!



**Mr. Marty:
Guitar and
Instruments**

Marty LoFaso is a guitarist and musician from Rochester, NY. After studying guitar privately for roughly a decade, he attended MCC in Rochester, graduating with an A.S. degree in Music Performance. He then attended Berklee College of Music, majoring in guitar and music business. After returning to Rochester to teach and perform, Marty moved to Mesa AZ in July of 2019, almost immediately joining the Arts staff at Mesa Arts Academy. Bringing music and guitar into students' lives is Marty's greatest joy, and he is very grateful for the opportunity to educate the students at MAA.



**Mrs. Tovar
Photog-
raphy**

Mrs. Tovar has been with Mesa Arts Academy for 22 years. She is passionate about Photography and is excited to teach photography again this year. On her spare time she sings/performs with her church choir. She is the one to call if you are ever in need of a photographer.

CUTS Direct-Cite Program

Dear Parent/Guardian,

School attendance is not only a good habit; state law requires it. Arizona State Law (15-802.A, 15-803.E) requires every person who has custody of a child between the ages of six and sixteen years shall make sure the child attends school for the full time school is in session unless unable to attend due to illness or another legitimate reason.

To encourage and improve school attendance, Mesa Arts Academy has implemented a truancy program in partnership with Maricopa County Juvenile Court. This truancy program is called C.U.T.S. (Court Unified Truancy Suppression). We will be tracking attendance very closely. Your child is expected to be at school every day, unless there is an excused reason not to be. An absence is defined as a minimum of one missed class period per day. An unexcused absence will count as a truant day as defined by law. A student is **“habitually truant”** if he/she has **five or more unexcused absences** from school. A student that is **absent more than ten percent (18 days)** of the required number of school days per year is considered to have “excessive absences” **whether the absence is excused or unexcused.**

When a student has **five** or more unexcused absences or **19** excessive absences (excused OR unexcused), the student can be cited to the CUTS Program and will have to attend a hearing through the Juvenile Court. The hearing will be held on the school campus with representatives from Mesa Arts Academy and the Juvenile Court. A parent or legal guardian must be present with the student at the time of the hearing. Consequences at the hearing may include the following: required attendance of the parent and the child at an education class (may be held on Saturdays), work hours assigned to the child, counseling, etc. The parent will be assessed a \$50 Diversion fee. Failure to complete these consequences may result in suspension of your child’s driver’s license, or inability to get a driver’s license until their 18th birthday and/or formal court proceedings. It is the parent’s/ guardian’s responsibility to ensure their child’s attendance in an approved academic setting. If you fail to take the necessary steps to provide your child with appropriate education you may receive a citation. If convicted, it is a Class 3 misdemeanor punishable by jail time and/or fine.

The education of your child is extremely important to us. This program is another way that Mesa Arts Academy is working with the community to ensure a quality education for all students. Please note that the school also reserves the right to have a CUTS Officer speak at Orientations and Assemblies, as well as to individual groups of students regarding the importance of school. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mesa Arts Academy at 844-3965.

Miranda Koperno
Principal

Mesa Arts Academy

2019–2020 School Year Calendar

2019		
Tuesday	July 30	Final Registration - 5:00 pm
Tuesday	August 6	First Day of Classes
Monday	September 2	Labor Day – No School – Club Closed
Friday	October 4	End of 1 st Quarter – 12:30 pm Release
Monday – Friday	October 7-11	October Break – No School
Monday	November 11	Veteran’s Day - No School
Wednesday- Friday	November 27-29	Thanksgiving Break – No School
Friday	December 20	End of Semester – 12:30 pm Release
Monday-Friday	Dec 23-January 3	Winter Break - No School

2020		
Monday	January 6	School Resumes
Monday	January 20	Martin Luther King Jr. – No School
Monday	February 17	Presidents’ Day - No School
Friday	March 6	End of 3 rd Quarter – 12:30 pm Release
Monday—Friday	March 9-13	Spring Break - No School
Friday	April 10	Spring Holiday – No School/Club Closed
Thursday	May 21	Last Day of Classes - 12:30 Release
Tuesday	May 26	Summer Food Program Begins
Monday	June 1	Summer School Begins

School begins at 7:30 am.
School releases at 3:30 pm.
Every Wednesday, except where noted, classes release at 2:15 pm.
The campus is open at 6:45 am.
Breakfast is served from 7:00 am until 7:20 am.