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### Important Dates

11/3	After School Band
11/10	After School Band
11/11	Veteran's Day No School
11/19	Club Thanksgiving Feast for Club Members Only
11/17	After School Band
11/19	MAAPO Virtual Meeting
11/23-11/24	Virtual School
11/24	NO After School Band
11/25-11/27	No School Club and School Closed
11/26/	Thanksgiving

November is one of my favorite months of the year. The temperature is finally cool in the morning and beautiful during the day. The fall colors are in full swing and the holidays focused on family, gratitude, and caring are upon us. We have much to be grateful for here at Mesa Arts Academy. We have a wonderful, caring staff: from our janitor, our paraprofessionals, our office staff, to all of our teachers. I am grateful every day for the opportunity to work with all of them, and I know your children are in good hands. We have supportive parents and community, with a giving and engaged MAAPO at the forefront, to which we say thank you for all that you do to make Mesa Arts Academy the highly rated school it is today. And finally, we have incredible students who challenge themselves every day to learn and be engaged, as well as challenge us to become better people. They are why we are here every day!

We want to invite you to become more connected to Mesa Arts Academy. Please make sure our office has the correct email for you. You should receive email updates from us. If you don't, then we want to make sure that you do. For some of you, it may be that your email settings block our messages. For others, it may be that we do not have accurate or updated information. Our website, [www.mesaartsacademy.org](http://www.mesaartsacademy.org), has contact information as well as calendars that you can use to help plan your year. We try to keep the website up to date with our Newsletters and important information throughout the year. We are on Facebook as well, and we post regular updates there. Please take a moment to like us on Facebook.

As I write this letter, our health data still requires us to continue with our hybrid. We will continue having Group A on Mondays/Tuesdays, and Group B on Wednesday/Thursdays. Friday will continue to be a virtual day. We will also continue to have on-site support Mon-Thurs, 7:15am - 3:30pm, and Fridays, 8:30am - 3:30pm.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Mrs. Koperno



## Kindergarten

Fall is here! It is an exciting time of the year. The brisk cool air gives the students lots of energy, and they have been working hard learning a lot. In writing, the students have begun to practice writing 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. Please continue supporting your child by reviewing what we have worked on. Also, read frequently to your child. Read, Read, and Read some more! In math, the students are working on number sense using the numbers 1 to 20.

## 1st and 2nd Grade

First grade students are learning basic strategies to read, and there is still a need to practice for each student. Please have your child practice their sight words that have been sent home so far, as well as any reading passages that are sent home. Second graders are reading more every day. Please encourage your child to read at home every day. Second graders will be learning about Ancient Greece and working on vowel sounds. In math, first graders will continue with adding 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, 4th and 5th Grade

Welcome back! It has been so nice to see the students in person! Please make sure your child is working in Acellus on their virtual days. Third grade will be working on multiplication and division in math and text features/kinds of text in ELA. Fourth grade is finishing multiplication and division and starting fractions in math, reading dramas in ELA, and learning about weather and the water cycle in science. Fifth grade is moving on to dividing with double digits in math. In social studies, they will begin learning about the American Revolution. Students will also begin narrative writing and exploring ecosystems in science.

## Middle School

We are so glad to see everyone who is back for in-person learning! Since we have returned to campus, Middle School has been focusing on staying safe while at school and setting up routines based on State guidelines for safety. In addition, we have practiced and reinforced the expectations for student work while they are learning virtually from home: 1) Students should have a dedicated work space that is quiet and free from distractions - this includes cell phones and other electronics; 2) Students should begin their day by going into their Google Classroom Homeroom and responding to their attendance question by 9:00 am; 3) They should check and respond to school emails, as well as check for new posts in all Google Classrooms. 4) Once those tasks are complete, students may begin working on their assignments in Acellus and Google Classroom.

Students find more success if they follow a consistent schedule and work in each of their core subjects (ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies) every day. The school week is Monday through Friday – even if students are only on campus for 2 days out of the week, they should still be doing school-work online during their virtual days. All students have required online meetings on their virtual days, the days and times for which are in their schedules, with reminders posted daily in Google.



## Art News

The Arts Department is so excited to have students back on campus! Remind students to bring their school supplies and instruments when they come to school in person.

Please check the list below to see which day

1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade students need to bring their instrument to class.

1<sup>st</sup> Group A: Recorder on Tuesday

1<sup>st</sup> Group B: Recorder on Thursday

2<sup>nd</sup> Group A: Recorder on Monday

2<sup>nd</sup> Group B: Recorder on Wednesday

3<sup>rd</sup> Group A: Recorder on Tuesday

3<sup>rd</sup> Group B: Recorder on Thursday

4<sup>th</sup> Group A: Recorder on Tuesday

4<sup>th</sup> Group B: Recorder on Thursday

5<sup>th</sup> Group A: Ukulele on Monday

5<sup>th</sup> Group B: Ukulele on Wednesday

6<sup>th</sup> Group A: Guitar on Tuesday

6<sup>th</sup> Group B: Guitar on Thursday

7<sup>th</sup> Group A: Band on Tuesday

7<sup>th</sup> Group B: Band on Thursday

8<sup>th</sup> Group A: Band on Tuesday

8<sup>th</sup> Group B: Band on Thursday





## MAAPO NEWS

MAAPO November Meeting  
Time: Nov 19, 2020 05:30 PM  
Arizona

Meeting ID: 772 1389 6816  
Passcode: **4OURKIDS**

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77213896816?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77213896816?pwd=dUovU3IwMDI1b1gzY2tUUUnlYMGhXZz09)

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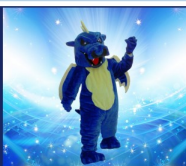


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from last year!**

**Special price \$12.00**



2019



2020



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manages our  
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Pikmykid.  
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from your  
smartphone's app  
store for free and  
get registered!



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/>

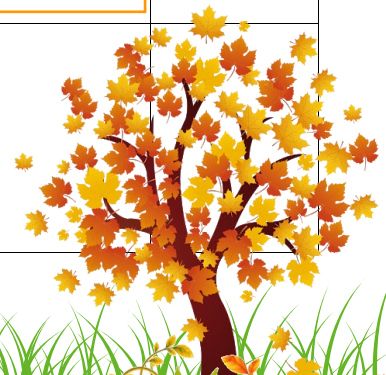


# NOVEMBER 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 After School Band 3:30-5:30	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 After School Band 3:30-5:30	11 Veteran's Day No School Club Open 7am-6 pm	12	13	14
15	16	17 After School Band 3:30-5:30	18	19 Club Thanksgiving Feast for Club members only 4:00-6:00	20	21
22	23 Virtual School for everyone On-site support open	24 No After School Band	25 No School Club Open 7am-6 pm	26 Happy Thanksgiving!	27	28
29	30					

No School and Club Closed





# Thanksgiving Feast

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB MEMBERS ONLY



COME JOIN THE GRANT WOODS  
& MESA ARTS ACADEMY STAFF  
FOR A THANKSGIVING MEAL WITH  
MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT.



# *Free School Meals*

*Free for children 0-18 years old.  
11:00 a.m.-12:45 p.m.*

*Children do not need to be present.*

**FREE**

**MEALS**

**TO GO**

*Mesa Arts Academy  
Boys & Girls Club Mesa  
221 W 6th Ave  
Mesa, AZ 85210*



*This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*

Stay home. Stay healthy. Stay connected.



Club will be open for  
Veteran's Day  
November 11th  
7am-6pm

Lego Robotics Programming every  
Thursday, starting November 5th  
4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Parents Don't Forget!**

Parents please make sure if your students are coming to the club, please make sure they have their club card with them. If members do not have a card please let our Front Desk staff know (Maya).

If you have any questions please call the Club front office at 480-844-0963

