

A word from Mrs. Koperno

This is a wonderful time of year, and it is exciting to see the joy in students' faces during the holiday season! It can also be a very busy and stressful time. As the adults scurry around preparing for the holidays, children can also feel the stress and exhaustion brought on by all the activity. Please continue to support your child in their school success by ensuring a bed time is maintained at a reasonable hour. Adequate sleep supports learning, brain development, concentration, and mood, and so directly affects children's success in school! Since we are in virtual learning, there will not be a December performance. We will continue to watch our health data and will let families know at the end of December whether we will stay in virtual or transition into hybrid.

On behalf of the staff have a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

Art News

We are so proud of our students and all they have accomplished over the last three months in their Arts classes! Don't forget that you can see student scores in Google Classroom. Students, please email your Arts teacher if you would like to know how to boost your grades! Below is a fun family activity for you to do over the holiday season! Enjoy!

Teachers News

Kinder

As we finish up the first half of the 2020-2021 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. The week prior to winter break, December 14-18, is parent teacher conferences. Please watch for a sign-up email to select a virtual meeting time. I look forward to meeting with each of you. 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 endeavors. Thank you for all your support!



3rd, 4th & 5th Grade

This month, third grade students will wrap up their unit on animals, and begin learning how to write their own opinion sample using a variety of text. In math, they continue working on properties of multiplication and division along with building their ability to fluently add and subtract up to 1000. Fourth grade will be working on division and fractions in math, and elements of a drama in ELA. In science, we will be finishing up weather and moving on to rocks, fossils, and changes to Earth's surface. Fifth grade will be learning some exciting things this month! In science, they will be learning more about the water cycle, and in math they will be discovering the order of operations and division of decimals. For our language arts unit, we will be studying poetry. Students will be learning about the Declaration of Independence and The Constitution in social studies. We look forward to seeing you at conferences! Have a wonderful and restful break!

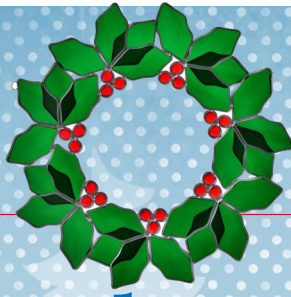
Middle School

Warm greetings to you all. We hope your Thanksgiving holiday was enjoyable and filled with good moments with your family. With your support, Middle School students adjusted quickly to the transition to online learning. They are already back into the routine. Parent-Teacher conferences will take place this month from December 14-18. They will be held online or via phone. We will send more information regarding scheduling as the dates approach. We look forward to seeing you then. Have a safe and restful Winter Break!

1st & 2nd Grade

We are approaching the middle of the school year and we are all still adapting to the changes presented to us. First graders are on the road to becoming readers. The focus in phonics will be on consonant blends. In grammar, we will be focusing on nouns. First grade time will also spend time learning about 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 graphing. Second grade will be focusing on reading fables for accuracy and understanding. In math, we are continuing to understand place value and will begin learning how to add with regrouping. 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.





December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Early Release 12:30 End of 1st Semester	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1/1/2021 Happy New Year! Club Closed	1/2/2021

Parent/teacher Conferences 12/14-12/18

School Closed Winter Break
Club open 12/22-12/23
7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Club Open
7 a.m. -
3:00 p.m.

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Winter Break 12/21/2020 - 1/1/2021
Club Open 12/21/2020-12/24/2020
School Resumes 1/4/2021

December 2020

BREAKFAST MENU – BOYS AND GIRLS MESA



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Assorted Cereal w
crackers
Fruit of the day
Juice
Variety of Milk 7

Assorted Cereal w
crackers
Fruit of the day
Juice
Variety of Milk 14

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Pancakes w string
cheese
Fruit of the day
Juice
Variety of Milk 1

Assorted Muffin
Fruit of the day
Juice
Variety of Milk 8

Yogurt w crackers
Fruit of the day
Juice
Variety of Milk 15

W

Yogurt w crackers
Fruit of the day
Juice
Variety of Milk 2

Nutrigrain Bar
Fruit of the day
Juice
Variety of Milk 9

Pancakes w string
cheese
Fruit of the day
Juice
Variety of Milk 16

T

Assorted Muffin
Fruit of the day
Juice
Variety of Milk 3

Bagel w cream
cheese
Fruit of the day
Juice
Variety of Milk 10

Cinnamon Roll
Fruit of the day
Juice
Variety of Milk 17

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Biscuit and Jelly
crackers
Fruit of the day
Juice
Variety of Milk 4

Egg and Ham w
tortilla
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Juice
Variety of Milk 11

Chorizo and egg w
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LUNCH MENU – BOYS AND GIRLS MESA



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• Chicken Patty
Sandwich
• Hot Corn
• Fruit
• Variety Milk 7

• Hamburger
• Hot Corn
• Fruit
• Variety Milk 14

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Hot Dog
• Fresh Carrots
• Fruit of the day
• Variety of Milk 1

• Spaghetti w Meat
Sauce
• Hot Carrots
• Fruit of the day
• Variety Milk 8

• Beef mac and
cheese w roll
• Hot Carrots
• Fruit of the day
• Fruit
• Variety Milk 15

W

Chicken Fajitas
burrito
• Refried Beans
• Fruit of the day
• Variety Milk 2

• Chicken Quesadilla
• Refried Beans
• Fruit
• Variety Milk 9

• Beef picadillo
burrito
• Refried Beans
• Fruit
• Variety of Milk 16

T

• Chicken Nuggets w
roll
• Hot Green beans
• Fruit of the day
• Variety of Milk 3

• Turkey Hawaiian
Sub
• Hot Green beans
• Fruit of the day
• Variety of Milk 10

• Corn Dog
• Hot Green beans
• Fruit of the day
• Variety of Milk 17

F

• Pepperoni pizza
• Hot Broccoli
• Fruit of the day
• Variety Milk 4

• Pepperoni pizza
• Hot Broccoli
• Fruit of the day
• Variety Milk 11

• Pepperoni pizza
• Hot Broccoli
• Fruit of the day
• Variety Milk 18

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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.

CLUB NEWS



DECEMBER 2020

PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Fulton Homes & Kool FM 94.5 Toy Donation December 16th 5:00 - 6:00 PM Christmas Breakfast To Be Determined Positive Action/OJJDP Tuesday - Thursday 4:30 - 5:30 PM D-Backs RBI A free baseball program run by volunteer coaches through the Arizona Diamondbacks. Every Monday 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Lego Robotics Members will have the opportunity to build robots and compete against other clubs. Every Thursday 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	1 Gym: Reindeer Tag Art: Sparkly Snowflakes Discovery Lab: Snow Flake Watercolors Games Room: Among us Teen Center: Snowball Scoop	2 Gym: Elf Express Art: Pine Cone Tree Discovery Lab: Christmas Bingo Games Room: Charades Teen Center: Sugar Cookies	3 Gym: Hockey Shootout Art: Snow Globes Discovery Lab: Extreme Hopscotch Games Room: Ping Pong Teen Center: Hot Chocolate	4 Gym: Heads, Shoulders, Knees, & Cones Art: Rudolf Crafts Discovery Lab: Salt Snow Flakes Games Room: Meme Card Game Teen Center: Holiday Movie Day	 Grant Woods 221 W. 6th Ave. Mesa, AZ 85201 480.844.0963 After School Program Monday - Friday 3:00PM- 7:00PM Wednesday 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM \$60 Monthly fee <small>Payments are due by the 20th of the month, prior to the month of enrollment, and must be paid before a child attends the club. If the fees are not paid by the 25th, an automatic \$10 late fee will be added to the regular fee.</small> Open for Winter Break December 21 -23 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM December 24th Hours 7:00 AM - 3:00 PM Closed from December 25th to January 1st Branch Director: Jennifer Cummings Program Director: Jaime Fernandez Branch Administrative Coordinator: Maya Sabbagh	
	7 Gym: RBI Art: Salt Dough Ornaments Discovery Lab: Jingle Bell Maze Games Room: Corn Hole Teen Center: Holiday Chex Mix	8 Gym: S.A.N.T.A. Art: Build A Snowman Discovery Lab: Gum Drop Trees Games Room: Wii Sports Teen Center: Make Your Own Holiday Ornaments	9 Gym: Snowman Down Art: Make Your Own Christmas Tree Discovery Lab: Cup Bells Games Room: Fuse Ball Teen Center: Rice Krispie Christmas Tree	10 Gym: Snowball Run Art: Popsicle Stick Tree Discovery Lab: Santa Hat Knock Down Games Room: Ping Pong Teen Center: Make Your Own Ice Cream		11 Gym: Stocking Relay Art: Fake Snow Discovery Lab: Grinch's Heart Games Room: Pool Tournament Teen Center: Holiday Movie Day
	14 Gym: RBI Art: Christmas Coloring Pages Discovery Lab: Jingle Bell Maze Games Room: Lego House Competition Teen Center: Doughnut Decorating	15 Gym: "Snowball" Fight Art: Christmas Silhouette Art Discovery Lab: Snow Ball Launchers Games Room: 20 Questions Teen Center: Glow in the Dark Bowling	16 Gym: Jack Frost Tag Art: Build a Reindeer Discovery Lab: Cotton ball Candy Cane Games Room: Just Dance Wii Teen Center: Make Your Own Pizza	17 Gym: Snowman Says Art: Build an Elf Discovery Lab: Christmas Slime Games Room: Jenga Teen Center: Pool Challenge		18 *Payment due* Gym: Light the Candles Art: Christmas Slime Discovery Lab: Snow Globes Games Room: Corn Hole Tournament Teen Center: Holiday Movie Day
	21 Gym: RBI Art: Clothes Pin Snowman Discovery Lab: Beaded Candy Canes Games Room: Jenga Teen Center: Gingerbread House	22 Gym: North Pole V. South Pole Art: Sock Snowman Discovery Lab: Fake Snow Games Room: Among Us Teen Center: Gingerbread House	23 Gym: Build a Snowman Art: Christmas Ornaments Discovery Lab: Paper Plate Trees Games Room: Ping Pong Teen Center: Gingerbread House	24 Pajama Day Open from 7AM - 3PM		25 Club Closed for the Holidays
	28 Club Closed for the Holidays	29 Club Closed for the Holidays	30 Club Closed for the Holidays	31 Club Closed for the Holidays		Happy New Year Club Closed for the Holidays

CLUB NEWS

- Fulton Homes and KOOL FM Books and Toys giveaway
December 16, 2020 5:00pm-6pm
- Christmas Breakfast w/Santa TBD
- Club is open on December 24th 7-3 pm
and closed December 25, 2020
returning January 4, 2021
- Payments for January are due on December 20th.
\$10 late fee after the 23rd



- Mesa Arts Academy students who would like to come to the club need to have new membership forms filled out with updated numbers and parents must attend an orientation.

Basketball starts in January

