



A WORD FROM MRS. KOPERNO

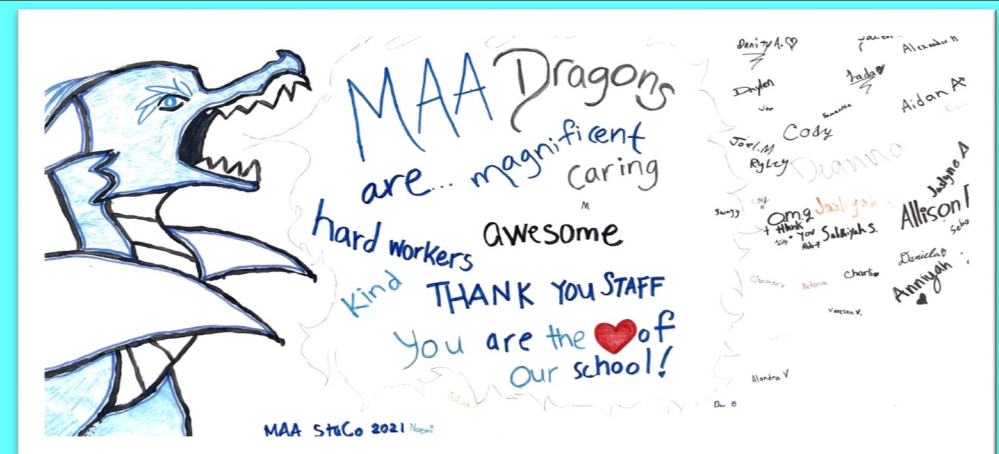
October is always a fun month at school...we'll be diving into all things Fall as we gear up to the busy holiday season. October is Red Ribbon month. The end of October (October 23-31) became formalized as Red Ribbon Week in 1988 by a proclamation of the United States Congress. Red Ribbon Week activities are organized each October by tens of thousands of schools, government agencies, and social service organizations. The main purpose of Red Ribbon Week is to celebrate and promote positive choices and healthy, drug free lifestyles for young people and adults in the United States. MAA always celebrates Red Ribbon week with fun activities. Details will follow.

Students in all grades, may choose to wear costumes to school on October 29th. Please note that children are not permitted to wear scary costumes or masks, bring sharp edged props such as sticks, swords, knives, weapons, have bare midriffs, feature blood and gore, etc.

Fall Break: There is no school October 4th-8th.

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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>

Kindergarten

As another month is concluding, we are still excited to continue to get to know each other in the classroom while learning. Students are diving into the curriculum, exploring new concepts through activities, songs, manipulatives and more! We are continuing to review rules and procedures to ensure a safe and smooth classroom environment. I encourage all families to continue reading at home with their children. If families are interested in donating to our classroom we are always in need of packaged and nut-free snacks, Lysol wipes, Kleenex, and water bottles. I appreciate your participation and support for our classroom!

1st & 2nd Grade

Wow! October is here; the beginning of the year flew by. The students have been working very hard and have learned a great deal. In reading, 1st and 2nd grade students will continue learning new sight words and using phonics skills to decode and spell words carefully. Please remember students should be reading at least 15 minutes every night. In math, the first graders will continue to strengthen their math skills with addition and subtraction problems. Second graders will continue exploring place value up to 999. In writing, the students are writing sentences with correct punctuation, capitalization and word spacing.

We really enjoyed getting to visit with you at parent-teacher conferences. We appreciate all your support in making this year a successful year of learning for your child.

3rd—5th Grade

Happy October! It was great seeing everyone at Parent Teacher Conferences. Third grade will be reading our unit on animal adaptations and will be starting patterns and multiplication. Fourth grade will be adding and subtracting whole numbers, working on the literary unit Characters Actions and Reactions, learning about the water cycle and earth's systems, and researching ancient Native Americans in the U.S. Fifth grade will continue working with decimals and fractions, and will be moving on to a Civics unit. Have a wonderful Fall Break!

6th - 8th grade

We hope you had a restful break. It was a pleasure seeing you at conferences. We are so proud of the Middle School students' hard work, dedication, and progress. We look forward to their continued growth in quarter 2, and are committed to providing them with even more opportunities to shine! Please make sure to follow up on tutoring or other arrangements that have been made to ensure your child's success at school. October 25-29 is Red Ribbon Week. Flyers will be sent home detailing ways students can participate. Thank you for all your support!




October 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Early Release 12:30 pm	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
October Break -Club Open - School Office Closed						
10	11	12 After School Musical Rehearsals 3:30-5:30	13	14 Dress Down Fundraiser	15	16
17	18	19 After School Musical Rehearsals 3:30-5:30 MAAPO Meeting 5:30	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 After School Musical Rehearsals 3:30-5:30	27	28 Silent Auction/ MAAPO Family Dinner Custom Contest	29	30
31	Red Ribbon Week 10/23-10/31					

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

October Birthdays

<u>Kinder</u> Alondra M	<u>4th</u> Lauren B Lyona V
<u>2nd</u> Ryker B Jose C Javiera S	<u>5th</u> Adora S
<u>3rd</u> Isai C Brandon H Benjamin I Jonathan L Mariyah M Kristalynn R	<u>6th</u> Misael G Rafael R Vanessa V
	<u>7th</u> Dani B Anniyah M Javaris R



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ARTS DEPARTMENT


Kinder, 1st, 2nd
Tuesday, December 7th
Tuesday, May 10th

6th, 7th, 8th Band, Guitar, Dance
Tuesday, December 14th
Tuesday, May 3rd

6th, 7th, 8th Visual Arts, STEAM, Photo
Wednesday, November 17th
Wednesday, April 27th

3rd, 4th, 5th
Thursday, December 9th
Thursday, May 5th

Your student will receive more show information in their music and art class regarding these events.



SPRING MUSICAL

Congratulations to those students who auditioned for our After School Musical, "Press Start! The Musical." It takes A LOT of courage to audition for something and just by putting yourself out there, you have shown your commitment to the arts! Congratulations! Our cast has already begun working.

*Be sure to save the date: **Thursday, January 20th**, at the Mesa Arts Center! The show will begin at 6pm.*

PRESS START THE MUSICAL CAST

Danitza S. 5th- Young Adventurer	Cody G. 7th- Marco
Dani B. 7th- Speedy The Hedgehog	Riley O. 4th- Mega Kid
Lluvia G. 4th- Karate Girl	Sebastian A. 5th- Karate Guy
Gage B. 5th- John Elway	Anniyah M. 7th- Spikey Turtle
Julian V. 6th- Mad Scientist	Violet K. 6th- Evil Robot
Jonathan L. 3rd- Slimy Alien	Yoselin M. 5th- Generic Ghost
EP M. 3rd- Zombie	Noemi A. 6th- Princess Pomegranate
Caden M. 4th- Lorenzo	Aaron S. 4th- Helpful Dinosaur
Leyla M. 4th- Fairy Guide	Aubrey R. 4th- Magic Genie
Jayden C. 5th- Paws The Fox	Ben H. 5th- K9
Emily C. 5th- Little Mushroom	Jada W. 6th- Pac Anne
Ruby H. 5th- Angry Bird	Bryanna L. 5th- Square Builder Eve
Iohuni S. 5th- Giuseppe	

News from MAAPO – Your Parent Organization

Thank you to all the parents who attended the September Parents Meeting. We had 2 parents win the attendance drawing. They each received a \$10 gift card and their student(s) won a free dress down day!

Our next parent meeting will be on 10/19/2021 at 5:30 pm at the school.

Save the Dates:

10/14 – Dress Down Day – Grades K-5 \$2

10/19 – Bake Sale – Afterschool – Donations needed (more info to come) Items will be \$.50 - \$1.00. Leftover items will be available for parent purchase at the All Parent Meeting at 5:30pm

10/19 – All Parent Meeting – 5:30 pm at the school

10/28 – Family Dinner Costume Contest Party – 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm at school – MAAPO will be providing dinner for the whole family!

We will be having a silent auction fundraiser! There will be awesome items and activities for you to bid on to help raise money for the school and our kids!



We will also be having a costume contest! More information will be coming about this awesome, family fun filled event!



Participating in MAAPO events count toward 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.

LIMIT THE SUN BUT NOT THE FUN! BE "SUNWISE!"



Use Sunscreen Every Day!

Even on cloudy days, the sun's rays can damage your skin. Wear sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher. Apply 15 minutes before going outside and reapply every 2 ½ hours or sooner if perspiring or engaging in water activities. Wearing sunscreen every day is as important as brushing your teeth!



Wear a Hat and Lip Balm!

A hat with a wide brim offers good protection for your scalp, ears, face and the back of your neck. The bigger the brim, the better the protection. Protect lips with SPF 15+ balm.



Wear Sunglasses!

Sunglasses reduce sun exposure that can damage your eyes and lead to cataracts. Check the label and choose sunglasses that block at least 90% of UVA and UVB rays.



Cover Up!

Wear long sleeves and pants if possible to protect your skin when playing or working outdoors. Darker colors and fabric with a tight weave provide the most protection.



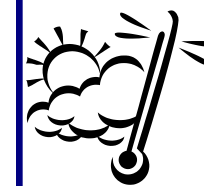
Limit Time in the Midday Sun!

Limit your outdoor activities when the UV rays are the strongest and most damaging (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Remember: Watch Your Shadow--No Shadow, Seek Shade!



Seek Shade!

Find something fun that doesn't involve the direct sun. Look for shade under a tree, a ramada or find an indoor activity inside a gym, library or classroom during peak UV.



Check the daily UV Index!

Did you know you can check the intensity of the sun's rays every day? The ultraviolet or UV index is a way of measuring the sun's radiation level. The scale is from 1 to 10. The higher the UV, the more careful you should be. A day with a UV rating of 10 requires more protection than a day with a rating of 1.



Avoid Sun Lamps and Tanning Booths!

These artificial sources of UV light can cause as much damage as the sun's UV rays. Remember, there is no such thing as a safe tan. To get a tan, skin damage has to occur!