

Remembering Grant Woods



Beyond his remarkable legal and political career, Grant Woods was dedicated to his community, especially his hometown, Mesa. We have lost a true statesman.

Grant's love of sports, arts, and writing was renowned and the Clubs brought those interests together for youth. He was the founding President of the East Valley Boys & Girls Clubs and the Mesa Education Foundation. He was the founding President of the Mesa branch of the Boys & Girls Club, which was named in his honor in 1994 - the Grant Woods Boys & Girls Club.

His passion and legacy to Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley is immense and continues to make a great impact on youth. Our Boys & Girls Clubs family extends our most heartfelt condolences to the Woods family.

At the request of the Woods family, donations can be made to Boys & Girls Clubs to continue Grant's work for youth and teens.

CLUB NEWS

- A reminder that there is no parking at the curb in front of the entrance to the club, parents must find a parking spot to park their car when they are picking up their child(ren).
- Due to our Safe Passage policy, an adult must come in to pick up a club member and stay at the entrance of the club until their child is released to them. The only time a member can leave the building without an adult is if they are 14 or older and have a signed Safe Passage Waiver, are accompanied by a sibling who is 14 or older with a Safe Passage waiver, and are in possession of a yellow club card. Parents/Guardians cannot return to their car, and have their child walk through the parking lot to their car without an adult accompanying them.



<u>KG</u>				
Aaron A.	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>
Lilian M.	Marcos E.R.	Peyton A	Sarai L.S.	Joseph C.
Silvia B.	Adam C.	Thiago M.A.	Kennedi D.	<u>7th</u>
		Quasar	Gianna D.	Jaaliyah F.
				<u>8th</u>
				Alondra V.



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A word from Mrs. Koperno

I would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving and a terrific holiday season. Over the next weeks, I am sure many of you will be busy preparing for family and friends to visit. As this holiday season progresses, it is important to keep in mind how the interruptions of the holidays impact the students. We would ask that you take an extra moment to help your child focus and stay on task with schoolwork while enjoying this time of year.

We have supportive parents and community, with a giving and engaged MAAPO at the forefront, to which we all say thank you for everything you do to make MAA 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 challenging us to become better people. They are why we are here every day!

We are always looking to keep our students safe and healthy in school. Please note that children must remain home until they are fever-free for a full 24 hours without medication for any illness. Please check your children before they leave for school in the morning and keep them home if they are ill, especially with fever. Please be reminded not give them medication for fever and then send them to school, as fever can indicate a contagious stage, potentially affecting others. We will continue to require masks for all students, visitors, and staff indoors (regardless of vaccination status).

Winter showcases are coming up; check the calendar in this newsletter for dates and times. I am looking forward to seeing all of our talented students.

How the Arizona Tax Credit Works

When you file your Arizona taxes, you can claim a dollar-for-dollar Arizona Charitable Tax Credit that will either reduce your tax liability or increase your refund.

2 Ways 2 Give

1. **Qualifying Charitable Organization Tax Credit, single filers maximum gift \$400 and married filers up to \$800. Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley, Arizona State QCO Code: 20331 on AZDOR Form 321**
2. **Public School Tax Credit, single filers maximum gift \$200 and married filers up to \$400. Mesa Arts Academy, School Tax Credit TDS Code: 078613101 on AZDOR Form 322**

FOR EXAMPLE:

If a couple owes a \$1,000 in state income tax, and donates \$800, they may subtract the \$800 from their tax bill and pay the state only \$200

If they owe NOTHING in Arizona state income taxes, and donate \$800, they will get a refund of at least \$800 back from the state — what a great way to give to BGCAZ AND get money back, dollar for dollar!

GREAT NEWS!

The Tax Credit is available to you even if you do not itemize your deductions on your taxes. And you can take advantage of BOTH tax credits.

If you make your direct contribution to Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley, or Mesa Arts Academy, it must be received prior to your tax filing.

Kinder

Kindergarten had so much fun celebrating the month of October. As this is my favorite month, I have enjoyed decorating the classroom for the kids and celebrating with crafts and Halloween themed activities. In reading, students are exploring poems and fictional stories. Please make sure to reinforce learning by reading to your children at home. In

math class, we have been working on double digit numbers and putting them in order from least to greatest. Our class has made so much progress already and I am so proud! I'd like to thank the families who have donated snacks and other useful goods such as kleenex, water, and Lysol wipes. We appreciate it so much! Let's keep up the hard work and continue having a great year!

1st & 2nd

First and second grade have been making great progress in their reading! Thank you for your support at home. It is making a great difference! In first grade, students will be studying many kinds of characters. They will strengthen their phonics skills by reading every day. First grade students will be learning how to add using doubles and then adding on. In second grade, students will begin

studying fables. In math, students will continue their learning in place value and will start working on adding up to three and four numbers at once.



3rd, 4th & 5th We hope everyone had a wonderful fall break! Please remind your child to practice their math facts and read every night. Third grade will be continuing multiplication and division in math and main idea and supporting details in ELA. Fourth grade is starting fractions in math and

a unit on government in reading. In science, they will be working with crayfish and learning about animal adaptations. Fifth grade is continuing to work with decimals in math and a civics unit for reading and social studies. Have a wonderful, restful Thanksgiving Break.

Midddel School

We are already halfway through the second quarter and it is time for progress reports. Progress reports will be sent home the week of November 8. Please review your child's progress and email or call with any questions. Morning and after-school interventions are well under way. Thank you, parents, for your flexibility while we refined the

intervention schedule. If you have any questions pertaining to interventions, please email your child's homeroom teacher. Galileo testing for ELA and Math will take place Tuesday, November 2, and Tuesday, November 9. Please do not schedule any morning appointments for your child on those days. Have an enjoyable Thanksgiving Break, and savor that time with your family .

NOVEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 After School Musical Rehearsals 3:30-5:30	3	4	5 Photo Retakes	6
7	8	9 After School Musical Rehearsals 3:30-5:30	10 MAAPO No Uniform Fundraiser	11 Veterans Day No School Club and Office Open Club Hours 7:00am-6:00pm	12	13
14	15	16 After School Musical Rehearsals 3:30-5:30 MAAPO Meeting	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 After School Musical Rehearsals 3:30-5:30	24 No School Club Open Club Hours 7:00am-6:00pm	25	26	27
28	29	30 After School Musical Rehearsals 3:30-5:30				

Closed Thanksgiving Day



ARTS

Winter Performance Dates:

5th Grade: December 7th and 9th at 6:00pm.

These students may stay after school if they choose. Pizza will be provided both nights for students who choose to stay. Students who go home must return by 5:15pm. These are required performances and each student plays an important role in the show.

3rd and 4th Grade: December 9th at 6:00pm.

Students must arrive back on campus at 5:15pm. Students may not stay after school unless they attend the club. This is a required performances and each student plays an important role in the show.

K, 1st, and 2nd Grade: December 7th at 6:00pm.

Students must arrive back on campus at 5:15pm. Students may not stay after school unless they attend the club. This is a required performance and each student plays an important role in the show.

6th-8th Band, Dance, and Guitar classes only: December 14th at 6:00pm

Students must arrive back on campus at 5:15pm. Students may not stay after school unless they attend the club. This is a required performance and each student plays an important role in the show.

Greeting from MAAPO!

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our party on 10/28. We had a great turn out and were able to raise over \$800 with the silent auction fundraiser!

Important dates for November:

Thursday, 11/10/2021 – Dress down Day

Tuesday, 11/16/2021 – All parent meeting

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!
Your MAAPO Presidency,



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.

Mesa Arts Academy Presents...

Gallery Night:
One World



What: MAA presents One World, an art gallery displaying K-5 and Middle School (STEAM, Visual Arts, and Photography) electives art work.

COVID-19 Precautions: This is a come & go event. Please arrive wearing a mask any time between 4 and 6pm. We will be limiting the number of guests in the gallery for your safety. In the case that we have a high turn out, there may be a wait time. Thank you for your patience while participating in this event. There will be a virtual viewing option for those who can not attend in person.

When: November 17, 4:00 - 6:00pm

Where: Mesa Arts Academy (Small Gym)

Dress Code: This is a semi-formal art gallery. Please dress your best to come view the amazing works of art.

Refreshments: There will be a reception after the event where we will be serving cookies and refreshments.

Masks are required

Donations

Below is a list of items that are **needed throughout the year**.
If you are able to donate any of these items we would greatly appreciate it.

Thank-you!

Kleenex Hand Sanitizer Baby Wipes
Bottled Water Disposable Masks all sizes Ziploc Bags
Lysol Wipes

Mesa Arts Academy
says No to Drugs and
Bullies!



DRUGS•GANGS•CRIME•BULLYING
JUST SAY NO!



is it
BULLYING?

When someone says or does something
unintentionally hurtful
and they do it once, that's
RUDE.

When someone says or does something
intentionally hurtful
and they do it once, that's
MEAN.

When someone says or does something
intentionally hurtful and they *keep doing it*—
even when you tell them to stop or show
them that you're upset—that's
BULLYING