

## CLUB NEWS

- Grant Woods would like to welcome our New Program Director Celeste Izguerra.
  - **During school after-school events, all club restrooms are closed to the public.**
  - Members that are attending events with parents or guardians, must scan out of the club and may not come back into the club unless a parent is present.
  - The club will be open at 12:00 pm for early release on 12/17/21.
  - Club Christmas party 12/17/21 from 4 pm-6 pm. (for members only, no parents)
  - Basketball 3vs3 league registration begins 12/6/21. It will also be available online for a fee of \$40.00. There will be two divisions, Rookie 3rd - 5th and Cadets 6th-8th. Practice will begin the first week in January.
  - Winter Break 12/20/21-12-23-21. Hours 7 am-6 pm.
  - Payments are due on 12/20/21 for January After School Program. The late fee applies after the 25th.
  - The Club will be closed for the holidays 12/27/21-1/3/22 .
- Members must be current to return on 1/3/21.



### A WORD FROM MRS. KOPERNO

As we begin December, I look back and think: how quickly the school year has gone by so far! I would like to thank each and every one of you for your patience and support these first few months while we work on rebuilding our community after a long year and a half of virtual/ hybrid learning. I truly love the wonderful families and community that we have at MAA.

We know that the holiday season is a hectic one, where people can be coming and going, always in a rush. However, as a community, we have to be sure that we are paying attention to what matters most - the safety of our children. That is why we wanted to take some time to remind our families of a few of the protocols we have in place to help us ensure student safety. We know these protocols may take a few extra moments, but in the end, they are worth the time they take.

- First, please be prepared to answer a few important questions when entering MAA, and be prepared to show identification for the purpose of dismissing or speaking with your child. We do have some new staff and they are trained to ask for ID.

- If your child is going to be absent or late, please inform the school as soon as possible. If we do not hear from a parent or guardian, the school will need to contact you; please be sure we have the correct phone number on file.

- Lastly, if you call the school and ask for information regarding your child, please be prepared to wait or even receive a call back. We cannot share any information over the phone until we have confirmed who we are speaking with, ensuring we have authorization from the parent or guardian to communicate with the person requesting the information.

our holiday shows. Please see the calendar for dates and times.

Again, thank you for all you do to help make MAA such a success. Always remember that as a school community, we are here for you. As always, if you have any questions feel free to call the main office at 480-844-3965.

I hope to see everyone at

### 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 MAA 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. Plus 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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Colorguard Rehearsal 3:30-5:30 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 
<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Grades K-2 Winter Performance 6:00 pm Wood Gym	<b>8</b> MAAPO No Uniform Fundraiser Advanced Music Performance MCC 7:00pm	<b>9</b> Grades 3-5 Winter Performance 6:00 pm Wood Gym	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 
<b>12</b> 	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Elective Winter Showcase 6-8th 6:00pm Wood Gym	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Colorguard Rehearsal 3:30-5:30 pm	<b>17</b> Early Release end of Semester 12:30 Release	<b>18</b>
Photography Class Winter Grams Fundraiser						
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Christmas Day 
Winter Break School Closed Club Open 12/20/2021 7:00-am-					<b>24</b> Club Closed	
<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	Happy New Year 2022!
School & Club Closed 12/20/2021-12/24/2021						



## Great Job Students!



## GALLERY NIGHT ONE WORLD!



## Mesa Police Department Thanksgiving Dinner



# ARTS DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

## Winter Performances

### HOW TO TRAIN YOUR REINDEER!



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

Students who are on the list will need to stay after school and will have pizza for dinner both nights. All other students may arrive at 5:15pm. Students who go home must return by 5:15pm. These are 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.

**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.

**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.



## AFTERSCHOOL MUSICAL

*Save the date:*


*"Press Start! The Musical."*  
Wednesday, January 19th,

***Guild of the Vale***

*200 N Macdonald Mesa, AZ 85201*

*There will be two shows, 4:00-5:00 pm 6:30-7:30 pm*





## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

KG	4th
Pablo H.C.	Jayden M.
Aliyanna N.	Yessi C.C.
Messiah C.	Adrian C.
1st	5th
Moises C.C.	Derek R.
Jazmin O.S.	Fernando T.
2nd	Gage B.
Alicia A.	6th
Tayla L.	Cesar B.A.
Vinecia W.	Ariathna L.S.
3rd	7th
Damian R.	Livi B.
Teaghan A.	8th
Braxton J.G.	Victoria D.V.
Gage B.	Claudia L.C.
	Priscilla C.

Hello from MAAPO!

December is an exciting month! We have the upcoming school performances followed by a winter break!

This year MAAPO will be selling flowers and balloons at the performances. We are in need of volunteers to help with the sales after the performances. We will be sending home a volunteer sign-up sheet soon.



Dress down day will be December 8th.

The next ALL PARENTS meeting will be on January 11th. We will be discussing the Spring Carnival! Please come and get involved. Share your ideas and get to know other parents. We look forward to seeing you there!



Have a safe and happy holiday season!

## *Buy a Winter Gram*

to send to your child or teacher!

**ONLY 50 Cents**

Winter grams will be on sale before school from  
December 13th –16th.

Delivery will take place the next morning.



*Proceeds benefit our Photo Class!*

