

- 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.







#### 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.

Please see the calendar for dates and times.

our holiday shows.

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**

emy, School Tax Credit TDS Code: 078613101 on AZDOR Form 322

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 Acad-

#### 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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December is here and we are so excited to get into the Christmas spirit! We are lucky to have the Mesa Police visiting our classroom on December 17th to help us celebrate. Along with Holiday festivities, we will continue to learn and practice our usual school content. I encourage everyone to practice reading at home and working on writing. Students are now writing their full name, so it is important that they practice this daily at school and at home. I also want to mention that your student's health is a priority to us and we are continuing to practice safe measures in our classroom. This includes sanitizing desks, temperature checks, handwashing, and keeping our hands to ourselves. We run out of supplies fast so we highly appreciate donations from families! We are always in need of Clorox wipes, Kleenex, water bottles, and packaged nut- free snacks. Thank you for your support and we hope to have a wonderful month!

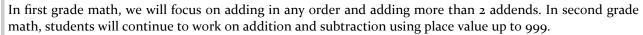
### 1st & 2nd Grade











In first and second grade Social Studies, we will be studying about different holidays around the world. We are looking forward to winter break and hope you all have a wonderful 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. Also, please sign their agenda every night. Thank you for all your support!

#### 3rd—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 texts. 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 multiplication, division, and "Fraction Friday" in math. They will be finishing our Characters' Actions unit in ELA and working with magnets and electricity in science. Fifth grade will be learning about some exciting things this month! In science, they will be learning more about the water cycle and discovering the order of operations and division of decimals in math. For language arts, fifth graders will be studying poetry, and in social studies they are learning about the Declaration of Independence and The Constitution. Have a wonderful and restful break!







## 6th - 8th grade

Happy holidays from the Middle School teaching staff. As we reflect on half a year already behind us, we are able to see the hard work we have been putting into filling in learning gaps while balancing the social and emotional wellness of our students. Even though we haven't been able to have our REACH assemblies and large gatherings on campus, being back in the classroom has been wonderful. The implementation of "Fun Fridays" has been an incentive for our students to focus on making the right choices. So far, we have been able to see a change. We appreciate all of the support you give your child and our program.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	Colorguard Rehearsal 3:30-5:30 pm	3	4
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## **Great Job Students!**









# GALLERY NIGHT ONE WORLD!







Mesa Police Department Thanksgiving Dinner

















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## ARYS DEPARYMENT

## 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

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

KG

Pablo H.C.

Aliyanna N.

Messiah C.

lst

Moises C.C.

Jazmin O.S.

2nd

Alicia A.

Tayla L.

Vinecia W.

3rd

Damian R.

Teaghan A.

Braxton J.G.

Gage B.

4th

Jay<mark>den M</mark>.

Yessi C.C.

Adrian C.

5th

Derek R.

Fernando T.

Ga<mark>ge B.</mark>

6th

Cesar B.A.

Ariathna L.S.

7th

Livi B.

8th

Victoria D.V.

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!