

A WORD FROM MRS. KOPERNO

We hope that the new year has started off well for all of you. We are busy with learning and activities every day here at Mesa Arts Academy.

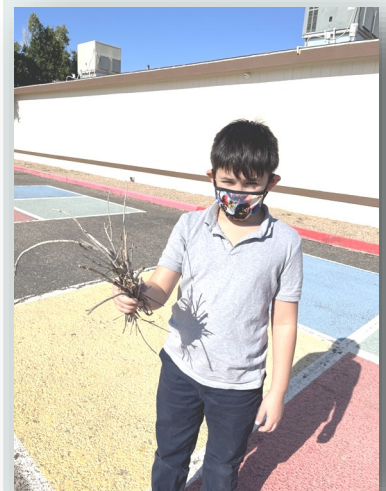
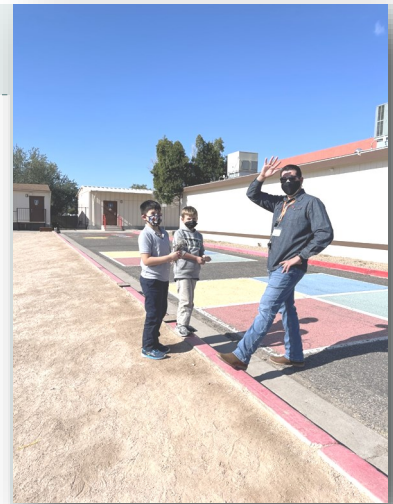
Our focus remains to cultivate a positive climate and create the best learning environment possible. High quality instruction and student learning are our highest priorities. Everything that we do at Mesa Arts Academy is designed to help students learn in all areas and be successful well beyond their time here. Once again, that partnership between school and home is a key ingredient for student success. With that said, we hope that your students are feeling safe and supported. This is an interesting time in their lives and development, and can be challenging at times. If you have questions and or concerns, we want to hear from you.

It is hard to believe that we have passed the half-way point of the year. Students are settled into routines and understand our school-wide expectations. Teachers have worked hard to create meaningful learning opportunities and teach school-wide behavior expectations. Consistency and predictability are key factors for student success, as well as a calm learning environment to better focus on learning.

A reminder about attendance: School begins at 7:30 am every day. When your child is late, they miss valuable time with their classmates and teacher. Many teachers use this time for team and community building. After 7:45 am, parents are required to sign their child in at the front office.

We're fortunate to work with your students every day. Thank you for allowing us to play a role in their development.

Miranda Koperno



Kindergarten -Happy February! It is hard to believe that we have already reached the second half of the school year. I am so proud of how the class has progressed thus far, and I look forward to watching them continue to grow. The best way to help support their learning at home is to read with them daily. I am going to start sending students home

with emergent readers so please check their backpack for these. I want to thank all of the families who have donated items to the class. We are always in need of donations and this month specifically we are in need of Clorox wipes and water bottles. I appreciate all of your support and I look forward to having a great month.

1st-2nd Grade Our first grade class is moving right along with the reading program. Please watch for “lightning words” and spelling words that are sent home each Monday, and practice them throughout the week. Thank you for your support in helping your child study for the spelling tests. The students are well on their way to becoming successful readers. Please remember to read every day for at least 15 minutes. In math, first graders are working hard using different strategies to find missing addends.

In second grade, students will continue their learning in regrouping with addition up to the number 999. They will do lots of practice with manipulatives, whiteboards, and paper/pencil. PLEASE remember to have your child read EVERY night. There are only a handful of second grade students that are turning in their reading logs on Fridays. Students should read for at least 15 minutes Monday - Thursday. Also, it is very important that you sign your child's agenda nightly. This is a great way to communicate and see how your child's day went.

3rd-5th Grade Hard to believe that it's already February! Third grade is finishing up division and moving on to fractions in Math. For ELA, students will continue working on opinion writing and reading folktales. Fourth graders will be working on multiplication, measurement, and fractions. In Science, they will be learning about magnets and electricity. Fourth grade also has NAEP testing on February 21! In fifth grade, students will be writing biographies and getting ready for the Wax Museum this month. Also, in science, they will begin an Earth and Space unit. Please continue to read and practice math facts at home!



MIDDLE SCHOOL

The second semester is a time of change and growth. Middle School students continue to work through this tough year with their minds focused on the end goal of moving up a grade level. For the families of eighth-grade students, once you have selected a high school, make sure you go to the high school website and download the enrollment packet. Students will be Galileo testing mid-month. On the 18th, they will have a fun Field Day. Look for Parent Teacher conference appointment requests around the third week; conferences will be the first week of March. Thank you as always for your support.



Save the Date!!!

End of the Year Performance

May 3rd- Middle School Showcase

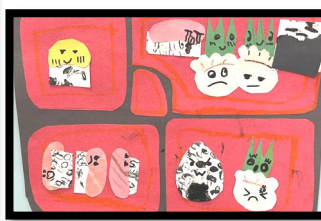
May 5th- 3-5 Showcase

May 10th- K-2 Showcase



Art Gallery Night

April 27th K-8th Grade



CLUB NEWS

- Payments are due on the 20th of every month. After the 25th a \$10.00 late registration fee will be added to the amount owed.
- E-sports will return to the Club with opportunities to compete and attend the Gamerthon Tournament in March. More information to come soon.
- Spring Break March 7-11



MESA ARTS ACADEMY PARENT ORGANIZATION

Happy February!

Our t-shirt sales are underway! We should be having them printed and delivered soon! If you did not pre-order your shirts, there is still time! Please turn in the order form as we are trying to ensure we get enough of the correct sizes. We want to congratulate the winner of the design contest, Alondra V. in 8th grade.

Important dates for February:

MAAPO - all parent meeting - Tuesday, 2/15

Dress down day (grades K-5) - Thursday, 2/10
(\$2.00)

We look forward to seeing you on the 15th!

Your MAAPO Presidency,

Shawndel Graves
Bri Silva

Joaquin Jordan
Nicole Sain



Alondra V.




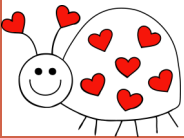

Yearbook Pre-Sale

**2021-2022 yearbooks are on sale until
March 18th for \$13.00, price after
March 19th, \$15.00**



February 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 	2 Groundhog Day	3 Colorguard Practice 3:30-5:30 Advanced Music Ensemble 3:30-4:00	4 Cavity Free AZ Presentation 2nd 3rd and 6th Grade 	5
6	7	8 After School Musical Dress Rehearsal	9  Two shows 4:00 and 6:30	10 Colorguard Practice 3:30-5:30 Advanced Music Ensemble 3:30-5:00 Dress Down Fundraiser	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday
Friendship Grams Photography Fundraiser						
13	14 Happy Valentine's Day 	15 MAAPO Meeting 5:30-6:15	16	17 Colorguard Practice 3:30-5:30 Advanced Music Ensemble 3:30-4:00 Fieldtrip Grades 6-8 NAEP 4th Grade	18 Colorguard Performance @ Williams Field High School Field Day 6th-8th Grade	19
20	21 No School President's Day Club and Office Closed 	22	23	24 Colorguard Practice 3:30-5:30 Advanced Music Ensemble 3:30-4:00 Math Night 5:30	25	26
27	28	1 March	2 March	3 March Spring Photos	4 End of 3rd Quarter Early Release 12:30	5
Early Release 2:00pm						
Parent/teacher Conferences 2/28/2022 –3/4/2022					Spring Break 3/7-3/11	



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CHILD CRISIS ARIZONA VIRTUAL CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

Spring 2022

A Guide to Healthy Teen Dating

Walk away with a better understanding of how to influence your teen to have healthy teen dating relationships while also learning the signs of dating violence. This workshop is recommended for parents with children as young as 11-years.

TUESDAY • 4/5 • 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Adverse Childhood Experiences – Extended 3 Part Series

This three part class series will provide: an overview of what ACEs mean, including the short and long term impact of ACEs; guidance on trauma and toxic stress's connection to development and behaviors; strategies to build resiliency and promote post traumatic growth.

THURSDAYS • 2/24, 3/3 & 3/10 • 6 to 8 p.m.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY • 5/23, 5/25 & 5/27 • 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Anger Management for Fathers

Parenting class for men exploring the root causes of anger, recognizing unhealthy images about masculinity, enhancing personal communication skills, and increasing understanding of stress while applying effective coping strategies.

TUESDAYS • 1/18- 2/22 • 6 to 8 p.m.

Anger Management for Children

Learn skills and techniques to help your child with their own anger management. Typically taught as a parent and child program, this session will be for parents only.

WEDNESDAYS • 5/4 & 5/11 • 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Bullying; Signs, Symptoms & Solutions

A bully is defined as an individual who seeks out others that are viewed as vulnerable, with intent to cause harm. Bullying is a reality for our youth, and it's important to know signs and strategies to support those who are bullying and being bullied.

WEDNESDAY • 3/23 • 6 to 8 p.m.

Car Seat Safety

Let's talk about car seat safety! A Certified Car Seat Technician will provide instruction and information and you will learn all about your children being safe while they ride in your car. Car seats will be provided to participants that qualify.

WEDNESDAY • 1/19 • 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

TUESDAY • 3/15 • 6 to 8 p.m.

MONDAY • 4/25 • 6 to 8 p.m.

TUESDAY • 5/24 • 6 to 8 p.m.

Child Development

An overview of developmentally appropriate physical, cognitive, social and emotional milestones from birth to 11-years. Learn how to help address key features within each developmental stage.

WEDNESDAY • 1/12 • 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

TUESDAY • 4/12 • 6 to 8 p.m.

Coparenting: Children in Between

This skill based program will help parents deal with their children's reactions to divorce in a positive and healthy way. Divorcing parents often increase the stress and anxiety their children experience by unknowingly putting them in the middle of a variety of personal, social, and nancial issues. Walk away with activities you can do with your child, tools for improved communication, and positive ways to co-parent. \$15 book fee.

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY • 2/28 & 3/2 • 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

MONDAYS • 3/28 & 4/4 • 6 to 8 p.m.

Conscious Discipline

Conscious Discipline is an evidence-based, trauma-informed approach to parenting. Learn ways to manage your emotions while helping your child manage their emotions, leading to a stronger parent-child relationship. Learn ways to problem solve during difficult behaviors and use effective consequences as a parent. This program will focus on your child's social and emotional learning.

THURSDAYS • 2/10 & 2/17 • 6 to 8 p.m.

TUESDAY & THURSDAY • 4/26 & 4/28 • 10 a.m. to 12p.m.

Diet & Nutrition Today

Are carbs bad? Is fat bad? Does today's latest nutrition information leave you with more questions than answers? In this short course we will learn all the basics about human nutrition and specifically look at how and what to eat to promote lasting health for you and your family.

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY • 3/7 & 3/9 • 10 to 11:30 a.m.

All classes are hosted on Zoom and require video capabilities. Meeting information will be shared once registration is complete. Programming is live and cannot be viewed outside the scheduled session.

Pre-Register online at

register.communitypass.net/ChildCrisisArizona



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You can connect with the School, MAA and the Club all on Facebook!

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MAAPO: <http://www.facebook.com/>



[MesaArtsAcademyParentOrganization](http://www.facebook.com/MesaArtsAcademyParentOrganization)

Grant Woods Branch: <http://www.facebook.com/>



Participating in MAAPO events count toward required 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.

Monday, February 21st



No School

Club and Office Closed

For more virtual and in-person classes visit Child Crisis Arizona at <https://childcrisisaz.org/>

Spanish

<https://childcrisisaz.org/cursos-espanol/>

February 2022

*You are
Invited!*

*to wish everyone
a Happy Birthday!*

KG Gabriel V. 1st Noell P.

2nd

Jennicka V.

Mateo H.

Sarai R.

5th

Emily C.

Ben H.

3rd

Kian P.

EP M.

6th

Sebastian T.

4th

Marcus S.M.

7th

Cody G.

Daniela S. P

Kamora M

8th

Valeria (Esme) M. Clarissa G.V.

