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### A word from Mrs. Koperno

We have reached the countdown to our high stakes testing! All 3rd - 8th grade students will participate in the computerized version of the AASA state assessment. Our 5th and 8th grade students will also take the computerized version of the AASA Science assessment. We will begin the testing process on Tuesday, April 5th. Teachers will need your support so that your children do as well as they possibly can on the tests. Please check the calendar and ensure that your children are in attendance and on time the days they will be testing. Students who do make-up testing don't do as well as those who test with their class.

We will do our best to maintain a positive environment on campus during testing. You can help by getting students to school every day on time. Be sure they are well rested and have a positive attitude. They will have many additional breaks throughout the day. We will provide every student who is testing with a good breakfast and snacks. Teachers may ask you to help with this by providing donations of healthy snacks. Together we can turn this testing into a positive experience.

Remind your children that they are ready for these tests and that you have confidence in their abilities to do well! That is, perhaps, the best thing you can do for your children during this critical assessment time. We believe in them and so should you.

Thank you so much for your support!

Please check your student's binder for the Advanced Enrollment Form for Returning Students and Siblings.

Returning students have priority for available spaces for the 2022-2023 school year, but you must notify us that you are returning.

Please return your completed form by April 4, 2022 to ensure your placement.

### Parent Reminder!

All students at Mesa Arts Academy qualify for breakfast and lunch at NO cost!

Breakfast is served from 7:30am-8:00am in the cafeteria.

Lunch 11:00am-12:45pm in the cafeteria.

### AASA Testing Schedule

All students must be at school on time each and every day of the AASA testing period. Please have your child at school by 7:30am.

**3/31 Thursday AZSCI 5th and 8th Grade**

**4/5 Tuesday Writing 3rd-8th Grade**

**4/6 Wednesday ELA 1 Math 1 3rd-8th Grade**

**4/7 Thursday ELA1 Math 1 3rd-8th Grade**

**4/8 Friday Make-up Testing Oral Reading Fluency 3rd**

**4/11 Monday Make-up Testing**

**4/12 Tuesday Make-up Testing**

**4/13 Wednesday Make-up Testing**

**4/14 Thursday Make-up Testing**



## Kinder

April is here and I cannot believe how quickly time is flying! We only have two months left of school, which means that we need to make sure that students are reading at home as much as possible! I will be giving out many rewards for complete reading logs! We will be celebrating April festivities this month by painting eggs and having an egg hunt. I want to thank the families that have made donations to our class! It is very much appreciated; I really could not do this all without your help! If you are interested in making a donation this month, our main necessities are Lysol Wipes, hand sanitizer, and packaged nut-free snacks. Thank you for playing such an important role in your child's education! Let's have another great month.

## 1st & 2nd Grade

Wow!! Spring is here and we have begun our final quarter of the year. Hooray!! In first grade this final quarter is about improving oral reading fluency. Please help them improve their reading goals by reading the story passage 3 times every day. The students will also continue to learn and practice sight words. Read! Read! Read! In math, the students will focus on addition, subtraction, comparing sets and story problems through the end of the year.

Can you believe we are in the 4th quarter already? You should be so proud, your second grader has learned so much! I can't stress enough how important it is to read EVERY night. Please have your student read for 15 minutes nightly. You reading to them or them reading the same book over and over are all great practices. If you have a computer at home, students can work on their personalized sight words or spelling words on [www.kidsa-z.com](http://www.kidsa-z.com). In math, students will continue their learning in adding and subtracting two-to-three-digit numbers with regrouping.

## 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade

April is here and so is state standardized testing. Testing begins the week of April 4, 2022. That week, grades 3-5 will take the AASA test in Writing, ELA and Math. To help get students through this rigorous testing schedule, please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep, arrives to school early or on-time, and eats healthy meals. Look for flyers requesting donations for snacks and breakfast items to be served in the classroom on testing days.

Happy Testing and Happy Spring!

## Middle School

This month the students will be taking the AASA state test (Math, Reading, Writing). In order to promote academic excellence, we ask for your support with the following: make testing week a low technology environment (student cell phones turned off by 7pm nightly, limited video game time, etc.), and ensure your students are getting at least 8 hours of rest every night. Send your student to school on time (7:30 am) and with their glasses, if needed. Make sure your child eats breakfast at home or in the school cafeteria. As always, thank you for your continuous support! Aim high and REACH for the stars!



## ARTS NEWS

The Arts department is preparing for the end of year gallery and showcase nights! We're very excited to put on our musical and dance performances, and to display all of the hard work and talent the students have been demonstrating in Art & STEAM.

### Upcoming Dates:

April 1: Band and Color Guard Championships @ Verrado HS

May 3: K-2 Performing Arts Showcase

May 5: 3-5 Performing Arts Showcase

May 10: Middle School Performing Arts Showcase

May 12: Art Gallery Night

Our afterschool Music Ensemble and Color Guard placed 1st in their division at their first in-person competition since 2020! Congratulations!!



# WHAT IS HAPPENING AT MESA ARTS ACADEMY!



## Mesa Arts Academy T-Shirt Sale

Show your MAA Pride and order your t-shirt today!

Adult sizes available! The whole family can show their School Staff too!

Spirit!

Students Kinder-5th Grade will be permitted to wear their official MAA t-shirt on Friday's in lieu of their polo shirt!

**Price: \$12 each**

**Price 4 shirts or more: \$11 each**

We have a limited amount of shirts will be available on a first come basis. Sizing availability will not be guaranteed.

## Don't forget to order your yearbook!



**\$15.00**





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](http://www.FrysCommunityRewards.com) and follow the instruc-

tions. Find Mesa Arts Academy and the number for the school is **80353**.

We encourage you to ask your friends and family to link their rewards card to our organization. Community Rewards is easy to use, the more supporters shop with fry's Food Stores the more money Mesa Arts Academy will earn!

We have a total of 34 households participating, with a total donation \$ 109.02 from December 2021-February 2022

Thank you parents for your support!!!



You can connect with 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>

### **AASA Testing April 4-14**

All students must be at school on time each and every day of the AASA testing period.

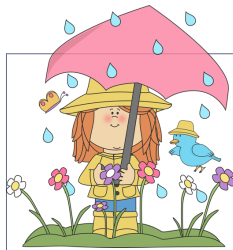
Please have your child at school by 7:30am

**Arrival and Dismissal** -For safety's sake, students are not allowed on campus in the morning until staff supervision is provided at 7:00 AM.

**When classes are dismissed**, students who do not attend the Club must be picked up promptly. Students that walk home will be dismissed at 3:30pm.

If you would like your students to attend the Boys & Girls Club, the fee is \$60 a month. Scholarships are available to those who qualify.

**Tardy Students**-They must be signed-in in the school office by a responsible adult (18 years or older). If your student walks to school and he/she is running late, please call the office to inform us. Please continue calling the Club's number 480-844-0963.



# April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 April Fool's Day	2
					Band and Color Guard Champi- onships @ Verrado HS	

3	4	5	6 K-2 Fieldtrip to Park	7	8	9
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## AASA Testing

10	11	12 MAAPO Dress Down Fundraiser	13	14	15 Spring Holiday No School	16
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## AASA Testing

17 HAPPY EASTER	18	19	20 Administrative Professionals Day	21 Earth Day K-2nd Grade Musical Instrument Museum	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Arbor Day	30

## Administration Appreciation





# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kinder  
Princeton J.  
Roselyn F.

6th  
Samantha E.  
Nevaeh J.

3rd Grade  
Zaire S.

7th  
Benjamin L.  
Anthony C.

5th Grade  
Anthony G.  
Ava V  
Ethan S.  
Joan L.P  
Danitza S.

8th  
Stefano E.  
Chameir A.