



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Messiah C

Olivia G

Josiah M

Livi B

Adrian C

Rosa B

Michael Angel A

Kosiah T

Olivia F

Ariathna L

Jovana J

Nevaeh L

Derek R

Braxton J

Pablo H

Fernando T

Alicia A

Aliyanna N

Jayden M

Jazmin O

Titus B

Yessi C

Milo L

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 as we work through this transition of leadership. Your kindness and patience are something I am grateful for.

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.
- If your child is going to be absent, 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.

I hope to see everyone at 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



MISS. PADILLA KINDER

I cannot believe that December is already here. With all of the holiday breaks we are having, it is more important than ever that students are working hard in class and attending each day. There is just so much to do! I am really enjoying seeing all of the progress that my students have been showing. Their reading skills have come a long way. I encourage you to continue reading with your child at home. Please remember that at this point, students are capable of reading the material themselves (with little guidance). They can practice their CVC word list that is in their binder, as well as the reading materials that get sent home. I am so proud of my students and I hope that they keep up the good work! Let's end this year on a great note!

1ST GRADE MRS. HARPER

2ND GRADE MRS. JACKSON

As we finish up the first half of the 2022-2023 school year, it is a great time to reflect on the many accomplishments in first and second grade. The students have learned many new sight words, they have been decoding words and working hard on their fluency skills. We will continue to strengthen and build on these reading skills. In first grade math, students will focus on adding in any order and adding more than 2 addends. In first 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.

In second grade math, students will continue to build skills in place value and get ready to add and subtract two to three digits! 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. Thank you for all your support!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MRS. LOLLIE, MRS. OYER & MRS. BUENROSTRO

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. We appreciate all of the support you give your child and our program.

DECEMBER 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 After School Musical Rehearsals 3:30-5:30	2	3
4	5	6 Let It Snow! 6:00pm K-2nd Grade	7	8 Let It Snow! 6:00pm 3rd-5th Grade	9	10 Colorguard Practice 9:00am-12:00pm
11	12	13 6-8th Grade Performance Elective 6:00pm	14	15 Color-guard Rehearsal 3:30-5:00 pm All Cast After School Musical Rehearsals 3:30-5:30	16 Early Release 12:30PM	17
Winter Grams Photography Fundraiser						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Winter Break School Closed Club Open 12/19-12/23 7:00-am-6:00pm						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
School & Club Closed 12/26/2022-1/2/2023						



Let It Snow!

Kinder-2nd Grade
December 6th at 6:00pm

 **3rd-5th Grade** 
December 8th at 6:00pm

In the Wood Gym



MESA Arts Academy



3RD-5TH GRADE MR. RENDON, MRS. LITTLE & MRS. KOPERNO

This month, third grade students will wrap up their unit on how characters' actions affect the events in a story, myth, or fable. They will practice writing their own opinion sample using a variety of texts. In math, students continue working on properties of multiplication and division, along with building their ability to fluently add and subtract numbers up to 1000. Fourth grade will be working on division and fractions in math, and elements of a drama in ELA. In science, students will be finishing up weather and moving on to rocks, fossils, and changes to the earth's surface. Fifth grade will be learning about some exciting things this month! They will be using the scientific method to conduct experiments during science. In math, they will focus on multiplying and dividing decimals. For our language arts unit, fifth grade will be working on summaries and writing to the text. Our ELA unit incorporates social studies in which students will learn about the Declaration of Independence and The Constitution. Have a wonderful and restful break!

Winter Performance Dates



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

Students must arrive back on campus at 5:30pm. 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, 4th and 5th Grade: December 8th at 6:00pm.

Students must arrive back on campus at 5:30pm. 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 Percussion & Dance only: December 13th at 6:00pm

Students must arrive back on campus at 5:30pm. 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.

NO PUBLIC BATHROOMS



Welcome Principal Joyce Oyer



Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley is pleased to announce that Joyce Oyer will be leading Mesa Arts Academy as our Interim Principal. Oyer is well known to the MAA family.

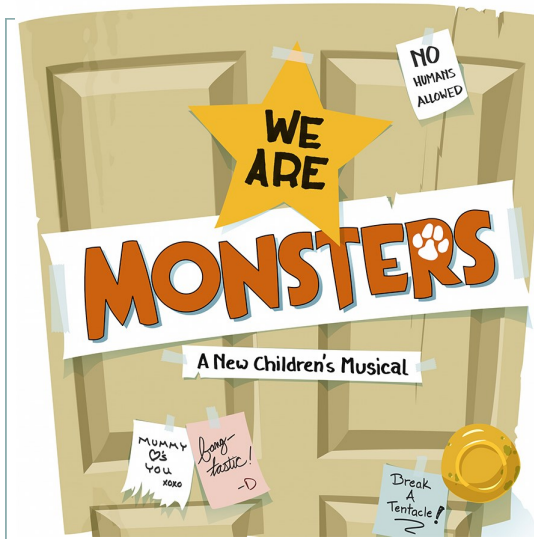
She started her career at MAA in 2001 managing the Educational Technology for the Boys & Girls Clubs. This unique technology and systems background is another asset to her work leading MAA. In 2008, she moved into the classroom and has added many management and leadership responsibilities over the years. For the past 4 years, Principal Oyer has been as MAA's Assistant Principal. She will continue to teach her 7th grade classes until a replacement can be named.

We are fortunate to have someone with so much experience with our school and our families leading in this position. Committed to safety and our core educational standards, Principal Oyer is working closely with Miranda Koperno and the BGCAZ team to ensure a smooth transition. She will be working with the MAA board to ensure that our students continue to enjoy at excellent education, in a safe and supportive environment.

NATIONAL
SchoolChoice
January 22-28, 2023 **WEEK**

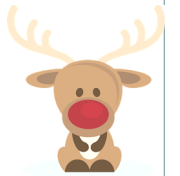


What is school choice? School choice is the process of allowing every family to choose the K-12 educational options that best fit their children. Every child is unique, and all children learn differently. Some children might succeed at the neighborhood public school, while others might fit in better at a charter, magnet, online, private or home learning environment. That's why school choice is so important!



Rehearsal Dates

12/1 - Focus Groups Rehearsal TBD
12/6 - No Rehearsal
12/8 - No Rehearsal
12/13 - No Rehearsal
12/15 - All Cast Rehearsal
1/3 - All Cast Rehearsals every Tuesday until performance
1/5 - Focus Groups every Thursday until performance



Buy a Winter Gram



ONLY 50 Cents

Winter grams will be on sale before school from December 12th -16th.



Delivery will take on December 15th and 16th.



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.

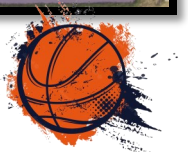
To donate go to:

<https://www.mesaartsacademy.org/getinvolved/donate/>

Club News



Thank you, Mamba & Mambacita Sports Foundation & BODYARMOR for a refurbished basketball court!



Club time begins at 3 pm. Our safe passage policy is in effect when the club is in session. **If you are late picking up students during club time you must come into the building to pick them up.** Please do not park at the curb. Park vehicles in the parking lot and come into the building to pick up members. Members will not be allowed to go out to the vehicle unless they are with a Parent/Guardian.

The Club Christmas party will be on **December 16th, 4 pm-6 pm for members only.**

The Club will be open for Winter break **December 19th-23rd 7-6 pm**



Thank You Mesa Police Department!



Parent Alert!



Mesa Arts Academy offers free healthy meals to all students.

Every one qualifies regardless of your household's income. For more information, you may call Arcelia Tovar at 480-844-0963 or e-mail at arcelia.tovar@bgcaz.org

Breakfast is served from 7:10am-7:30am in the cafeteria.

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



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.