

February's Birthdays



Gabriel V.

Dayton O.

Noell P.

Andrea R.

Sarai R.

Jennicka V.

Mateo H.

Jennifer R.

Lucas F.

Kian P.

E.P. M.

Happy Birthday

Everyone!

Marcus M.

Emily C.

Benjamin H.

Moonlight B.

Daniela P.

Ezra C.

David M.



February provides a wonderful opportunity for students, their families, and friends to celebrate the dramatic arts at the Guild of the Vale. Our talented students will perform a musical “We Are Monsters” on Tuesday, February 14th at 6:00 at the Guild of the Vale. All Academy students and their teachers will attend the dress rehearsal that afternoon. The professional version of that, offered in the evening, is a different experience. Please consider attending with your extended family. The evening production will be open to the general public. Tickets are free.

It is hard to believe that the 2022-23 school year is at the halfway point! In fact, the 100th day of school was January 23rd. Parents, if you are happy with your children’s progress, continue what you have been doing to support that progress. If you need a “tune-up”, follow the suggestions of your children’s teachers. They want your children to succeed. The best support you can provide to your children’s academic progress is to get them to school every day on time. Ensure they are present for morning interventions, after-school help, and every core subject. This includes active participation in the afternoon arts program which, research shows, has a positive impact on academic learning. Progress reports will be sent out the first week of February that will identify any areas where your children may still be struggling. If you have any questions when you receive these, please contact your children’s teachers.

Our annual registration is scheduled for March 10th. If you know anyone with a child that will be eligible for the 2023-24 kindergarten class, please spread the word about our upcoming registration. Equally important, parent-teacher conferences are March 6th through March 10th. Additional information contained in this newsletter serves as a valuable resource to keep you updated on your child’s school experience.

I want to thank everyone for your continued support of our students, teachers, and school as we collectively strive to provide optimal opportunities for learning each and every day. There is no question about it - success at school starts at home. Families are the most significant influence in a child's schooling. Families model both spoken and silent language in front of their students. One of the hallmarks of a great school is the partnership established between school and family in the best interest of the students – everyone working together to build skills and knowledge, develop a strong sense of self-worth, and reinforce values. Make an effort to participate in the Mesa Arts Academy Parent Organization (MAAPO). Thank you for your wonderful feedback in the survey. We promise to put this information to good use

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me in the MAA office .

Miss. Padilla Kinder

Hello MAA families. I want to start out by saying how proud I am of my kindergarten class. The curriculum is becoming more challenging but my students are continuing to work hard and give it their all. Time is flying by as we are enjoying our time together. We still have a lot to do in the second half of the school year. I want to encourage you to make sure the kids are reading at home. They have plenty of reading material in their binders that they could practice. Please make sure that they are practicing their spelling words as well. Also, if you are able, we would highly appreciate donations such as snacks, Kleenex, Lysol wipes, and glue sticks. I am looking forward to another productive and fun month with the students. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me if needed. Let's have a great new year!

1ST Grade Mrs. Harper

2nd Grade Mrs. Jackson

Our first grade class is moving right along with the reading program. Please watch for and practice throughout the week the "lightning words", the reading passage and the spelling words that are sent home each Monday. Thank you for your support in helping your child strengthen their reading skills. In math, the students are working hard to understand place values of ones, tens and hundreds as well as learning different strategies to find missing addends.

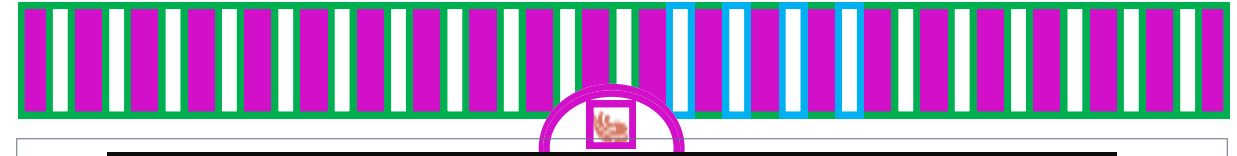
Happy New Year 2nd grade families! Students were so happy to be back to school and they have been going strong in 2023 so far! In Math, we will continue our learning in regrouping with addition up to the number 999. We will do lots of practice with manipulatives, whiteboards, and paper/pencil. A big THANK YOU to everyone who is supporting your student in reading every night. I really does help them. Students should read for 15 minutes at least Monday - Thursday. Our goal by the end of the year is to read at least 80 words per minute. We will continue working on fluency and comprehending skills in reading.

3rd-5th grade Mr. Rendon, Ms. Adams & Mrs. Koperno

It's hard to believe it is already February! The third grade class will be finishing up a unit on area and begin fractions for math. During our reading block our class will be comparing points of view while continuing to focus on sequencing and compare/contrast. Students will continue honing their writing skills while planning and writing their argumentative essays.

In fourth grade, we are finishing up our "All About Me" posters and starting our Cats vs. Dogs essays. In math we are finishing up multiplication factors and multiples and will be moving on to division. For science, we are learning about different types of volcanoes.

In fifth grade, students will continue working on place values with decimals. We will learn how decimals and fractions are related, including multiplication and division of decimals and fractions. In science, they will begin an Earth and Space unit. Please continue to read and practice math facts at home!



February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Groundhog Day Colorguard Rehearsal 3:30-5:00 pm	3	4
5	6 After School Musical Rehearsals 3:30-5:30	7 After School Musical Rehearsals 3:30-5:30	8	9 Colorguard Rehearsal 3:30-5:00 pm	10	11 Colorguard Practice 9:00am-12:00pm
		<i>Friendship Grams Photography Fundraiser</i>				
12	13 After School Musical Rehearsals 3:30-5:30	14 After School Musical Rehearsals 3:30-5:30	15	16 Colorguard Rehearsal 3:30-5:00pm MAAPO Meeting 5:30pm	17 Colorguard Competition 3:30pm-10pm	18
19	20 No School Club and Office Closed 	21 After School Musical Rehearsals 3:30-5:30	22	23 Math Night Musical Dress Rehears-	24 "We Are Monster" Musical Performance	25
26	27	28	March 1	March 2 Spring Picture	March 3	March 4

Mesa Arts Academy Parent Organization Leaders

President

Hello, my name is Marisela Alcalá. I have five children whom are in grades 8th, 5th, 3rd, and 1st. The last two years my children had been attending MAA. I am interested in serving on the MAAPO leadership this school year to be able to be part of making a difference in our children's future. I will partake in planning fundraisers, activities, and assist staff with tasks. I currently volunteer in the Head Start Program and enjoy assisting with preparing snacks, cleaning, and completing art and crafts activities among many other tasks. It would be an honor to be part of MAAPO's team and be able to make MAA a great place for students, parents and faculty.



Treasurer

My name is Caila (pronounced like Kayla) and this is my first year as a parent at MAA. We moved 3 of our kids to attend MAA in August to give them a stronger community atmosphere and we are very happy with the results. Both my husband and I have worked at the school in the past supporting arts education and social-emotional learning. I work as a contractor in arts engagement and community events. I served two years as the Fundraising Vice President for our previous school's PTA. I'm looking forward to learning more about the resources MAA has, what needs I can help fill, and encouraging all community members to share their time and input as MAAPO volunteers.



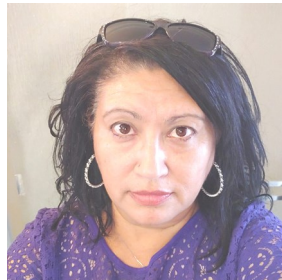
Vice-President

Hello! My name is Shealynn Walker. I am excited to be serving as the Vice President of the Mesa Arts Academy's Parents Organization (MAAPO)! I have two amazing children completing their first year at Mesa Arts Academy in the 1st and 3rd grades. I've lived Mesa my entire life and ran my side-business here for the past 10 years. In addition to that, I have focused the majority of my career assisting in legal matters and managing firm responsibilities. I've actively participated in both of my children's activities for years and love being involved! I am passionate about volunteering and look forward to helping Mesa Arts Academy and my fellow parents for this 2022-2023 school year!



Secretary

Hello. My name is Delia Garcia. My youngest son is currently attending MAA and is in 3rd grade. I also have 2 grandchildren attending and they are in 5th and kinder. My three oldest children have all graduated 8th grade from MAA as well. I have worked with children for many years. I was a Head Start teachers aide for 5 years. I am currently working as a Judicial Clerk for the Juvenile Courts and have been here for 16 years. I am looking forward to being the MAAPO Secretary and wanting to bring a positive change.



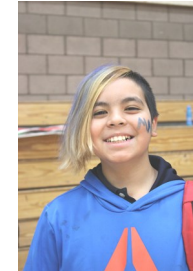
Middle School Mrs. DeCastro, Mrs. Little and Mrs. Buenrostro

The second semester is a time of change and growth. Middle School students continue to work through this year with their minds focused on the end goal of moving up a grade level. Attendance is an important component of your child's success. **According to the Handbook, "Students are required by state law (ARS §15-802 & §15-803) to be in attendance every school day. Students who miss more than 10% of the school year (18 days) may not receive credit for that year and will be considered for retention."**

Please note: Progress reports will be sent home the first week of February. Look for Parent Teacher conference appointment requests around the third week of February; conferences will be the second week of March. Thank you as always for your support.



Great Job 5th Grade!



The Mesa Arts Academy Dragons would like to welcome the MAAPO Leadership Team!!

President:

Marisela Alcalá

Treasurer:

Caila Loehr

Vice-President:

Shealynn Walker

Secretary:

Delia Mendez

Next MAAPO Meeting

Thursday, February 16th. 2023!

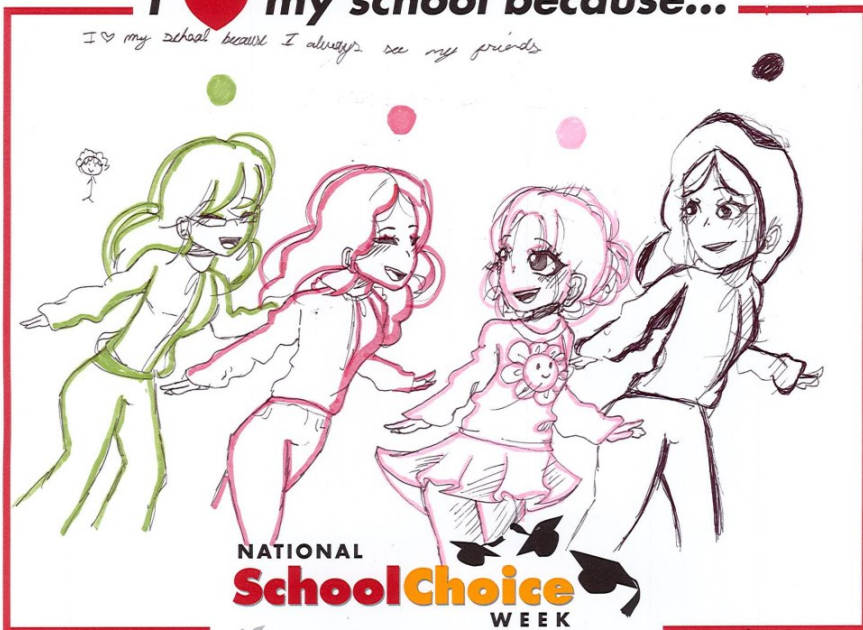
5:30pm Room 4

I ❤️ my school because...



I ❤️ my school because...

I love my school because I always see my friends



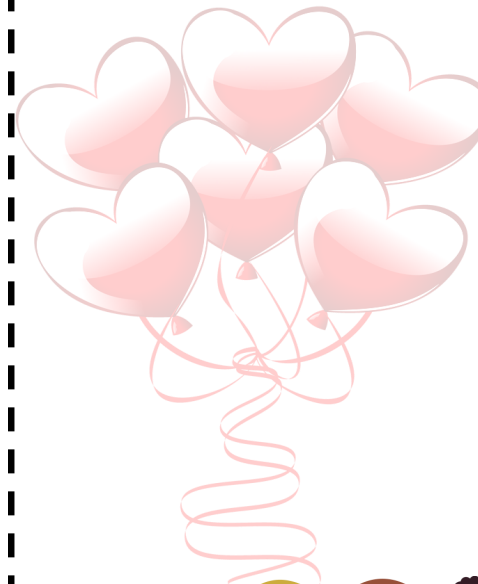
Parents!

Don't forget to return your *Advanced Enrollment Form for Returning and Siblings!*

The form is due now!

Every student must return the form to keep a spot for the school year 2023-2024.

We will start accepting new students on March 10.



Friendship Grams Fundraiser

Send a gram to students, friends and teachers **February 7-10**

Sale in the office before school

7:00-7:25am

.50 and \$1.00



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/>

Yearbook Pre-Sale

**2022-2023 yearbooks are on sale until
March 24th for \$13.00, price after
March 25th, \$15.00**

Club News

- *Soccer games begin February 4th. See Club for schedule*
- *Club is closed President's Day, Feb. 20th.*
- *Payments are due no later than the 25th or a \$10 late fee will be added.*
- *Come join our special Friday clubs! (Pokémon, Cooking, Yoga, etc.)*



No School
Club and Office Closed
Monday, February 20th

Save the Date!!!

End of the Year Performances

May 9th- K-2 Showcase

May 11th- 3-5 Showcase

May 16th- Elective Performance

Art Gallery K-8th Grade

May 17th

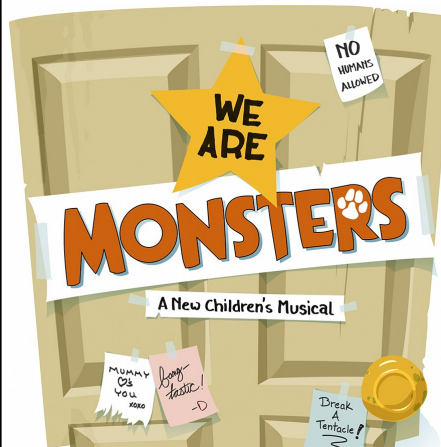
Graduation 8th Grade

May 24th

Rehearsal Dates

All Cast Rehearsals
every
Monday and
Tuesday until
performance.

Dress Rehearsal
Thursday, February
23rd at the Venue.



Guild of the Vale
200 N MacDonald
Mesa, AZ 85201

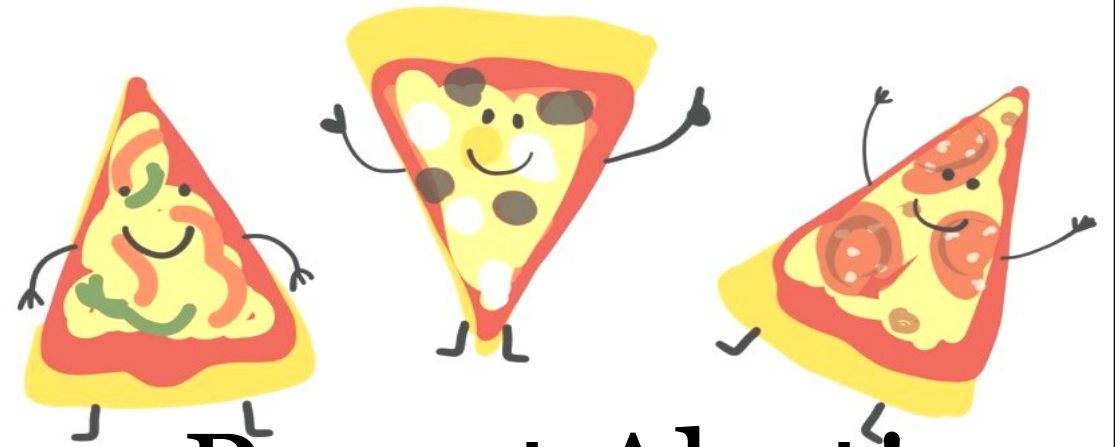
Performances

Two Shows

**Friday, February
24th.**

1st Show 4:00pm

2nd Show 6:30pm



Parent Alert!

Mesa Arts Academy offers free healthy meals
to all students.

Every one qualifies regardless of your
household's income. For more infor-
mation, 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.