

March Birthdays

Happy Birthday

Isrrael L.

Riley O.

Julianna L.

Sofia A.

Navid T.

Roman S.

Ivan A.

Hector T.

Fiona H.

Hazel D.

Alexander H.

Roselani E.

David C.

Theresa M.

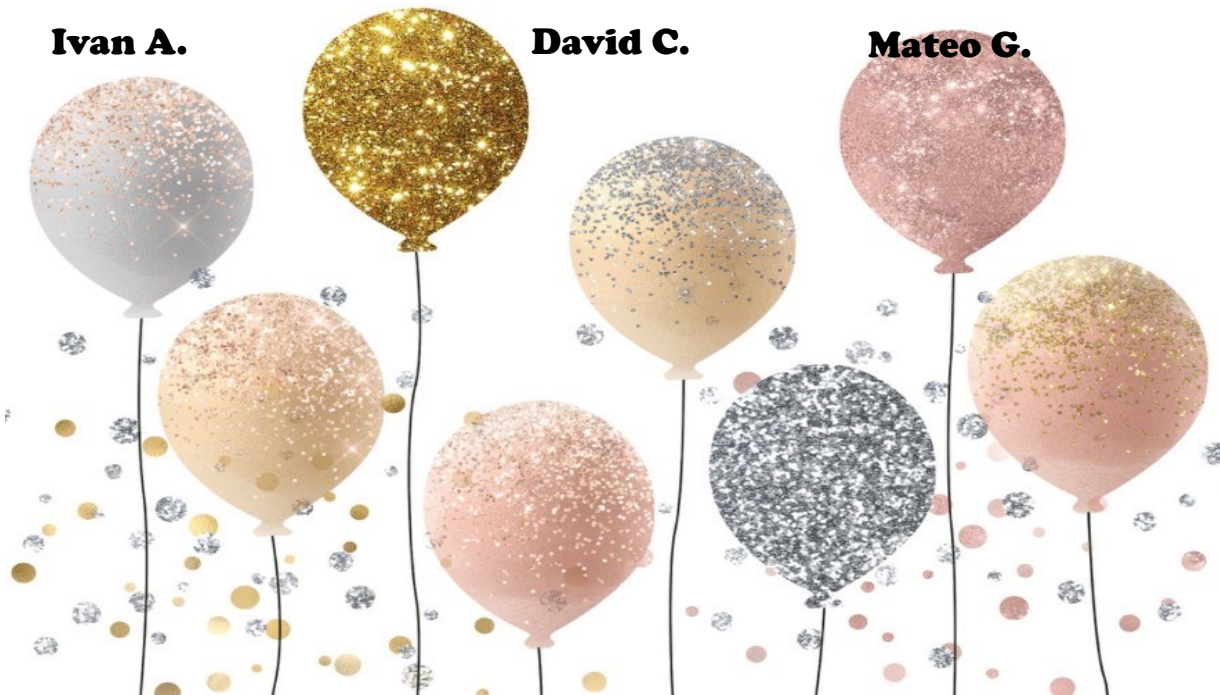
Xachriah M.

Carmelo P.

Sylvia R.

Davina L.

Mateo G.



March is such a great month at MAA. Our Garden is ready for planting and the weather is perfect for outdoor learning. Testing season has begun; please be sure your child gets a good night's rest the day before tests. Teachers will be sending out testing information soon. Registration packets for next year will go home after Spring Break

8th Grade Parents: Now is the time to register for High School. Many High Schools in the area give tours. Let the front desk know if your child is out due to a tour and they will not be counted as late. If you need help finding the right High School, please feel free to contact me.

We Respect Each Other

Being respectful is more than just using good manners—it means treating people the way you want to be treated. Keep these ideas in mind to help your whole family focus on respect.

Use peaceful tones—It's a fact that shouting often leads to more shouting. Ask your child to speak in a normal tone to show respect for the person they are talking to, and for everyone around them.

Avoid making assumptions—Your youngster can respect others' feelings by giving them the benefit of the doubt. For example, encourage your child to rephrase an accusation like, "Who took my water bottle?" Instead, they could ask, "Has anyone seen my water bottle?" That is more respectful because it won't make anyone feel accused or defensive.

Accept different opinions—With your child, role-play ways to respect opinions that are different from their own. They might start a sentence with, "That's one way to look at it, but I think—" or, "A lot of people would agree with you. In my opinion—" If a conversation is getting heated, your child could simply say, "Let's agree to disagree and talk about something else."

Have a fantastic March!

Miss. Padilla Kinder

Hello MAA family! Another month has approached and I am happy to say that our class is growing so much! They have been working hard in the classroom learning and enjoying the second half of the year. It is quite special to see how far they are coming. It felt like just yesterday that I was meeting them for the first time. Now that we have just a few months of school, my class is officially in training to be a first grader! Expectations are getting higher and I know that with enough determination and focus, they will be ready for any challenge that lies ahead. We will continue to work hard and stay focused for the last few months of the school year. Please make sure that you are practicing spelling words and reading with your child at home! A lot of the work that I return home can be practiced and read at home. Thank you to those parents who have given donations to our class. If you are able, we are currently in need of Kleenex, Lysol wipes or spray, packaged healthy snacks, and glue sticks. I appreciate you all and as always, please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. Let's have another wonderful month!!

1ST Grade Mrs. Harper

2nd Grade Mrs. Jackson

Our 1st grade class enjoyed our Valentine Party. Thank you to all the families that expressed such love and appreciation to me. It is hard to believe that our spring break is just around the corner. We have a lot to learn before then. One way you could really help is to please have your child read every day; it is one of the most important things they can do to become better readers!

As we approach the fourth quarter, please work with your child on sight words, spelling words, and addition facts. In math, the students will continue solving addition and subtraction story problems, as well as counting money, and telling time.

2nd Grade-Our third Galileo State Testing is quickly approaching. We will be testing on March 1st and March 2nd in the mornings. Please be sure to arrive on time and encourage breakfast in the mornings. Thank you for the support at home. Reading every night is truly making a difference. As we approach our final quarter, we will continue to work on regrouping 3-digit numbers in addition and subtraction. We will end the year working on time, money, and measurement. In reading, 2nd grade will learn about the American Revolution, solving problems through technology, and tales to live by. I look forward to seeing you at conferences!

It's March, and that means it is time to start preparing for ASAA, our state assessment, and Galileo testing. Please make sure that your children arrive on time to school, and remind them to ask their teacher if they need additional help to ensure their success on the ASAA and Galileo tests. It is also important that students are getting enough rest each night, as well as a good breakfast in the morning. Keep having your third, fourth, and fifth graders read to you at home and practicing their math facts.

Also, we are always in need of tissues and wipes, and we truly appreciate your donations! Have a safe and relaxing Spring Break !

March 2023						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Color-Guard Rehearsal 3:30-5:00 pm	3 Color Guard Competition 3:30pm-10pm Gilbert HS	4
5	6 Early Release 1:15pm	7 Early Release 1:15pm	8 Early Release 1:15pm	9 Early Release 1:15pm	10 Early Release 12:30pm	11
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 80%;">Read Across America Week</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 5px auto; width: 80%;">Parent/Teacher Conferences</div>						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 90%;"> Spring Break School Closed Club Open 7am-6:00pm </div>						
19	20 First Day of Spring	21	22	23 Color Guard Practice	24 Honor's Assembly 5th-8th 2:05 K-4th 2:45	25 Color Guard Practice 9-12
26	27	28	29	30 MAAPO Meeting 5:30pm	31 REACH Assembly	April 1 Color Guard Championships Millennium HS All Day
<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 10px; margin: 10px auto; width: 80%;"> National School Breakfast Week </div>						



Mesa Arts Academy Parent Organization

Next MAAPO Meeting
Thursday, March 30th. 2023
5:30pm
5:30pm Room 4

You can connect with the School, 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/>



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

Club News

- Club is open for spring break 7AM-6PM
- Basketball League Signups



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

Spring is quickly approaching! With spring, we also start looking toward our fourth and final quarter which includes state testing & graduation. After Spring Break, we will be reviewing test-taking strategies as we get our students ready to do their best on the state test, AASA. State testing begins the week of April 4th and we ask our families to make sure doctor's appointments don't get scheduled during testing days. But before that, we will see you at the Parent Teacher conferences! Our goal is to meet with every family and to have a plan to help your child finish strong. Whether it is to get ready for high school or to advance to the next grade level, we want to help them get there. We look forward to meeting with you to celebrate your child's progress and to set up our plan to finish strong. By that time, we will also have the benchmark testing data from Galileo to share with you. Thank you for all of your support!

Yearbook Pre-Sale

2022-2023 yearbooks are on sale until

March 24th for \$13.00, price after

March 25th, \$15.00

Mesa Arts Academy Color Guard



Color Guard Performances

Competition

March 3rd

3:30pm-10pm

@ Gilbert HS

Championships on

March 25th

@ Millennium HS



Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley's recreational sports programs offer structured, safe, and positive opportunities for skill development, character-building, and a life-long appreciation for healthy living.



YOUTH 3 vs 3 BASKETBALL



ROOKIES: Grades 3rd-5th

CADETS: Grades 6th-8th

FEE: Current Member \$50

Current 2022-23 Membership Required

Fee Includes: Jr. Suns jersey, trophy, and game official

Registration: February 27th - March 10th
(or until league is full)

Practice: Begin the week of March 13th
(one per week)

Games: Saturdays, April 1st - May 6th



For more information visit BGCAZ.org

2023 Registration

Fill out the registration form and return it to your Boys & Girls Club with payment. Registration opens **February 27th**.

PLAYER

First Name _____

Last Name _____

BGC Branch _____

Player Grade _____

Jersey Size:

Are you a current club member?

YS
 YM
 YL
 AS
 AM
 AL
 AXL
 AXXL

YES
 NO

PARENT/GUARDIAN

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

*For sports & league communication use

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I am interested in coaching: YES NO

Parents!

If you have friends that would like to attend Mesa Arts Academy, please share the enrollment QR code.

We will start accepting new students after March 10th.



ASBESTOS Notification

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires all public and private elementary and secondary schools to inspect for asbestos in school buildings and to submit a report (management plan) to the State of Arizona. AHERA also requires that the Local Education Agency (LEA) perform six-month inspections and to notify all parties concerned of any changes or updates. Parent / employee notification must be made on a yearly basis.

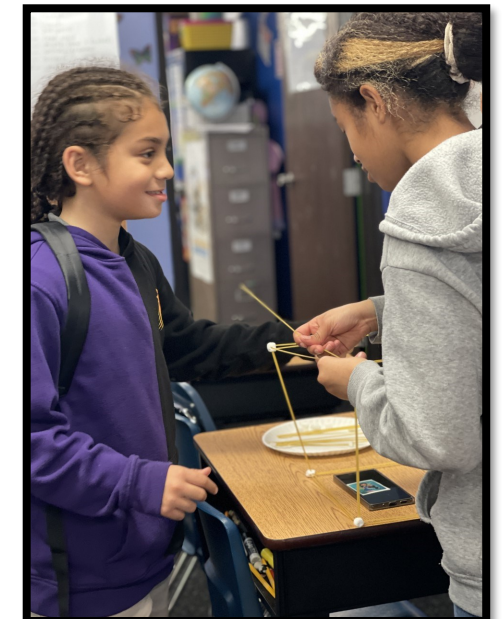
The management plan (MP) is available for review at the administrative office of the campus.

Mesa Arts Academy's Campus was inspected and tested for Asbestos Containing Building Materials by a licensed and accredited service and lab in 2007.

Mesa Arts Academy is Asbestos Free.



Students had so much fun learning math in different ways!



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/>

RIGHTS OF HOMELESS STUDENTS

Mesa Arts Academy shall provide an educational environment that treats all students with dignity and respect. Every homeless student shall have access to the same free and appropriate educational opportunities as students who are not homeless. This commitment to the educational rights of homeless children, youth, and unaccompanied youth, applied to all services, programs, and activities provided or made available.

A student may be considered eligible for services as a “Homeless Child or Youth” under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act if he or she is presently living:

- In a shelter, temporary shared housing, or transitional living program
- In a hotel/motel, campground, or similar situation due to lack of alternatives
- At a bus station, park, car, or abandoned building

According to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Act, eligible students have rights to:

Immediate enrollment: *Documentation and immunization records cannot serve as a barrier to the enrollment in school.*

School Selection: *McKinney Vento eligible students have a right to select from the following schools:*

The school he/she attended when permanently housed (School of Origin)

The school in which he/she was last enrolled (School of Origin)

The school in the attendance area in which the student currently resides (School of Residency)

Remain enrolled *in his/her selected school for the duration of homelessness, or until the academic year upon which they are permanently housed.*

Participate in programs *for which they are eligible, including Title I, National School Lunch Program, Head Start, Even Start, etc.*

Transportation Services: *A McKinney-Vento eligible student attending his/her School of Origin has a right to transportation to and from the School of Origin.*

Dispute Resolution: *If you disagree with school officials about enrollment, transportation, or fair treatment of a homeless child or youth, you may file a complaint with the school district. The school district must respond and attempt to resolve it quickly. During the dispute, the student must be immediately enrolled in the school and provided transportation until the matter is resolved. The Homeless Liaison will assist you in making decision, providing notice of any appeal process, and filling out dispute forms.*

For more information, refer to <http://www.ade.az.gov/asd/homeless/> or contact: Arcelia Tovar 480-844-3965 arcelia.tovar@bgcaz.org

Rita Rodriguez, State Homeless Education Program Coordinator (602)542- 4963 homeless@azed.gov



Great Job
Everyone!



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.