

April Birthdays

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

Anita A.

Anthony G.

Raymond L.

Roselyn F.

Ava V.

Samantha E.

Anastasia H.

Ethan S.

Nevaeh J.

Chaina J.

Joan L.

Benjamin L.

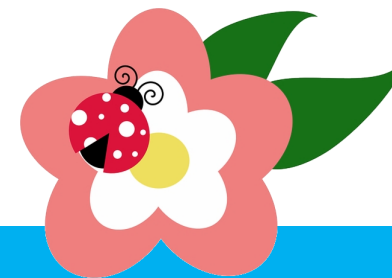
Kundiso G.

Danitza S.

Anthony C.

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 computer version of the AZSCI Science assessment. We will start this process the first school day in April (Monday, April 3rd) with a fabulously fun testing Pep Rally. The teachers will be performing. 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 on the days they will be testing. Students who must do make-up testing do not 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 them 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 and will have no homework during testing time. 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 breakfast foods and 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.



Go Dragons!

Miss. Padilla Kinder

Greetings MAA Family! I cannot believe how fast time is flying. We have only two months of school left this year. I am doing my best to make the best of every moment with my wonderful class. I am so proud of all of their hard work and I am looking forward to how much more progress we will be seeing in the next couple of months. I am so glad that we got a chance to meet last month for conferences and I want to encourage you to keep working with your children at home on resources in their planners. There is a lot going on in the next two months of school so please keep up with binder signatures and reviewing resources inside of them. I appreciate all of your support and I am always available via email if you have any questions. If you are able, we are always in need of packaged healthy snacks. Thank you again, and I am looking forward to another month of growth

1ST Grade Mrs. Harper 2nd Grade Mrs. Jackson





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 have a book they come home with each week that they can read throughout the week. Don't throw these away! Keep them and build a library of their own that they can read throughout the summer. 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. C
 an you believe we are in the 4th quarter already? You should be so very 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 to 20 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 spelling words on www.kidsa-z.com In math, students will continue their learning in adding and subtracting two-to-three-digit numbers with regrouping.

April is here and so is state standardized testing. Third, fourth, and fifth grade will take the computer-based AASA tests in ELA, Writing, and Math. Third will also be take an Oral Reading Fluency test, and Fifth grade will also take the AZSCI science test. To help get them through this rigorous testing schedule, please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats healthy meals. Look for flyers requesting donations for snacks and breakfast items to be served on those testing days.



April 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Color Guard Championship
2	3 AASA Testing Pep Rally	4 AASA Testing Starts	5	6	7 No School Spring Holiday	8
AASA Testing						
9 	10	11	12	13	14	15 Income Taxes Due
AASA Testing						
16	17	18	19	20 MAAPO Meeting 5:30pm	21	22 
23	24	25 Literacy Night 5:00- 6:00pm	26  ARBOR DAY	27	28 REACH Assembly	29 
30	Administration Appreciation					

Breakfast & Lunch

Mesa Arts Academy offers free healthy meals to all students. Everyone qualifies regardless of your household's income.

Breakfast is served from 7:10am-7:30am
Lunch is served from 11:00am-12:45pm

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



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

This month, the students will be taking the AASA test in math, reading, and writing during the weeks of 4/3/23 and 4/14/23. Eighth grade will also participate in the AZSci Test. In order to promote academic excellence, we ask for your support by making testing week a low technology environment in the evenings (electronic devices, including cell phones, turned off earlier than usual) and to ensure your child is getting at least 8 hours of rest every night. It is very important that your child arrives to school on time and with their glasses, if needed. The teachers, with your support, will be providing students with a light breakfast on AASA testing days. As always, thank you for your continuous support! Let's aim high and REACH for the stars.

Next MAAPO Meeting
Thursday, April 20th. 2023 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/grantwoodsbranch>



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

- Summer registration is open for current members
 - April 20th registration opens to the public
 - Summer costs \$60 biweekly
 - Club will be closed on April 7th (Gilbert club will be open to current members)
- Basketball Games



AASA Testing April 3-14

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.

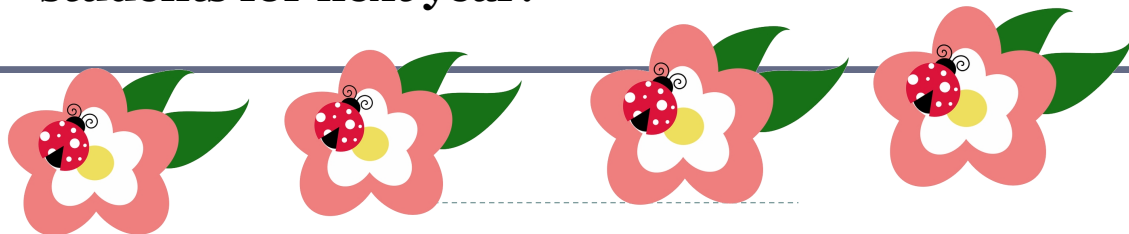
If you would like your students to attend the Boys & Girls Club, the fee is \$60 a month. Scholarships are available to those who qualify.

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 at number 480-844-3965.

Parents!

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

We are now accepting new students for next year!



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/>