

Go Dragons!

H A P P Y B D A Y !

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Mia D.	Jose S.	Brayan P.
Ruth A.	Norah L.	Fadhil A.
Sarah E.	Bryanna L.	Erick F.
Jose S.	Caesar A.	Wesley L.
Sarah E.	Yessika B.	Kimira T.
Chai J.	Hector A.	Daniela R.
Daniel R.	Aracely N.	



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Juliette M.	Jair L.	Grisemely G.
Rhiithym S.	Sanaa C.	Ariadne E.
Zielo S.	Anthony R.	Jaime A.
Braxton B.	Alexis A.	GabrielAngel A.
Sophia R.	Ian B.	Jaslyne A.
Abbey G.	Isela A.	Ruben A.



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Dear Mesa Arts Academy Families,

I am pleased to welcome you back to the 2022-2023 school year! I would like to extend a special welcome to all the new families joining MAA this year, as well as welcome back our returning families!

I am honored to be your principal. Our goal at MAA is to work together to provide our students with a rich learning environment.

My vision, as the principal, is to ALWAYS put kids first! My belief is that all students can learn. As educators, we need to discover how each child learns in order to differentiate our instruction to support diverse learning styles. In a collaborative effort, we want children to thrive in all ways possible. My hope is that all children will LOVE school, so we nurture a learning environment that is positive, safe, warm, and caring, as well as a fun place to learn and grow.

Student success is attributed to the partnership and the relationships we build within our community, and this is MOST important now, more than ever. It truly does take a village, and, at MAA, we value teamwork and collaboration! Education is a joint venture, and Team MAA greatly appreciates the support you provide your children at home and at school to help them meet their learning goals. Without the support of parent contributions through our extraordinary Mesa Arts Academy Parent Organization, we would not have many of the programs that make MAA so unique and successful. Please consider joining the MAAPO monthly meeting in September.

We are dedicated to providing your child(ren) a memorable, interactive, and engaging learning experience. This year, MAA will be focusing on all the positives that we can take from these past years. As the role models in our little dragons' lives, it is important that we display a positive attitude towards learning each and every day. I encourage you to do the same at home.

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MISS. PADILLA KINDER

We are one month in and I must say, it has been so enjoyable getting to know the students. They have been working so hard learning the rules and ways of being a kindergarten student. We have been busy reviewing the basics and practicing procedures every day. I'm impressed with how well the students have been doing! September is exciting because this is the time that students will be exploring new content and topics. Parents, please remember to initial planners daily. I also strongly encourage reading with your child at home. I appreciate all of your involvement. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. I am looking forward to another great month together!

1ST GRADE MRS. HARPER

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! The beginning of a new school year is an exciting time for your child. Each new year brings new experiences, new friends and new knowledge. Be assured that I will do my best to make this school year an enjoyable time for your child, but also a time filled with real learning. The skills we practice daily are the building blocks for your child's future success in school and in life. I know if we all work together, we can make this a wonderful year for our students and help them reach each goal that is set for them. We are always grateful for the parents who send in hand sanitizer, tissues, and Lysol wipes. They are greatly appreciated!

Please remember to send a water bottle with your child everyday. If your child does not already know how to tie their shoes, helping with this skill provides you with a great opportunity to contribute to their success in school.

2ND GRADE MRS. JACKSON

Wow! Can you believe it is September already? Second graders are doing a great job following the many procedures and routines of the classroom. We have begun our ELA Curriculum and they are loving it! In math, second graders will continue their learning in place value. Please continue to have your student read every night for 15 to 20 minutes. Reading logs are due every FRIDAY. Also, have your child come to school with a water bottle. They are welcome to fill up their bottles at the stations around campus. Thank you for all the support at home and please reach out with any questions or concerns!

September 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Hearing & Vision Screening	2 REACH Assembly 7:30am	3
4	5 No school Club & School Closed HAPPY LABOR DAY	6 Read a Book Day	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Curriculum Night 5:15pm	16 Picture Day	17
18	19	20	21	22 Start of Fall Equinox	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Early Release 12:30 pm	
	Parent Teacher Conferences Early Release 1:15 pm					

Mesa Arts Academy

2022–2023 School Year Calendar

2022		
Wednesday	July 27	Final Registration - 5:00 pm
Thursday	August 4	First Day of Classes
Monday	September 5	Labor Day – No School – Club Closed
Friday	September 30	End of 1 st Quarter – 12:30 pm Release
Monday – Friday	October 3-7	October Break – No School
Monday	October 10	Professional Learning Day for staff - no school for students
Friday	November 11	Veterans Day - No School
Wednesday- Friday	November 23-25	Thanksgiving Break – No School
Friday	December 16	End of Semester – 12:30 pm Release
Monday-Friday	December 19- January 2	Winter Break - No School

2023		
Tuesday	January 3	Professional Learning Day for staff- no school for students
Wednesday	January 4	School Resumes
Monday	January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. – No School
Monday	February 20	Presidents' Day - No School
Friday	March 10	End of 3 rd Quarter – 12:30 pm Release
Monday—Friday	March 13-17	Spring Break - No School
Friday	April 7	Spring Holiday – No School/Club Closed
Thursday	May 25	Last Day of Classes - 12:30 Release
Monday	June 5	Summer School Begins

School begins at **7:30 am.**
 School releases at **3:30 pm.**
 Wednesday Early Release **1:15 pm**
 The campus is open at **7:00 am.**

Breakfast is served from **7:10 am** until **7:30 am.** In the Cafeteria

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

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready for an amazing school year. In third grade, Mr. Rendon is back as our classroom teacher, with Mrs. Ashley and Mr. Wallace joining the team. Mrs. Little (Ms. Brooks got married last winter) is our new fourth grade teacher with Ms. Adams as the instructional aide. In fifth grade, Mrs. Koperno (our Principal) is now the classroom teacher with Mr. Michael as the instructional aide. As we start the school year, remember we are here for you and your students. Please don't hesitate to contact us regarding any questions or problems that you may have. Together we will have a fantastic year!

Mr. Rendon – Jhonathan.rendon@bgcaz.org

Mrs. Little – Janelle.little@bgcaz.org

Mrs. Koperno – Miranda.koperno@bgcaz.org

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

Progress reports go home this week. Please review the grades and have a conversation with your student about their progress. We have tried to be in touch in regards to progress, so please let us know right away if you think your child needs extra help or seems to be falling behind. After school tutoring is one option. If you would like your student to be a part of our afterschool tutoring program, please contact your child's homeroom teacher. Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for the end of this month. Please be on the look out for more information to come.

Thank you to all the families who so generously donated supplies and materials to our classrooms already this year - we appreciate you more than you know!

If at any time you wish to schedule a conference or phone call with your child's teachers or other staff, call the school office to schedule or e-mail staff directly.

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Club News

Flag Football registration.



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.



The flag football league is for those who have little or no knowledge of football as well as those who have had a mid-level experience with the game.

Two Divisions: 3rd-5th & 6th-8th

Fees: \$25

Registration: Begins August 29th

Practice: Begins September 12th

Games: Begin on October 1st
5 game season with end of season tournament

2022 Registration



Fill out the registration form and return it to your Boys & Girls Club by **September 9th**.

Parents do not forget that payment for September after school is due and must be paid in full by the 1st to attend the club. The club will be closed 9/5/2022 for Labor day. The club will also be closed for Training on 10/14/22.



**Early pick up before 3:00pm.
No student release between
3:00pm-3:29pm.**

1. Park your car in parking spot or pick-up line.
2. Enter through the double gate.
3. Pick up your student at their classroom.

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 Homeless Liaison
Mesa Arts Academy
480-844-3965
arceliat.tovar@bgcaz.org

Silvia Chavez Homeless Liaison
Arizona Department of education
602-542-4963
silvia.chavez@azed.gov



"Week Without Violence" October 2-8, 2022

PEACE POSTER AND POETRY CONTEST

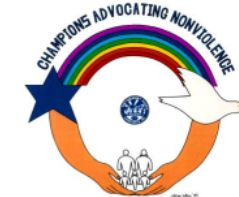
Submit entries by Wednesday, September 14, 2022 to:
Children's Benefit Foundation, Inc.
2058 South Dobson Road, Suite 6
Mesa, AZ 85202
480-820-4507

*School Resource Officers, Teachers, Art Teachers,
and Counselors, please help us promote*

Participants, please put your name, age, grade, phone number,
school email and school name on all poster and poetry entries

Poster size not to exceed 8 1/2" X 11" (NO GLITTER PLEASE)
Poetry on 8 1/2 x 11 paper
Entries May be mailed or
Faxed to 480.491.2439

SPECIAL CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION For Every Participant



*"This year we will recognize each participant
with a special certificate of participation*

Join us in promoting Peace & Non-Violence

"PEACE BEGINS WITH A SMILE."
~Mother Theresa

Out of Area Policy

Kinder -2nd:

If your student is found to be out of area, not where they are assigned to be, they will need to visit a different classroom. This means that the student will be assigned to a different grade level where they will be reminded of the reasons we want to be in our designated area.

When a student violates this policy the parent/guardian will be notified through a phone call. 3 or more repeated occurrences will result in lunch detention and the loss of field trip privileges/end of year activities.

We ask all parents/guardians to help us to have a safe school year, and make sure that the students understand where they need to be. Thank you for your time. Please contact me if you have any questions.

3rd-8th:

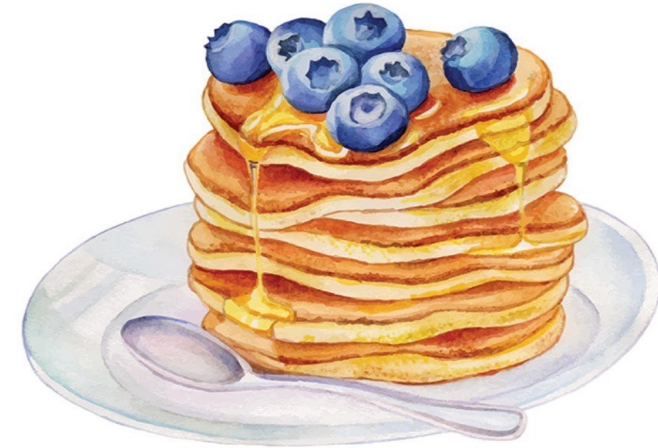
If your student is found to be out of area, not where they are assigned to be, they will receive a consequence of ISS (In School Suspension). This means that the student will be assigned to a different grade level for the day and complete their assignments in the designated grade level's classroom.

When a student violates this policy the parent/guardian will be notified through a phone call. 3 or more repeated occurrences will result in OSS (Out of School Suspension) and the loss of field trip privileges/end of year activities.

We ask all parents/guardians to help us to have a safe school year, and make sure that the students understand where they need to be. Thank you for your time.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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.

