

A word from Mrs. Koperno

Dear Mesa Arts Academy Families,

I am pleased to welcome you back to the 2021-2022 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 for 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.



Art News

Kinder, 1st, 2nd

Tuesday, December 7th

Tuesday, May 10th

3rd, 4th, 5th

Thursday, December 2nd

Thursday, May 5th

6th, 7th, 8th Band,
Guitar, Dance

Tuesday, December 14th

Tuesday, May 3rd

6th, 7th, 8th Visual
Arts, STEAM, Photo

Wednesday, November 17th

Wednesday, April 27th

Your student will receive more show info in their music and art class regarding these events.

Kinder



My name is Ms. Padilla and I am so excited to be teaching Kindergarten at Mesa Arts Academy. The students have officially made it to school, and it has been an exciting month for all. As this has been a new experience for the students, our priority has been to focus on procedures and rule following in the classroom. Students have become accustomed to the classroom, materials and tools that they will be using throughout the year. Some reading concepts we are working are name recognition, letters, and sounds. In math our focus has been number recognition, counting, and calendar knowledge. Students have been practicing these skills during whole group and centers (small group). Some activities during time involve manipulatives, hands on activities, and worksheets. Students are also encouraged to use their imagination while they learn through play as this improves their cognitive, social, physical, and emotional wellbeing. As we continue the year, I encourage all parents to read each night with their child. If a reading log is completed, students can turn these in for a special reward. We are also incorporating snack time during class now; therefore, healthy, packaged, nut free snacks are welcomed for donations along with cleaning wipes and bottled water. Thank you all for your involvement in your child's success. I am so excited to continue our progress as a class as we learn new topics!

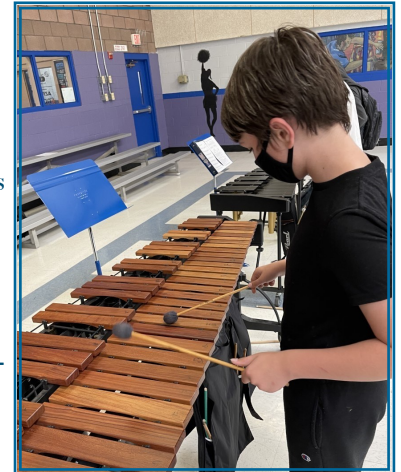
The best way to predict your future is to create it. – Abraham Lincoln

1st & 2nd Grade

Wow! Can you believe it is September already? First and second grade are doing great learning the many procedures and routines of the classroom. We have begun our new ELA Curriculum and they are loving it! In first grade math, the students will continue to practice counting on with addition problems. In second grade math, students will continue their learning in place value. Rocket Math needs to be complete at home and returned the next day, if they did not pass. This should take students no longer than 5 minutes. For both first and second grade, please continue to have your student read every night for 15 to 20 minutes. Reading logs are due every Friday. Thank you for all the support at home!

3rd-5th Grade

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. Mrs. Kush is still our fourth grade teacher, with Ms. Adams as the instructional aide. In fifth grade, Mrs. Kartchner is back as the classroom teacher with Ms. Andrea 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.



6th-8th Grade

Progress reports should have arrived home this week. Please review the grades and have a conversation with your student about their progress. Please let us know right away if you think your child needs extra help or seems to be falling behind. After school tutoring will begin soon. 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 look for more information to come.

MAAPO News



Mesa Arts Academy Parent Organization

Hi Families!

Be on the lookout for a video from our Parents Organization leadership team soon!

We have a lot of fun stuff planned for the year. We hope you are able to participate in fundraisers, activities, and come to the MAAPO all parents meetings.

This month dress down day for grades K-5 will be on 09/09/2021.

We will also be having a family night out! Flyers will be sent home with your kids with the date and more information.

Our next Parent Meeting will be on 09/21/2021 at the school at 5:30 pm. We hope to see you there! All the student who have parents in attendance will be entered into a drawing for a prize! We look forward to seeing you!

Your MAAPO (Mesa Arts Academy Parent Organization) Presidency

Shawndel – President Joaquin – Vice President Brizeiry – Secretary Nicole – Treasurer

T-Shirt Design Contest!

We need your creativity.

Help design the new MAA School Spirit T-shirt!

More information will be sent the second week of September.

PICTURE DAY IS COMING

Friday, September 17, 2021

Mesa Arts Academy

Order before Picture Day on mylifetouch.com with your Student's School ID or Picture Day ID:

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Shutterfly

A Special Offer!

Enjoy \$30 Off at Shutterfly* plus a Free 8x8 photo book when you purchase a package on mylifetouch.com.



*Offer expires April 30, 2022. Taxes, shipping and handling may apply. Other restrictions apply. Learn more at lifetouch.com/K12GWP

Lifetouch

Donations

Below is a list of items that are **needed throughout the year**. If you are able to donate any of these items we would greatly appreciate it.

Thank-you!

Kleenex Hand Sanitizer Baby Wipes
Bottled Water Disposable Masks all sizes Ziploc Bags

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.

Parent Reminder!

All students at Mesa Arts Academy qualify for breakfast and lunch at NO cost!



BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF THE VALLEY

221 West Sixth Avenue | Mesa, Arizona 85210 | (480) 844-3965 | FAX (480) 844-0205

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Mesa Arts Academy will be participating in the National School Lunch Program and the School Breakfast Program. As part of this program, Mesa Arts Academy is implementing the Community Eligibility Program Special and will offer healthy meals every school day at **NO COST** to the students due to the implementation of the Community Eligibility Program for school year 2021-2022. Students will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit a household application.

No further action is required of you. Your child(ren) will be able to participate in these meal programs without having to pay a fee or submit an application.

My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for? To find out how to apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs or other assistance benefits, contact your local assistance office or call 1-855-432-7587.

If you have other questions or need help, call 480-844-3965.

Sincerely,

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This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

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

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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September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 HAPPY LABOR DAY No School Office & Club Closed	7	8	9 Dress Down Day Fundraiser K-5th \$2	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Picture Day	18
19	20	21 MAAPO Meeting 5:30	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		
Parent teacher conference week-Early release 2:00- Friday 12:30pm						

Reminder

If members are sent home from school they, may not attend the club. If members are sick please keep them home.



Boys & Girls Club Mesa

- Club will be closed 8/6/21 Labor Day.
- Flag Football registration will begin **September 1st** for 3rd-5th and 6th-8th.
- **Payments due 20th** of every month.
- Payment for October After School Program is due on **September 20th**

All Clubs will be **closed 10/1/21** for training.

The Club does not have a public restroom at the club/school for adults/children.

September Birthdays

Happy Birthday!

Kindergarten

Juliette M
Noe R

1st Grade

Grisemely G
Rhiithym S
Zielo S
Braxton B-G.
Zaila R.

4th Grade

Ariadne E

5th Grade

Anthony R
Jaime A

6th Grade

Sophia R

7th Grade

Ian B
Jaslyne A
Abbey G
Isela A
Sahkiyah S
Ruben R

8th Grade

Isidora S
Avianah M
Sydney A