Happy Birthday

Siah J.

Messiah C.

Josiah M.

Nevaeh L.

Pablo H.

Aliyanna N.

Titus B.

Damian C

Milo L.

Jazmin 6

Simplicity L.

Alicia A.

Madilynn L.

Kosiah T.

Jovana J.

Braxton J.

Jayden M.

Yessi C.

Adrian C.

Fernando T

Ariathna L.

Miranda M.







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A WORD FROM MRS. OYER

As we begin December, I look back and think: how quickly the school year has gone by so far! I truly love the wonderful families and community that we have at MAA.

We know that the holiday season is a hectic one, where people can be coming and going, always in a rush. However, as a community, we have to be sure that we are paying attention to what matters most - the safety of our children. That is why we wanted to take some time to remind our families of a few of the protocols we have in place to help us ensure student safety. We know these protocols may take a few extra moments, but in the end, they are worth the time they take.

- First, please be prepared to answer a few important questions when entering MAA, and be pre-pared to show identification for the purpose of dismissing or speaking with your child. We do have some new staff and they are trained to ask for ID.
- If your child is going to be absent or late, please inform the school as soon as possible. If we do not hear from a parent or guardian, the school will need to contact you; please be sure we have the correct phone number on file.
- Lastly, if you call the school and ask for information regarding your child, please be prepared to wait or even receive a call back. We cannot share any information over the phone until we have confirmed who we are speaking with, ensuring we have authorization from the parent or guardian to communicate with the person requesting the information.

I hope to see everyone at our holiday shows. Please see the calendar for dates and times. Again, thank you for all you do to help make MAA such a success. Always remember that as a school community, we are here for you. As always, if you have any questions feel free to call the main office at 480-844-3965.

A WORD FROM OUR TEACHERS

Kinder Mrs. Padilla

I cannot believe that December is already here. With all of the holiday breaks that we are having, it is more important than ever that students are working hard in class and attending each day. There is just so much to do! I am really enjoying seeing all of the progress that my students have been showing. Their reading skills have come a long way. I encourage you to continue reading with your child at home. Please remember that at this point, students are capable of reading the material themselves(with little guidance). They can practice their word list that is in their binder, as well as reading materials that get sent home. I am so proud of my students and I hope that they keep up the good work! Let's end 2023 on a great note!



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

As we finish up the first half of the 2023-2024 school year, it is a great time to reflect on the many accomplishments in first and second grade. The students have learned many new sight words, they have been decoding words and working hard on their fluency skills. We will continue to strengthen and build on these reading skills.

In first grade math, we will focus on fact families to help us understand the relationship between addition and subtraction. In Social Studies, we will be studying different holidays around the world.

In second grade students will continue their skills in reading fluency and comprehension in fiction and nonfiction text. We will start to build skills in adding and subtracting with 3 digit numbers. Please continue to read with your child every day. Reading with your child is one of the best things you can do to help them in their educational endeavors. Thank you for all your support at home! We are looking forward to winter break and hope you all have a wonderful holiday and New Year!



2023

| | SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------|------------------------|--|--|--|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | J | | | ** | | 1 | 2 |
| | 3 | 4 | 5 Grades K–2 Winter Performance 6:00 pm Wood Gym Club Closes at 5:00 | 6 | 7 Grades 3–5 Winter Performance 6:00 pm Wood Gym Club Closes at 5:00 | 8 | 9 |
| //×/// | 10 | 11 Cheer Practice 3:00-4:30pm After School Musical Rehearsal 3:00-4:30 | 12 Elective : Winter Showcase 6-8th 6:00pm Wood Gym | After School Musical Rehearsal 3:00-4:30 | 14 After School Musical Rehearsal 3:00-4:30 | 15 Grams | Colorguard 9:00am- 12:00am |
| | 17 | After School Musical Rehearsal 3:00-4:30 | 19 After School Musical Rehearsal 3:00-4:30 | 20 After School Musical Rehearsal 3:00-4:30 | 21 Early Release 12:30pm | 22 Winter Break Begins | 23 |
| | 31 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| () | WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL | | | | | | |





BREAKFAST IS
SERVED FROM
7:10AM-7:30AM
IN THE CAFETERIA.
LUNCH
11:00AM-12:45PM
IN THE CAFETERIA.

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3rd Grade Mr. Rendon, 4th Grade Ms. Adams, 5th Grade Ms. Dean

This month, third grade students will wrap up their unit on animals, and begin learning how to write their own opinion sample using a variety of text. In math, they continue working on properties of multiplication and division along with building their ability to fluently add and subtract up to 1000.

Fourth grade will be working on multiplication and division in math and government structures in ELA. In science we will be discussing volcanoes and more of earth's processes.

Fifth grade will be learning about some exciting things this month! In ELA and science we will be reading poems and informational text to discover how technology has an impact on our lives. In math, we will be diving into fractions! In social studies, we will be studying the American Revolution. We look forward to seeing you at conferences! Have a wonderful and restful break!

6th Grade 7th Grade Mrs. Little 8th Grade Mrs. Buenrostro

Happy holidays from the Middle School teaching staff! Reflecting on the first half of this year, we can see the hard work that staff and students have done. Together we have filled learning gaps, while balancing the social and emotional wellness of our students. We appreciate all of the support you give your child and our program. If you would like to take their practice to another level, allow your child to login to the iReady website for math practice by going to https://i-ready.com AND they can login to https://lexiapowerup.com for additional practice in reading. Use the emails: angelica.buenrostro@bgcaz.org, and janelle.little@bgcaz.org. As a reminder, after school math tutoring is available from 3:00 to 3:30 pm everyday except Wednesday.

Arizona State Fair Results Great Job Everyone!

STEAM

1st Place =1 7th Place =1
2nd Place =3 8th Place =1
3rd Place =4 10th Place =2
4th Place =1

Visual Arts

 1st Place
 =5
 5th Place =1

 2nd Place
 =2
 6th Place =1

 3rd Place
 =3
 8th Place =1

 4th Place
 =2

Photography

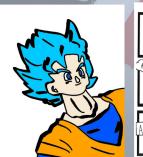
1st Place =6
2nd Place =6
3rd Place =2
4th Place =2 5th Place =1

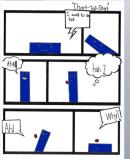
Totals Ribbons

1st Place =12 2nd Place =11 3rd Place =9 4th Place =5

5th Place =2 6th Place =1 7th Place =1 8th Place =2

10th Place =2











Hello from MAAPO!

December is an exciting month! We have the upcoming school performances followed by a winter break!

This year MAAPO will be selling raffle tickets for a basket and balloons at the Kinder-5th grade performances.



Have a safe and happy holiday season!



December Breakfast Menu

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Holi | days | | 1 Pancake Fresh Fruit Variety 100% Juice Milk | | | | |
| 4 Pop-Tarts Green Apple 100% Juice Milk | 5 Apple Frudel Orange 100% Juice Milk | 6 Mini Cinni Red Apple 100% Juice Milk | 7 Cinnamon Toast Pastry Pear 100% Juice Milk | 8 Cereal Bar Fresh Fruit Variety 100% Juice Milk | | | | |
| 11 Cocoa Puffs Cereal Green Apple 100% Juice Milk | 12 Oatmeal Round Orange 100% Juice Milk | 13 Mini Strawberry Bagel Red Apple 100% Juice Milk | 14 Yogurt & Graham Cracker Pear 100% Juice Milk | 15 Pancake Fresh Fruit Variety 100% Juice Milk | | | | |
| 18 Pop-Tarts Green Apple 100% Juice Milk | 19 Apple Frudel Orange 100% Juice Milk | 20 Mini Cini Red Apple 100% Juice Milk | 21 Cinnamon Toast Pastry Pear 100% Juice Milk | HAPPY | | | | |
| WINTER BREAK No School 12/22 - 1/8 | | | | | | | | |

Choice of Milk: Milk is given at every meal. Offer two varieties in fat content and/or flavor. Fat-free flavored, fat-free plain, 1% plain.

Menu is subject to change due to supply chain issues.



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December Lunch Menu

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Fresh Fruit Variety

1 Quesadilla **Baby Carrots** Salsa

Milk

8

Salsa

Milk

15

Beef Burrito

Baby Carrots

Chicken Burrito

Fresh Fruit Variety

Baby Carrots

Fresh Fruit Variety



Bean & Cheese Nachos **Baby Carrots** Salsa Red Apple Milk

Monday

Popcorn Chicken Potato Wedges Orange Milk

12 Chicken Sandwich Corn

11 Grilled Cheese **Baby Carrots** Red Apple Milk

18

Nachos

Bean & Cheese

Baby Carrots

Red Apple

Orange Milk

19 Hot Dogs Corn Orange Milk

Teriyaki Chicken Broccoli Pear Milk

13

Broccoli

Pear

Milk

20

Pear

Milk

Green Apple Milk 14 Meatball Marinara Pizza Cucumber

21

Pizza

Milk

Cucumber

Green Apple

Hummus

Pizza

Cucumber

Hummus

Hummus Green Apple Milk



WINTER BREAK

Cheeseburgers

Tomatoes

Romaine Lettuce

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MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER















Winter Performance

A Sweet Adventure

K, 1st, and 2nd Grade: December 5th at 6:00pm.

Students must arrive back on campus at 5:30pm. Students may not stay after school unless they attend the club. This is a required performance and each student plays an important role in the show.

3rd, 4th and 5th Grade: December 7th at 6:00pm.

Students must arrive back on campus at 5:30pm. Students may not stay after school unless they attend the club. This is a required performances and each student plays an important role in the show.

ENCHANTED HOLIDAY

6th-8th Percussion, Dance, and Music Production classes only: December 12th at 6:00pm

Students must arrive back on campus at 5:30pm. Students may not stay after school unless they attend the club. This is a required performance and each student plays an important role in the show.



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