

# IT'S TIME TO CELEBRATE FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!



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*Happy  
Birthday!*

We hope that the new year has started off well for all of you. We are busy with learning and activities every day here at Mesa Arts Academy. Our focus remains to cultivate a positive climate and create the best learning environment possible. High quality instruction and student learning are our highest priorities.

Every-thing that we do at Mesa Arts Academy is designed to help students learn in all areas and be successful well beyond their time here. Once again, that partnership between school and home is a key ingredient for student success.

With that said, we hope that your students are feeling safe and supported. This is an interesting time in their lives and development, and can be challenging at times. If you have questions and or concerns, we want to hear from you.

It is hard to believe that we have passed the half-way point of the year. Students are settled into routines and understand our school-wide expectations. Teachers have worked hard to create meaningful learning opportunities and teach school- wide behavior expectations. Consistency and predictability are key factors for student success, as well as a calm learning environment to better focus on learning.

A reminder about attendance: School begins at 7:30 am everyday. When your child is late, they miss valuable time with their classmates and teacher. Many teachers use this time for team and community building. After 7:45 am, parents are required to sign their child in at the front office.

We're fortunate to work with your students every day. Thank you for allowing us to play a role in their development. We are busy with learning and activities every day here at Mesa Arts Academy.



MISS. PADILLA

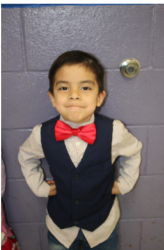
Hello MAA families. Another month is here, and time feels like it is flying by! We still have so much to do this year so please help your child come to school prepared and ready to learn. A good night's rest and a healthy breakfast is a great way to start off each day. As we continue to learn in our classroom, the curriculum is becoming more challenging. Please be sure to work with your child at home on homework, reading, and spelling words. I appreciate all of the support that you provide to your child's education. I do believe that it takes a village, and I would not be able to do it all without you! I also want to mention that we will be having a Valentine's Day celebration on February 14th. Students can bring cards for the whole class. Please only fill in the "From:" portion. As always, please let me know if you have any questions, comments, or concerns! Let's have a wonderful month!

1ST GRADE MRS. HARPER



Our first-grade class is moving right along with the reading program. Please read with your child every night and don't forget the homework that is due each Friday. In math, the students are working hard to understand place values of ones, tens and hundreds as well as learning different strategies to find missing addends.

2ND GRADE MRS. JACKSON

In Math, second grade will continue their learning in regrouping with addition and subtraction up to the number 999. We will do lots of practice with manipulatives, whiteboards, and paper/pencil. PLEASE remember to have your child read EVERY night. I have only a handful of students that are turning in their reading logs on Fridays. Students should read for 15 minutes at least Monday - Thursday. This nightly practice will help them meet their 90 words-per-minute goal. Thank you for all the support from home! Thank you for your support in helping your child strengthen their reading and math skills. Please send a water bottle to school with your child every day.



February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	AZELLA Testing 1/29-3/15			1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 NED Show Assembly	10 Color Guard 9:00am-12:00pm
Photography Class Friendship Grams Fundraiser 2/6-2/13						
11	12 Lincoln's Birthday 	13 1st Grade Fieldtrip	14 8th Grade Fieldtrip	15 MAAPO Meeting 5:30	16	17
18	19 President's Day No School	20	21 Photo Class Fieldtrip	22 Math Night 5:30pm-6:30pm 	23 REACH Assembly	24
25	26	27	28	29 Navy Band Assembly	March 1 Kinder and 8th Grade Promotion Photos	3/2 Spring Photos March 7



# Friendship Grams Photography Fundraiser

Send a gram to students, friends  
and teachers

February 6-13

Sale in the office before school

7:00-7:25am

50¢, \$1.00 and & \$2.00

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 texts. 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 points of view in ELA. In science we will finish up with Earth's processes and starting magnets.

Fifth grade has been working hard on writing their very own fictional mysteries. The science focus will be on our solar system and Earth. Multi-digit division has been keeping fifth graders very busy during math. We look forward to seeing you at conferences!

6th Grade Dr. Blanchette, 7th Grade Mrs. Little,

8th Grade Mrs. Buenrostro

The second semester is a time of change and growth. By the third quarter, we are well into the curriculum and since routines have been established, we are able to accomplish more growth academically. During this time, attendance is a very important component of your child's success. **We can't overstate that fact. According to the Handbook, "Students are required by state law (ARS §15-802 & §15-803) to be in attendance every school day. Students who miss more than 10% of the school year (18 days) may not receive credit for that year and will be considered for retention."**

Please note: Progress reports will be sent home the first week of February. Parent Teacher conference appointment requests will be sent around the third week of February; conferences will be the second week of March. Thank you as always for your support.

For the families of eighth-grade students, once you selected a high school, make sure you go to the high school website and either enroll online or download the enrollment packet.



Thank you, Maury Osbourne and Georgia Tavera for teaching  
our students the process of filmmaking!





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](mailto:arcelia.tovar@bgcaz.org)

Mesa Arts Academy participates in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. The main goals of the FFVP are to expand the variety of fruits and vegetables that students experience and learn healthy eating habits through nutrition education.

**Breakfast is served from  
7:10am-7:30am in the cafeteria.  
Lunch  
11:00am-12:45pm in the cafeteria**



## JR. High Winter Dance





# I ♥ my school because...



I love Mr. Rendon and Mrs. Ashley Braxton  
I ♥ my school because teachers help the students develop their talents and care for their student's success. Mrs. Tovar

All the fun stuff we do, the teacher and the Thansgiving lunch.  
Adrian  
It has been a great 6 years ever since I've been here. Anonymous



I ♥ P.E., Music, ans Art.  
Aydeen

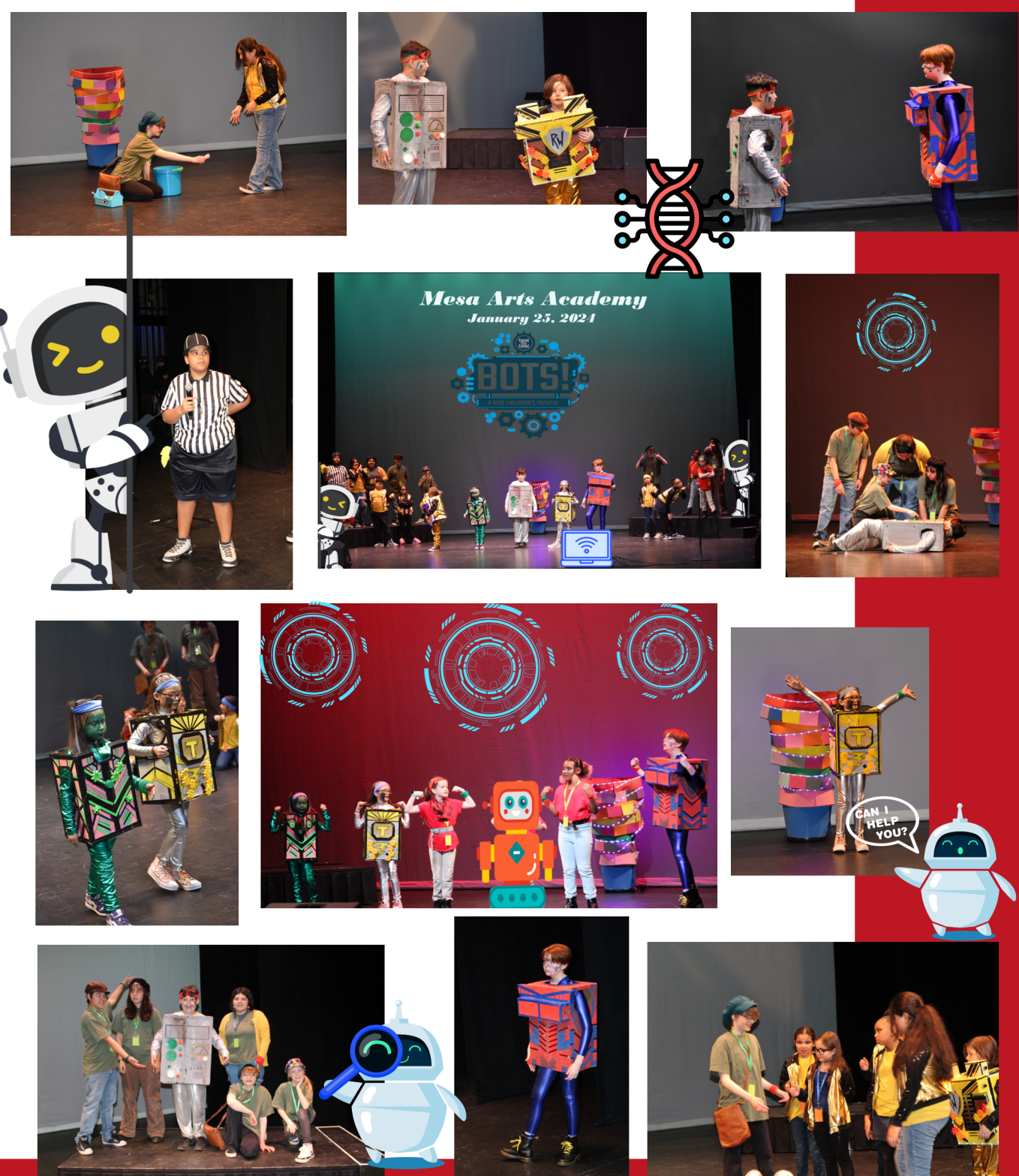
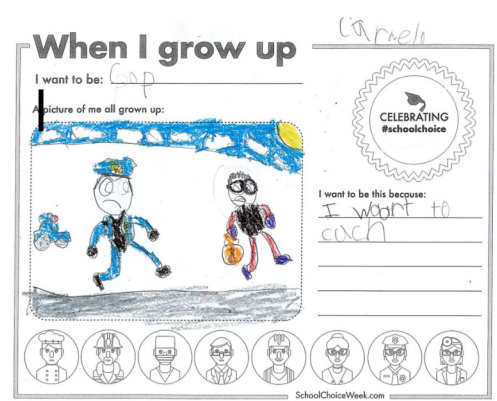
M.A.A. is fun and cool  
my favorite class is ceramics.  
Dayton  
My teachers are nice and caring.  
Lluvia  
I ♥ my school because it is a place where creativity is encouraged!  
Also, Sparkles, the garden cat adds beauty to our campus.  
Mrs. B  
I ♥ Arts!  
Zielo  
I get to do fun projects and about much everything.  
Anonymous



## When I grow up I want to be .....

I want to be a chef  
to make good food.  
Kenai  
I want to be a nurse  
to help people.  
Arianna  
I want to be a cop.  
David  
I want to be a teacher  
because it's super fun.  
Siah

I want to be a doctor to help people.  
Sylvia  
I want to be a scientist. I like scientific stuff and experiments.  
Ayvri  
I want to be a chef to get dollars and five stars.  
Ezra





## February Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			<b>1</b> Yogurt & Graham Cracker Tangerine 100% Juice Milk	<b>2</b> Pancake Tangerine 100% Juice Milk
<b>5</b> Pop-Tart Red Apple 100% Juice Milk	<b>6</b> Apple Frudel Orange 100% Juice Milk	<b>7</b> Mini Cinni Pear 100% Juice Milk	<b>8</b> Cinnamon Toast Pastry Tangerine 100% Juice Milk	<b>9</b> Cereal Bar String Cheese Fresh Fruit Variety 100% Juice Milk
<b>12</b> Cocoa Puffs Cereal Red Apple 100% Juice Milk	<b>13</b> Oatmeal Round Orange 100% Juice Milk	<b>14</b> Muffin Pear 100% Juice Milk	<b>15</b> Yogurt & Graham Cracker Tangerine 100% Juice Milk	<b>16</b> Pancake Fresh Fruit Variety 100% Juice Milk
<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b> Donut Orange 100% Juice Milk	<b>21</b> Mini Cini Pear 100% Juice Milk	<b>22</b> Cinnamon Toast Pastry Tangerine 100% Juice Milk	<b>23</b> Cereal Bar Fresh Fruit Variety 100% Juice Milk
<b>26</b> Pop-Tarts Red Apple 100% Juice Milk	<b>27</b> Oatmeal Round Orange 100% Juice Milk	<b>28</b> Mini Strawberry Bagel Pear 100% Juice Milk	<b>29</b> Yogurt & Graham Cracker Tangerine 100% Juice Milk	

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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## February Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			<b>1</b> Pizza Celery Fresh Fruit Variety Milk	<b>2</b> Quesadilla Salsa Baby Carrots Fresh Fruit Variety Milk
<b>5</b> Grilled Cheese Baby Carrots Tangerine Milk	<b>6</b> Chicken Sandwich Corn Red Apple Milk	<b>7</b> Meatball Marinara Broccoli Orange Milk	<b>8</b> Pizza Celery Hummus Pear Milk	<b>9</b> Chicken Burrito Baby Carrots Salsa Fresh Fruit Variety Milk
<b>12</b> Bean & Cheese Nachos Salsa Baby Carrots Tangerine Milk	<b>13</b> Hot Dogs Corn Red Apple Milk	<b>14</b> Cheeseburgers Romaine Lettuce Tomatoes Frozen Strawberries Milk	<b>15</b> Pizza Celery Hummus Pear Milk	<b>16</b> Bean & Cheese Pupusa Baby Carrots Salsa Fresh Fruit Variety Milk
<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b> Chicken Tenders Corn Red Apple Milk	<b>21</b> Bean & Cheese Nachos Salsa Baby Carrots Frozen Strawberries Milk	<b>22</b> Pizza Celery Hummus Pear Milk	<b>23</b> Orange Chicken Brown Rice Broccoli Fresh Fruit Variety Milk
<b>26</b> Bean & Cheese Burrito Salsa Baby Carrots Tangerine Milk	<b>27</b> Chicken Nuggets Corn Red Apple Milk	<b>28</b> Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Frozen Strawberries Milk	<b>29</b> Pizza Celery Hummus Pear Milk	

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