

# HAPPY Birthday

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Giovanni A.  
Elisabeth M.  
Aaron A.  
Silvia B.  
Elias A.  
Jacob M.  
Thiago M.

Quasar F.  
Diane B.  
Cristian L.  
Sarai L.  
Donovan H.  
Joseph B.  
Lei'ah F.



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## *A Word From Mrs. Oyer*

I would like to extend my warmest wishes to you and your families for a joyous Thanksgiving and a wonderful holiday season. In the upcoming weeks, many of you will likely be busy preparing for visits from family and friends. As we navigate this festive season, it is essential to consider how these holiday interruptions may affect our students. I encourage you to take an extra moment to help your child maintain focus and stay on task with their schoolwork while also enjoying this time of year.

Please welcome our MAAPO leadership team leaders. We are fortunate to have supportive parents and a committed community, with MAAPO leading the way. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for all that you do to contribute to the success of MAA. Furthermore, we are privileged to have exceptional students who challenge themselves daily to learn and engage, motivating us to become better educators and individuals. They are the reason we come to work each day.

Our priority remains the safety and well-being of our students. Please remember that children must stay home until they are fever-free for a full 24 hours without the use of medication for any illness. I kindly ask that you assess your children each morning before they leave for school and keep them at home if they are unwell, particularly if they have a fever. It is crucial not to administer fever-reducing medication and then send them to school, as a fever can indicate a contagious condition that may pose a risk to others.

As we look ahead, please note that our winter showcases are approaching; refer to the calendar included in this newsletter for specific dates and times. I eagerly anticipate witnessing the talents of our remarkable students.



Kindergarten Mrs. Schreck

Hello MAA families! A new month is here and my students have been working harder than ever. As we continue to strengthen our reading and math skills we will also be learning about foods and harvest. Students will spend several days learning and exploring apples. If you have the means and are interested in donating apples to our classroom, please let me know. We are also in need of packaged snacks. Thank you to the parents who have made donations. As always, supporting your children’s academic progress at home is important. Please make sure that you are reading with your child. I will continue to send home weekly homework that must be submitted by the following Friday. Please reach out to me if you have any questions. Let’s have a great month!

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

First and second grade have been making great progress in their reading! Thank you for your support at home. It is making a great difference!  
In first grade, the students will be learning how stories have problems that need to be solved. They will also be strengthening their phonics skills by reading every day. In math first grade students will be learning how addition can be added in any order

In second grade, students will begin studying nonfiction and reading poetry. In math, students will continue their learning in place value and will start working on adding up to three and four numbers at once.

Parent Reminders

- **Campus Opens for Drop-Off: 7:00 AM**
  - **Breakfast Served: 7:10 AM - 7:25 AM in the cafeteria**
  - **Bell Rings: 7:25 AM**
  - **School Starts: 7:30 AM \***
- \*Students must be in their classrooms by this time to avoid being marked tardy.**

Club News

The Boys & Girls Clubs Grant Woods Branch would like to invite 30 Mesa Arts Academy students to come and experience the after school program at the club on December 19th. Come explore the club and meet the staff at Grant Woods. There will be games, food and lots of fun! Santa will be visiting us and bringing presents to give to members from 430pm to 6pm. Please enroll online at [bgcaz.org](http://bgcaz.org) for the Grant Woods. There is no annual fee charge for MAA students. Please sign up as soon as possible as this is a first come first serve invitation. After you enroll please contact Melissa Maxson at [melissa.maxson@bgcaz.org](mailto:melissa.maxson@bgcaz.org) to add your name to our December 19th event.

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November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 Election Day 	6	7	8	9
10	11 Veteran's Day No Classes Club Open	12 Alice in Wonderland Rehersal 3:00pm-4:30pm	13	14 Alice in Wonderland Rehersal 3:00pm-4:30pm Reading Night 5:30pm-6:30pm	15	16
17	18	19 Alice in Wonderland Rehersal 3:00pm-4:30pm	20	21 Alice in Wonderland Rehersal 3:00pm-4:30pm Mesa Police Dinner During school MAAPO Meeting 5:30pm Room 4	22 REACH Assembly 7:30am	23
24	25	26 Alice in Wonderland Rehersal 3:00pm-4:30pm	27 Thanksgiving Break 11/27-11/29 No School Club Open	28  Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL CLUB CLOSED	29 Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL CLUB CLOSED	30







Congratulations to the STEAM students for their participation at the Mesa Arts Center this year.



Well done!



**Mr. Rendon 3rd Grade, Ms. Adams 4th Grade  
and Mr. Reis -5th Grade**

Third grade will be working on multiplication and division in math and text features/kinds of text in ELA. Fourth grade is finishing multiplication and division and starting fractions in math, reading dramas in ELA, and learning about weather and the water cycle in science. Fifth grade is moving on to dividing with double digits in math and in ELA, they will be discussing character traits and supporting evidence. Students will also begin narrative writing and exploring ecosystems in science.

In ELA, 3rd, 4th, and 5th will be working on writing an opinion essay, and discussing character traits and how they effect the story. We are also learning how to summarize a story.

**6th Grade Dr. Blanchette, 7th Grade Mrs. Little,  
8th Grade Mrs. Buenrostro**

Hello, Middle School families, November is a time when we look forward to family time and holidays. Thanksgiving will be the last week of the month but before that, we have many things going on. Progress reports will go out the first week, on the 7th . Galileo testing will happen starting Tuesday and ending Thursday. In addition, that week is a short week because Monday is Veteran’s Day.

Last month, when we got together for parent teacher conferences, we worked on a plan to help your child succeed. Are there any changes we need to make? We have started offering tutoring after school and a couple of clubs. Homework is being assigned in the different classes. In science, you should see them studying their vocabulary. Math pages from their book are sent home and they should be reading at least 20 minutes per night.

## Donations

Here’s a fabulous list of goodies we need all year round! If you can spare any of these delightful items, we’d be over the moon! Thanks a million!

- Kleenex
- Baby Wipes
- Ziploc Bags
- Hand Sanitizer
- Bottled Water
- Lysol Wipes

# 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)

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



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## Alice in Wonderland Jr.

### After School Musical Rehearsal

Rehearsals are scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 to 4:30 PM. Please note that cast members will not be required to attend every rehearsal; therefore, it is essential for each member to consult their call schedule for specific dates.

On October 15, each cast member received an individualized call sheet containing detailed instructions for the rehearsal dates in October and November. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. L at [caila.loehr@bgcaz.org](mailto:caila.loehr@bgcaz.org).



**Save the date for the performance on  
Tuesday, February 25th  
At Mesa Arts Center**



## Winter Performances

**Grades Kinder-5th**

**December 10th**

**6:00pm In the Wood Gym**

**Grades 6th-8th**

**December 12th**

Students are required to return to campus by 5:15 PM. They are not permitted to remain on campus after school unless they are participating in the afterschool Boys & Girls Club. This performance is mandatory, and each student plays a vital role in the show. Information regarding performance attire will be provided in the coming weeks.



Please enroll your Fry's V.I.P Card to Fry's Community Rewards Program. Log in at [www.FrysCommunityRewards.com](http://www.FrysCommunityRewards.com) and follow the instructions. Find Mesa Arts Academy and the number for the school is 80353.







**The Mesa Arts Academy  
Dragons would like to welcome  
the MAAPO Leadership Team!!**



Maricela Alcalá  
President

Hello, my name is Marisela Alcalá. I am the mother of five children currently enrolled in 7th, 5th, 3rd, 1st grades, and one in high school. For the past four years, my children have attended MAA. I have served on the MAAPO leadership team for the last two school years and am delighted to contribute to shaping a positive future for our children. I remain committed to planning fundraisers, organizing activities, and assisting staff with various tasks. It is an honor to be part of the MAAPO team and to help make MAA an exceptional environment for students, parents, and faculty alike.



Lindsay Vanegas  
Vice President

Save the date  
MAAPO Meeting  
Thursday, November 24th  
at 5:30 Room 4



Vanessa Vanegas  
Treasurer

Hello, my name is Vanessa Vanegas, and I look forward to helping out the MAAPO this year as treasurer. I am new to the school gig but am excited to be part of the MAA school community. My child is a kindergartener and we as a family are learning this process together. I am a state employee who manages a budget of nearly one million dollars and leads a team of 12 employees. I will be a responsible member of the MAAPO and look forward to assisting in maintaining a fun and safe environment for students, parents and staff.



## November Breakfast Menu

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

				<b>1</b> Pop-Tart Fresh Fruit Variety 100% Juice Milk
<b>4</b> Oatmeal Round Pear 100% Juice Milk	<b>5</b> Muffin Orange 100% Juice Milk	<b>6</b> Mini Cinni Apple 100% Juice Milk	<b>7</b> Yogurt & Graham Cracker Tangerine 100% Juice Milk	<b>8</b> Cereal Bar Fresh Fruit Variety 100% Juice Milk
<b>11</b> <b>Veteran's Day</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>12</b> Oatmeal Round Orange 100% Juice Milk	<b>13</b> Muffin Apple 100% Juice Milk	<b>14</b> Yogurt & Graham Cracker Tangerine 100% Juice Milk	<b>15</b> Pancake Fresh Fruit Variety 100% Juice Milk
<b>18</b> Muffin Pear 100% Juice Milk	<b>19</b> Apple Frudel Orange 100% Juice Milk	<b>20</b> Honey Bun Apple 100% Juice Milk	<b>21</b> Cinnamon Toast Pastry Tangerine 100% Juice Milk	<b>22</b> Pop-Tart Fresh Fruit Variety 100% Juice Milk
<b>25</b> Cocoa Puffs Cereal Pear 100% Juice Milk	<b>26</b> Oatmeal Round Orange 100% Juice Milk	<b>Thanksgiving Break</b> 11/27 - 11/29		

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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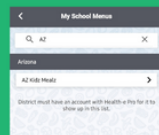
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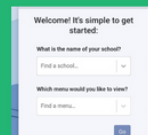
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## November Lunch Menu

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

				<b>1</b> Orange Chicken Brown Rice Broccoli Fruit Variety Milk
<b>4</b> Bean & Cheese Burrito Baby Carrots Salsa Orange Milk	<b>5</b> Chicken Tenders Potato Wedges Pear Milk	<b>6</b> Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Tangerine Milk	<b>7</b> Pizza Celery Baby Carrots Apple Milk	<b>8</b> Quesadilla Beans Salsa Fruit Variety Milk
<b>11</b> <b>Veteran's Day</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>12</b> Popcorn Chicken Corn Pear Milk	<b>13</b> Teriyaki Chicken Rice Broccoli Tangerine Milk	<b>14</b> Pizza Celery Apple Milk	<b>15</b> Beef Burrito Baby Carrots Salsa Fruit Variety Milk
<b>18</b> Grilled Cheese Baby Carrots Orange Milk	<b>19</b> Chicken Sandwich Broccoli Pear Milk	<b>20</b> Pizza Celery Hummus Tangerine Milk	<b>21</b> Thanksgiving Lunch Corn Apple Milk	<b>22</b> Corndog Baby Carrots Fruit Variety Milk
<b>25</b> Bean & Cheese Nachos Salsa Baby Carrots Orange Milk	<b>26</b> Hot Dogs Corn Pear Milk	<b>Thanksgiving Break</b> 11/27 - 11/29		

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