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Who is MAAPO?

Whether you are new to the school, or a returning family, as a parent/guardian of a Mesa Arts Academy student, you are a member of the Mesa Arts Academy Parent Organization (MAAPO.)

MAAPO Meeting

The school and MAAPO both have Facebook pages where information is communicated and updated regularly. Next meeting for this year is coming up.

Save the date!
MAAPO Meeting
Thursday, October 23rd
at 5:30pm
Room 4

We are currently seeking volunteers who are interested in serving on the MAAPO Leadership Team. If you wish to be considered for a position, kindly send an email to Arcelia Tovar at arcelia.tovar@bgcaz.org.



October 2025

A Word From Mrs. Oyer

The 2025/2026 school year is progressing smoothly, with auditions for the after-school musical happening on Tuesday, October 14th. We have arranged for students requiring additional academic support to receive the necessary assistance, and teachers are convening monthly to assess each student's progress. October is consistently an enjoyable month within our school community as we immerse ourselves in the spirit of Fall and prepare for the upcoming holiday season.

Additionally, October marks Red Ribbon Month. The last week of October (October 27-31) was officially designated as Red Ribbon Week in 1988 through a proclamation by the United States Congress. During this time, numerous schools, government agencies, and social service organizations organize activities to celebrate and promote positive choices and healthy, drug-free lifestyles for both young people and adults across the nation. MAA is proud to participate in Red Ribbon Week with engaging activities, and further details will be provided soon.



October 31st

Students in all grades, may choose to wear costumes to school on October 31st. Please note that children are not permitted to wear scary costumes or masks, bring sharp edged props such as sticks, swords, knives, weapons, have bare midriffs, feature blood and gore, etc.



Kindergarten Mrs. Schreck

Hello Families,
I'm so proud of the growth our kindergarteners are showing! Their ability to stay focused and engaged is making it such a joy to plan and teach lessons each day.
October is one of my favorite months of the year; the weather cools down, students begin making huge strides in their learning, and of course, it's officially Spooky Season! We have many exciting and meaningful activities ahead, and I can't wait to share them with your children.

As your child continues to work hard in class, please remember there are important ways you can support their learning at home. Reading together as often as possible is one of the best ways to build their skills. I will also be sending home resources in math and writing to reinforce what we are practicing in class.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions. Thank you for being such an important part of your child's learning journey. Let's have a spooktacular month together!
Warmly,
Mrs. S

1st Grade Mr. Mendoza

In first grade, students have been actively engaged in developing their phonics skills through the study of digraphs, including wh, sh, ch, th, ck, wr, kn, gh, gn, and qu. These digraphs have been strategically integrated into both reading and writing activities to reinforce literacy development.

Our students have demonstrated commendable effort and progress in their reading journey. Utilizing the SAM reading program, they have collectively read an impressive total of 21,378 words independently.
In mathematics, we are exploring various subtraction strategies to build foundational number sense. These strategies include counting on, using visual representations such as pictures and ten frames, employing manipulatives, and working with number lines.

In social studies, our focus has been on understanding the characteristics and qualities that define our neighborhoods. Students are learning to recognize the roles, features, and values that contribute to a strong and supportive community

2nd Grade Mrs.Jackson

October is here, and our 2nd semester is vastly approaching!
In reading students will continue working on finding the moral of a story. We will begin learning about text features and how they help us with understanding nonfiction text. As always, please continue to read with your student every evening for at least 15 minutes and practice their fluency passages nightly. So far, almost everyone in the class in turning in their homework packets. I am so impressed! I truly appreciate all your support!
In math, second graders will continue to strengthen their math skills with addition and subtraction up to 100. I can definitely see an improvement in their skills, I hope you can too!
I am looking forward to meeting with all of you during our parent-teacher conferences this week.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Early Release 1:15pm	2	3 Early Release 12:30pm	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Fall Break No School. The club will be open from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM for members who have paid their monthly fee.						
12	13 No School	14 School Resumes at 7:30 AM. After-School Musical Auditions 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM	15	16	17 Honors Assembly 5th-8th 1:30pm K-4th Grade 2:15pm	18
19	20 After-School Musical Rehearsal 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM	21	22	23 MAAPO Meeting 5:30pm After-School Musical Rehearsal 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM	24	25
26	27 After-School Musical Rehearsal 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM	28	29	30 After-School Musical Rehearsal 3:15 PM - 4:30 PM	31 REACH Assembly 7:30am	
Red Ribbon Week						





AUDITIONS

Tuesday, 10/14

3:15 pm-4:30 pm in RM3

Callbacks Thursday, 10/16

3:15 pm-4:30 pm in RM3

Cast Announcement

Friday, 10/17 during school

All auditioners will receive an invitation

Call Sheet will be sent home for parent signature

Family Volunteers: Opportunities will be available for adult family members with a valid IVP fingerprint clearance card. You will be required to fill out a volunteer application with Mesa Arts Academy

- Volunteer tasks include helping with costumes, sets, makeup/hair and backstage support
- Email cailaloehr@bgcaz.org for more information

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

Happy October! It was great seeing everyone at conferences! Third grade will continue working on multiplication and area. Fourth grade will be dividing multi-digit whole numbers, working on the literary unit Characters Actions and Reactions, and learning about Earth's systems. Fifth grade will continue working on multi-digit multiplication and division, and will now be moving on to summaries and comparing and contrasting character traits. In ELA, 3rd, 4th, and 5th will be continuing learning how to write 5 paragraph essays and will be starting Unit 2- Animal Kingdoms units. Have a wonderful Fall Break.



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

Dear Middle School Families,

Our students have been working hard to build strong routines this fall, and it's been wonderful to see their dedication and growth. We look forward to connecting with you at Parent Teacher Conferences during the first week of October to celebrate their progress and talk about the road ahead in Quarter 2. Please remember to follow up on tutoring or other supports arranged for your child—these small steps make a big difference!

Looking ahead, Red Ribbon Week is October 27 – 31. Flyers will be sent home with details on how students can take part in fun, learning activities.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish you a restful Fall Break!

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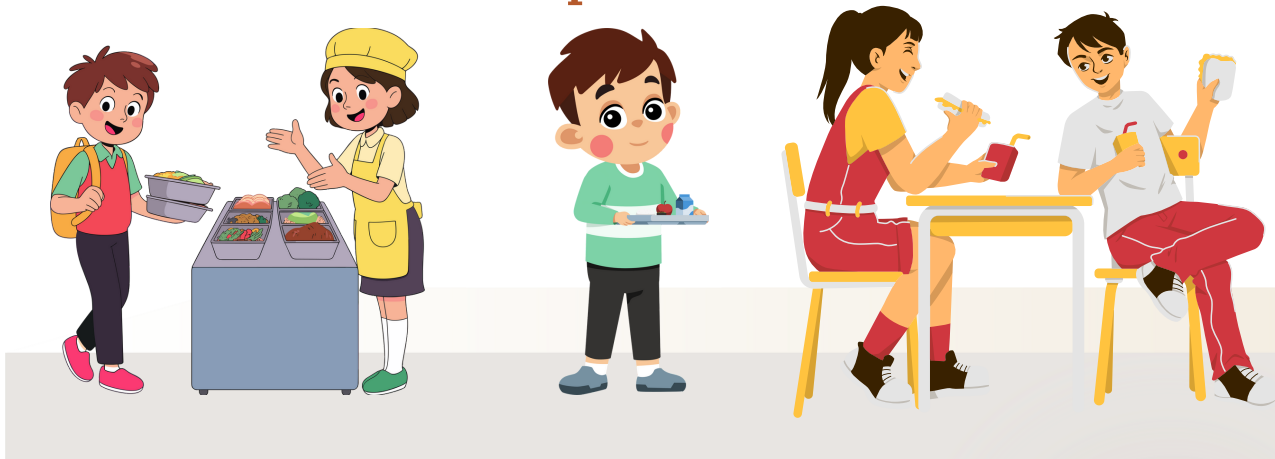
Mrs. Buenrostro – angelica.buenrostro@bgcaz.org



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-7:25am in the cafeteria.
7:25-8:00 Grab N Go Breakfast
Lunch
11:00am-12:00pm in the cafeteria



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National School Lunch Week October 13-17, 2025



What Are Title I Services?

At MAA we do our best to procure every bit of money we can to provide your children with additional services and extra academic help. Each year, we write a Title 1 grant to receive Federal money to assist students who are struggling academically. At MAA we use this money to partially fund classroom aides who work with targeted students in need of extra help in math, reading, and writing. At the beginning of each year, we test all students to discover those who are in need of this extra help. Based on test scores and teacher observation, students are targeted for extra help in the classroom. Our Site Council reviews the kinds of services that we offer to students who are behind in their work. Their meetings are listed in the monthly newsletters. Teachers also meet with the Administrator to discuss changes in curriculum, additional supplies, or teacher training that might benefit our struggling students. Please contact Mrs. Oyer (480-844-3965) if you have questions about this program.



Mrs. Buenrostro has dedicated the past twenty-five years to her service at MAA. Throughout her tenure, she has assumed various roles, including 6th Grade Teacher, Science Teacher, and Head Gardener.



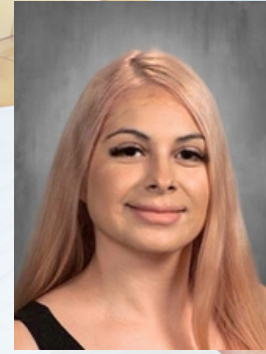
Ms. Nicholls is currently in her first year at Mesa Arts Academy, where she serves as the aide for the 8th-grade Science class.



Mrs. Little has devoted the past eight years to her service at MAA. During her tenure, she has undertaken a variety of roles, including 7th Grade Teacher, Math Teacher, Dragon Store Coordinator, and Safety Squad member, among others.



Ms. Aikens is currently in her first year at Mesa Arts Academy, where she serves as the aide for the 7th-grade mathematics class.



Ms. Jazmyne has dedicated the past fifteen years working for the Club and then MAA. As a former student of MAA, she initially served the Club in the capacity of Front Desk Manager before returning to MAA to take on the role of Registrar.



Anaid has devoted the past four years to serving both the Club and MAA. As a former student of MAA, she initially began her tenure at the school and the Club. At MAA in the role of a second-grade aide. Additionally, she worked at the Club during the summer and later returned to take on responsibilities at the Front Desk.



Mrs. Tovar has devoted the past 28 years to MAA, serving in a variety of roles throughout her tenure. Her positions have included Kindergarten and 5th Grade aide, MAAPO and Homeless Liaison Photography Teacher, Service Learning Teacher, Volunteer Coordinator, School Lunch Program Supervisor, Yearbook Coordinator, and many others.

Thank you for your service!



Ms. Hamner has dedicated the past five years to serving as the Counselor at MAA. Throughout her tenure, she has provided invaluable support to numerous students in managing their emotions.



Mr. Parker has dedicated the past two years to serving as an aide at MAA. Throughout her tenure, he has provided invaluable support to numerous students in managing their emotions.



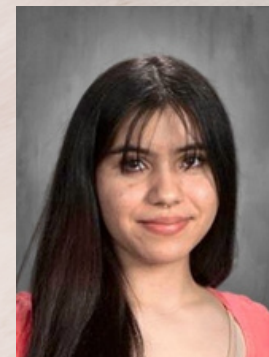
Ms. Daci has dedicated the past eight years to her role as an aide and Choir Teacher. Throughout this period, she has provided invaluable support to numerous students, both in the classroom and in enhancing their vocal skills through her expertise as a Choir Teacher.



Mrs. Kush has devoted the past twenty years to her role as a 4th Grade teacher before transitioning to become the ELD teacher. Throughout her career, she has offered invaluable support to countless students across all grade levels.



Mrs. Loehr has devoted the past two years to her position as the Director of Arts and Special Events, during which she has offered invaluable support to our Arts Department and benefited all students..



Miracle has devoted the past two years as Dance Teacher, offering exceptional support to all her students. As a former student, her deep passion for dance has motivated her to return to the school as an educator in this art form.



Anely has dedicated the past two years as the Visual Arts Teacher, during which she has provided students with opportunities to showcase their visual arts skills.



Geno has dedicated the past nineteen years to working in the cafeteria, ensuring that every child receives a healthy meal.

It takes a BIG  to teach!

October Breakfast Menu

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

1 Mini Cinni Orange 100% Juice Milk	2 Yogurt & Graham Cracker Apple 100% Juice Milk	3 Cereal Bar Fresh Fruit Variety 100% Juice Milk
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October Break October 6-10

13 <u>NO SCHOOL</u>	14 Apple Frudel Tangerine 100% Juice Milk	15 Honey Bun Orange 100% Juice Milk	16 Cinnamon Toast Pastry Apple 100% Juice Milk	17 Pop-Tart Fresh Fruit Variety 100% Juice Milk
20 Cocoa Puffs Cereal Pear 100% Juice Milk	21 Oatmeal Round Tangerine 100% Juice Milk	22 Mini Cinni Orange 100% Juice Milk	23 Yogurt & Graham Cracker Apple 100% Juice Milk	24 Pancake Fresh Fruit Variety 100% Juice Milk
27 Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal Pear 100% Juice Milk	28 Donuts Tangerine 100% Juice Milk	29 Strawberry Bagel Orange 100% Juice Milk	30 Cinnamon Toast Pastry Apple 100% Juice Milk	31 Pop-Tart Fresh Fruit Variety 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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October Lunch Menu

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

1 Teriyaki Chicken Rice Broccoli Orange Milk	2 Pizza Salad Apple Milk	3 Grilled Cheese Roasted Carrots Fresh Fruit Variety Milk
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October Break October 6-10

13 <u>NO SCHOOL</u>	14 Chicken Sandwich Potato Wedges Orange Milk	13 Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Apple Milk	16 Pizza Salad Pear Milk	17 Quesadilla Roasted Carrots Salsa Fresh Fruit Variety Milk
20 Red Chili Burrito Beans Salsa Tangerine Milk	21 BBQ Chicken Sandwich Potato Wedges Orange Milk	22 Chicken Fried Rice Broccoli Apple Milk	23 Pizza Salad celery/carrots Milk	24 Turkey Melt Roasted Carrots Fresh Fruit Variety Milk
27 Nachos Beans Tangerine Milk	28 Chicken Tenders Potato Wedges Orange Milk	29 Pasta Bolognese Broccoli Apple Milk	30 Pizza Salad Pear Milk	31 Mac & Cheese Roasted Carrots Fresh Fruit Variety Milk

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