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**School Tax Credit**

Public School Tuition Organizations	<b>\$200</b> SINGLE	<b>\$400</b> MARRIED
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**EXAMPLE:** Mr. & Mrs. Smith owed \$400 on their taxes, donated the maximum combined amount of the Public School and QCO tax credits of \$1200 on their Arizona tax returns and will now receive a refund of \$800! No catch, dollar-for-dollar assistance to your favorite organizations and schools. Mesa Arts Academy, School Tax Credit TDS Code: 078613101 on AZDOR Form 322



*A Word From Mrs. Oyer*

As we near the conclusion of 2025, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering commitment to Mesa Arts Academy. The success we have achieved since the beginning of the school year is largely attributable to the engagement of parents, caregivers, and families like yours. I would especially like to thank everyone who participated in Reading Under the Stars; it was truly exhilarating to witness our students enjoying the evening with their families. I also wish to express my appreciation to our dedicated teachers and the Mesa Arts Academy Parent Organization (MAAPO) for their steadfast support.

I hope you have a restful winter break and cherish this time with your loved ones. As we transition into the New Year, I wish you health and happiness.

Please note that school will be closed starting December 19th. During this winter break, consider ways to strengthen your bond with your children and continue to support their academic growth. The holiday season presents a wonderful opportunity for storytelling around the dinner table or maintaining bedtime reading routines, both of which help bridge home and school expectations. Young learners thrive on consistent schedules, so I encourage you to prepare them for their return to school on Tuesday, January 6th, by emphasizing the importance of being well-rested and ready to learn.

Wishing you a wonderful winter break!

Wishing you a safe and joyful winter vacation, as well as a Happy New Year!



Mrs. Schreck

It's hard to believe we've reached December! With holiday breaks just around the corner, it's more important than ever for students to stay focused in class and attend daily. There's so much to accomplish, and I'm thrilled with the incredible progress our students have made, especially in their reading skills! At this stage, your child is becoming more independent with their reading. I encourage you to continue fostering this growth by reading together at home. Students should be practicing their CVC word lists (found in their binder), sight words, and any additional materials sent home. These small daily efforts make a big difference!

I'm so proud of the hard work and dedication I see every day. Let's finish 2025 strong and set the stage for an amazing year ahead!  
Thank you for your continued support.



1st Grade Mrs. Ismail

In first grade, our students have been hard at work, strengthening their phonics skills. This month, we focused on vowel teams such as oo, oe, oa, igh, ie, and ew. These phonics patterns were purposefully integrated into both reading and writing activities to promote strong, well-rounded literacy development.

We are also excited to celebrate the impressive progress our young readers have made. Through the SAM reading program, students have independently read a remarkable 97,786 words so far!

In mathematics, instruction has emphasized developing a solid understanding of addition and subtraction through inverse relationships and fact families. Students have practiced these concepts using visual supports like ten frames and pictures, hands-on manipulatives, and number lines. First graders have also begun learning how to read a clock—an important new skill.

In science, students explored the changing seasons and learned about various types of animals, inspiring curiosity and deepening their understanding of the natural world.  
We sincerely thank all parents for your continued support in your child's learning journey. Your partnership makes a meaningful difference every day.



2nd Grade Mrs. Jackson

As we finish up the first half of the 2025-2026 school year, it is a great time to reflect on the many accomplishments in second grade. Your students have learned many new sight words, they have been decoding words and working hard on their fluency skills and goals. We will continue to strengthen and build on these reading skills.

In math, we will continue to work with place value and adding and subtracting up to 3-digits with and without regrouping.

Thank you for all the support at with homework. We almost have a 100% of students turning in their packets every Friday! We are all looking forward to winter break and hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday

 December						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Junie B. Jones Rehearsal 3:00pm-4:30pm	2	3	4 Junie B. Jones Rehersal 3:00pm-4:30pm	5	6
7	8 Junie B. Jones Rehearsal 3:00pm-4:30pm	9 Winter Showcase K-5th Grade 6:00pm	10	11 Junie B. Jones Rehearsal 3:00pm-4:30pm Winter Showcase 6-8th Grade 5:30pm	12	13
Photography Fundraiser Winter Grams						
14	15 Junie B. Jones Rehearsal 3:00pm-4:30pm	16	17	18 Early Release 12:30 pm	19 Winter Break Begins No School Club Open 7:00am-6:00pm	20
21	22	23	24	25 	26	27
Winter Break SCHOOL & CLUB CLOSED						
28	29	30	31	January 1 	January 2	
School will resume on January 6, 2026						
Winter Break SCHOOL & CLUB CLOSED						

The club will be open only on December 19th; it will remain closed for the remainder of the winter break.



# 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-7:25am in the cafeteria.**

**7:25-8:00am Breakfast Grab a Bag**

**Lunch**

**11:00am-12:45pm in the cafeteria**



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Thank you to everyone who attended  
Reading Night!



## Parent Reminders

- Campus Opens for Drop-Off: 7:00 AM
- Breakfast Served: 7:10 AM - 7:25 AM in the cafeteria
- 7:25am-8:00am Breakfast to Go
- Bell Rings: 7:25 AM
- School Starts: 7:30 AM \*

**\*Students must be in their classrooms by 7:30am to avoid being marked absent/tardy.**

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.

Save the date  
MAAPO Meeting  
Thursday, January 29th  
at 5:30 Room 4

**Junie B.  
Jones**  
The Musical JR.



FREE ADMISSION

Tuesday, March 3rd

6:00pm

At Mesa Arts Center

## Winter Performances

Through Our Eyes "Winter Elective  
Grades Kinder-5th  
December 9th  
Show"

6:00pm In the Wood Gym

Students are required to return to campus by 5:15 PM and are not permitted to remain after school unless they are participating in the afterschool Boys & Girls Club. Participation in this performance is mandatory, as each student plays a vital role in the show. Information regarding performance attire was sent out this week.

Grades 6th-8th  
December 11th  
6:00pm

Big Gym

# Club News

Payments for December are due on November 20th-25th. After 25<sup>th</sup> a \$10.00 late registration fee is applied to account. All members must be paid in full in order to attend the club on December 1st. The club is having our Annual Christmas party on December 17th 4pm-6pm for members only. Please pick up your kids later so they can enjoy the festivities, crafts, food and meet Santa. The club will be open on Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 7am-6pm. The Grant Woods Branch will be closed for the holidays December 22-January 5, 2026. The Gilbert Branch will be open December 22-24 7am-6pm for winter break if you would like to enroll your child during this time please let the front desk know so we can send information to the Gilbert Club. All Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley Branches will be closed from December 25th-January 5<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the holidays with our families. For payments for January, please make sure you are paying before we close to avoid late fee. If modifications to your account are necessary, please contact us to facilitate easier online payment.

The club will close early at 5:30 PM on December 9th and December 11th.

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

Happy Winte! 3rd, 4th, and 5th are working hard leading up to our Thanksgiving and Winter breaks! In Math, 3rd graders are continuing to work on their Division skills. 4th grade Math is beginning their Unit on Fractions, and 5th graders in Math are continuing their unit on Fractions. In English Language Arts, 3rd, 4th, and 5th, are working on citing information from an article and editing their writing as well as recognizing informational texts.

In science, our 3rd graders are studying Inherited and Acquired Traits, exploring how plants and animals receive traits from their parents, and how environments can influence those traits. They are also learning how traits vary across organisms and how natural and artificial selection can cause traits to change over time. Our 4th graders are investigating the Science of Sound, building devices to feel vibrations and using digital tools to visualize sound waves that help us understand how we hear different things. In 5th grade science, students are exploring the Water Cycle and Earth's Systems, examining how water is distributed on Earth, how it moves through the hydrosphere and atmosphere, and how water impacts human societies. Students will also design solutions to help reduce the effects of weather-related natural hazards.

In social studies, 5th graders are working through the Kindness in the Classroom curriculum, which teaches kindness skills through the steps of Inspire, Empower, Act, Reflect, and Share. Each lesson begins by revisiting prior learning, and students apply kindness strategies through hands-on projects and classroom actions.

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

✨ Half a school year down, and wow, what a journey! We've been working hard to bridge learning gaps while nurturing our students' hearts and minds. 🌈 Classroom magic hasn't diminished, even without our usual spaces due to construction. "Fun Fridays" are working their charm - we're seeing positive choices and smiles all around! 😊 Your support makes all the difference in our middle school adventure. Thank you for partnering with us! Wishing you joy and rest during this holiday season. 🎄







Mesa Council  
Jenn Duff



We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Mesa Police Department and everyone else for generously providing a Thanksgiving dinner. Thank you!



## Construction Progress Update

Our construction and site preparation work continues to move forward with steady progress. Here are the latest updates from the team:

### Demolition Permit

We have officially received our demolition permit. Final paperwork is undergoing a 10-day review period, during which demolition cannot occur. This means demolition of the existing buildings may begin as early as Monday, December 1, following the conclusion of the required hold. No additional delays are expected, as this is a routine compliance step.

### Work Happening Before Demolition

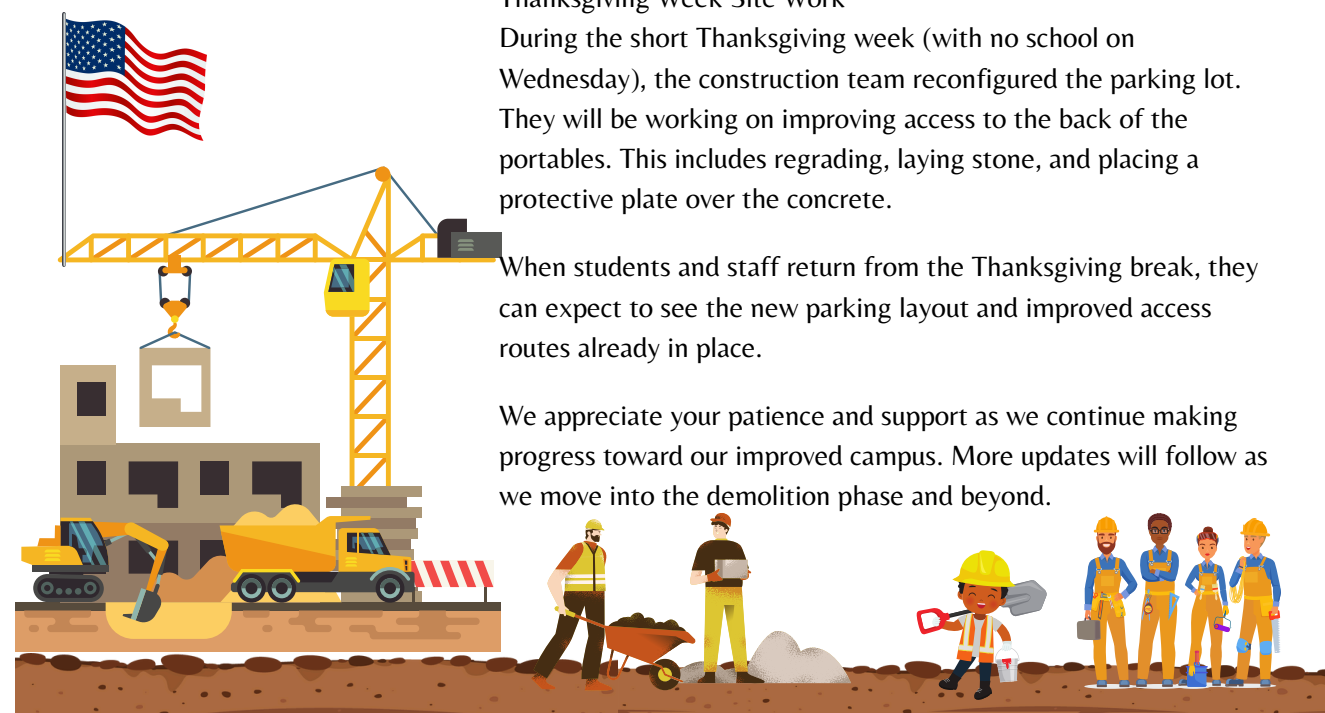
Contractors are actively preparing the site. Construction Superintendent James Pearson is coordinating the plumbing and electrical disconnections, as well as other pre-demo work. Crews are also working on the rear pathway—covering the trench, stabilizing the area, and completing fencing—so the site remains safe throughout the process.

### Thanksgiving Week Site Work

During the short Thanksgiving week (with no school on Wednesday), the construction team reconfigured the parking lot. They will be working on improving access to the back of the portables. This includes regrading, laying stone, and placing a protective plate over the concrete.

When students and staff return from the Thanksgiving break, they can expect to see the new parking layout and improved access routes already in place.

We appreciate your patience and support as we continue making progress toward our improved campus. More updates will follow as we move into the demolition phase and beyond.





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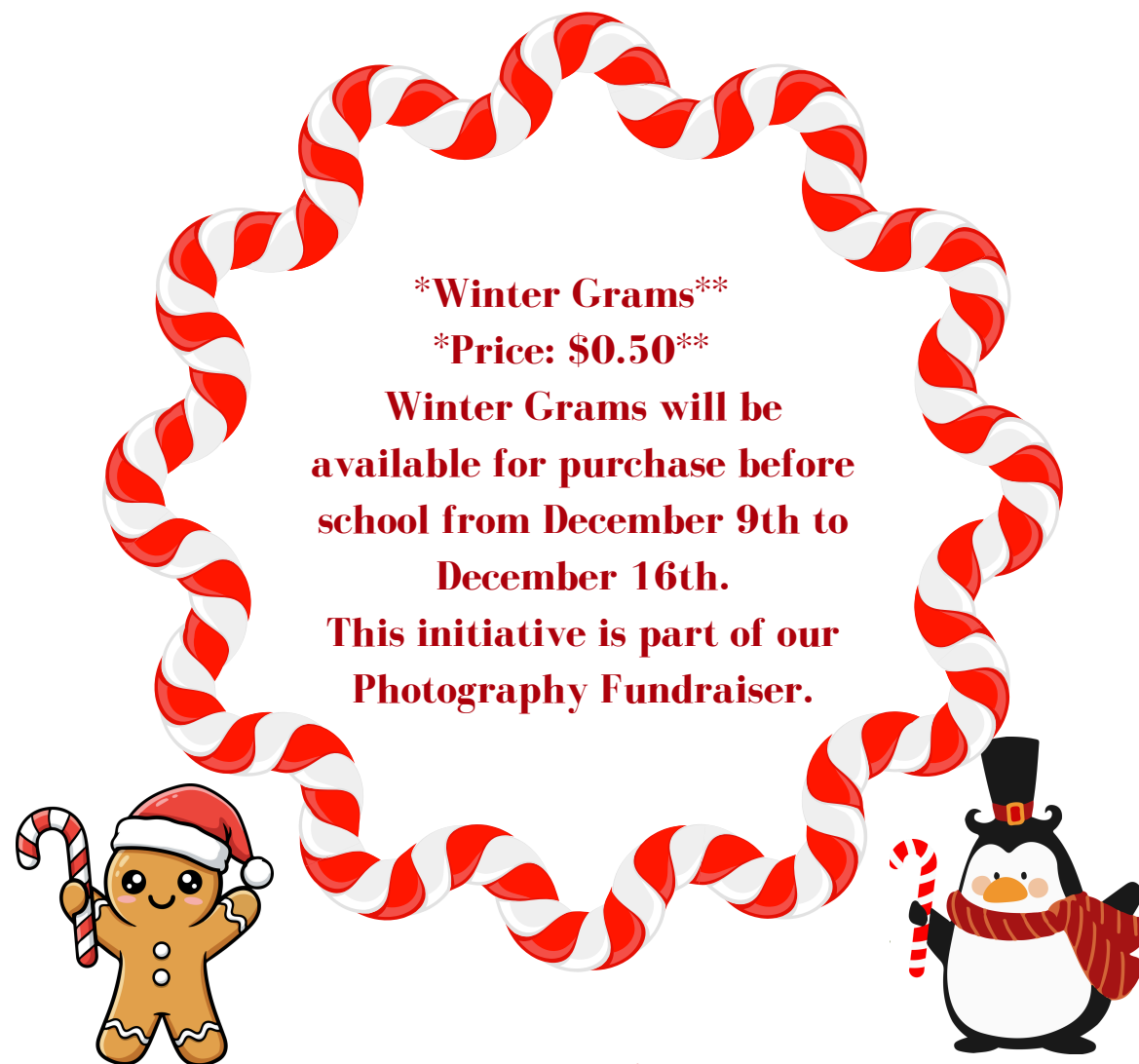
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- Dedicated academic support



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**\*Winter Grams\*\***

**\*Price: \$0.50\*\***

**Winter Grams will be  
available for purchase before  
school from December 9th to  
December 16th.**

**This initiative is part of our  
Photography Fundraiser.**

## 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





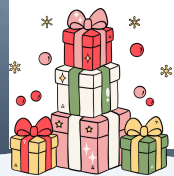
## December Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b> Lucky Charms Fresh Fruit Variety 100% Juice Milk	<b>2</b> Strawberry Bagel Orange 100% Juice Milk	<b>3</b> Honey Bun Apple 100% Juice Milk	<b>4</b> Yogurt & Graham Cracker Tangerine 100% Juice Milk	<b>5</b> Pancake Fresh Fruit Variety 100% Juice Milk
<b>8</b> Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal Fresh Fruit Variety 100% Juice Milk	<b>9</b> Muffin Orange 100% Juice Milk	<b>10</b> Donut Apple 100% Juice Milk	<b>11</b> Cinnamon Toast Pastry Tangerine 100% Juice Milk	<b>12</b> <b>Hot item</b> Fresh Fruit Variety 100% Juice Milk
<b>15</b> Cocoa Puffs Cereal Pear 100% Juice Milk	<b>16</b> Strawberry Bagel Orange 100% Juice Milk	<b>17</b> Honey Bun Apple 100% Juice Milk	<b>18</b> Yogurt & Graham Cracker Tangerine 100% Juice Milk	<b>19</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>29</b>	 <h1>Happy New Year!</h1>			

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b> Hot Dog Beans Tangerine Milk	<b>2</b> Chicken Sandwich/ Spicy Chicken Potato Wedges Orange Milk	<b>3</b> Orange Chicken Broccoli Apple Milk	<b>4</b> Pizza Celery Tangerine Milk	<b>5</b> Grilled Cheese Carrots in Ranch Fresh Fruit Variety Milk
<b>8</b> Corn Dog Baked Beans Tangerine Milk	<b>9</b> Burger Potato Wedges Orange Milk	<b>8</b> Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Apple Milk	<b>11</b> Calzone Celery Pear Milk	<b>12</b> Quesadilla Carrots in Ranch Salsa Fresh Fruit Variety Milk
<b>15</b> Mini Corn Dogs Beans Salsa Tangerine Milk	<b>16</b> Burrito Potato Wedges Orange Milk	<b>17</b> Teriyaki Chicken Broccoli Apple Milk	<b>18</b> Pizza Celery celery/carrots Milk	<b>19</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>29</b>	 <h1>Happy Holidays</h1>			

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