

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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April 2026

A Word From Mrs. Oyer

We have entered the high-stakes testing period! Our fifth and eighth graders started their computerized AZSci assessment, while all students in grades three through eight will commence AASA Testing on April 6th. These weeks will be dedicated to testing, and teachers will continue to rely on your support to ensure that students perform to the best of their abilities.

Please consult the calendar to confirm that your children attend school punctually on their testing days. It's important to note that students who participate in make-up testing generally perform less effectively than those who test alongside their peers.

We are committed to fostering a positive atmosphere on campus during this testing period. Ensure that your children arrive at school on time each day, are well-rested, and maintain a positive mindset. They will also benefit from additional breaks throughout the day.

Continue to reassure your children of their preparedness for these assessments and express your confidence in their abilities to succeed.



Arizona Qualified Charity Tax Credit

Public School Tuition Organizations

\$200 SINGLE

\$400 MARRIED

This is the final opportunity to make a donation!

EXAMPLE: Mr. & Mrs. Smith owed \$400 on their taxes. They donated the maximum combined amount of the Public School (\$400) and QCO tax credits (\$841) for a total of \$1241 on their Arizona tax returns and will now receive a refund of \$841. 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



Junie B. Jones Jr.
The Musical



Great job everyone!



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#yearbook



SWEET MEMORIES



Yearbook Sale

The 2025-2026 yearbooks are available for pre-purchase at a price of \$15.00.



Kindergarten Mrs. Schreck

Greetings MAA Family!

I cannot believe how fast time is flying! We only have two months left of school this year! I am doing my best to make the most of every moment with my wonderful class. I am so proud of all their hard work, and I look forward to seeing even more progress in the coming months.

It was great to meet with you last month for conferences, and I encourage you to continue working with your children at home using the resources in their planners. With so much happening in these last two months, please remember to check and sign binders regularly and review the materials inside.

Your support means so much, and I truly appreciate it! As always, I am available via email or Class Dojo if you have any questions. If you're able to contribute, our classroom is always in need of packaged healthy snacks and disinfecting wipes.

Thank you again, and I look forward to another month of growth!

Best,

Mrs. S

1st Grade Ms. Ismail

It is hard to believe we are already in the final quarter of the school year! I am incredibly proud of our first graders and how much they have grown. We will continue to strive for excellence in academics, the arts, and character. As we approach the end of the year, we will be increasing expectations to help better prepare students for second grade.

In first grade, students have been actively strengthening their phonics skills by studying less common word endings. They are applying these patterns in both reading and writing to build strong foundational literacy skills. Students are also exploring different forms of writing. Recently, they have read and discussed a variety of informative texts, historical fiction, and biographies, while learning to identify the key elements of each type of text.

In mathematics, lessons have focused on strengthening number sense and building fluency with addition and subtraction facts through a variety of problem-solving strategies. Students are also learning to represent numbers in tens and ones based on information from word problems. They continue to use visual tools such as ten frames, drawings, number lines, and box models to support their reasoning. Recently, they have begun using a new visual strategy—simple drawings to represent tens and ones—to deepen their understanding.

In social studies, students explored the impact and importance of technology throughout history. They learned how inventions such as trains greatly influenced society and continue to be important today. Students also read about and showed great interest in modern technologies like 3D printers, virtual reality, and self-driving cars. In science, students are learning about wind and the important role it plays in our environment



2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 	2	3 Spring Holiday No school	4
	AzSCI Testing 5th and 8th Grade					
5 	6	7	8	9	10	11
	AASA Testing 3rd Grade and 8th Grade April 6th-17th					
12	13	14	15 Tax Day	16	17	18
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19	20 	21	22 	23 MAAPO Meeting 5:30pm	24 	25
	Administrative Assistants Week					
26	27	28	29	30	1 May	2
3	4	5 	5/4-5/8 Staff Appreciation Week 5/4- K, 2nd & 4th Performance 5/5-1st, 3rd & 5th Performance 5/5- Coffee with the Principal 5/19- Kinder Graduation 5/20 -8th Grade Graduation 5/21 -Last Day of School			

2nd Grade Mrs. Jackson

Spring is here, and we have officially begun the final quarter of the school year! Our students have been working diligently each day. Everyone has shown so much growth, and I am very proud of all of them. In reading, we will continue to push towards meeting or exceeding their end-of-the-year reading goal of 94 words per minute and our 400+ sight word goal. I encourage you to continue reading with your child each night. It truly makes a difference!

In math, we are finishing up with adding and subtracting three-digit numbers with and without regrouping and will move onto measurement and geometry.

As always, thank you for your continued support in your child's learning journey.

Let's make this final quarter a fantastic one!

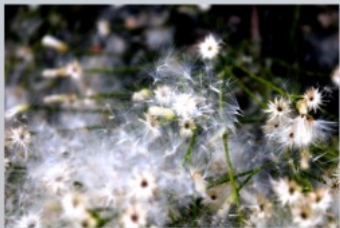
Excitement Grows for the Photography Class Exhibit at the Maricopa Fairgrounds

The photography class is filled with anticipation as it prepares for its upcoming exhibit, which will showcase over 40 entries from talented students. This exhibition promises to be a visual feast, highlighting a diverse array of nature photography.

Visitors can look forward to an immersive experience that not only celebrates the art of photography but also underscores the profound ability to capture fleeting moments through the lens.



Go Dragons!



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

It's April, and that means it is time for AASA, our state assessment! Please make sure that your children are here every day, and on time. It is also important that students are getting enough rest each night as well as a good breakfast in the morning. Keep having your third graders read to you at home and practicing their math facts for all four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division).

If you have access to a computer or tablet, 4th graders are encouraged to practice math facts, work on Lexia or iReady, and continue reading stories they enjoy. Fifth graders should be completing their homework each night and reading at least 30 minutes a day outside of school. Also, please watch for flyers requesting donations for snacks and breakfast items to be served on those testing days. We truly appreciate your donations!

Middle School

This month, our students will be taking the AASA test in Math, Reading, and Writing, along with the AZSci assessment for eighth grade. To support their success, we need your partnership in a few key areas.

We ask that you create a low-technology environment during testing week by turning off student cell phones by 7 pm each evening and limiting video game time. Additionally, please ensure your student receives at least eight hours of rest each night. On testing days, punctual arrival at 7:30 am is important, and please confirm your student has any needed glasses or corrective lenses.

Our teachers will be providing breakfast on AASA testing days. If you are able to contribute food items, please send them to your child's homeroom. We will share additional details about testing dates as they approach.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting student achievement.

Mesa Arts Academy offers free healthy meals to all students.

Everyone 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.
7:25-8:00am Breakfast Grab a Bag
Lunch
11:00am-12:45pm in the cafeteria

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Last MAAPO Meeting April 23rd at 5:30pm

IF YOUR FAMILY LIVES IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS

Living in a shelter, motel, campground, car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, or staying temporarily with others because of losing housing, financial hardship, or having no other adequate place to stay.

Your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.
Please call Arcelia Tovar at
(480) 844-3965

Kindergarteners and eighth graders are preparing for their promotion ceremonies.



April Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Oatmeal Round Tangerine 100% Juice Milk	2 Whole Grain Donut Pear 100% Juice Milk	3 Yogurt & Crackers Fresh Fruit Variety 100% Juice Milk
6 Apple Jacks Tangerine 100% Juice Milk	7 Cinnamon Bun Orange 100% Juice Milk	8 Pop- Tart Apple 100% Juice Milk	9 Mini Donuts whole grain (Glazed) Pear 100% Juice Milk	10 Yogurt & Crackers Fresh Fruit Variety 100% Juice Milk
13 Trix Cereal Tangerine 100% Juice Milk	14 Strawberry Bagel Orange 100% Juice Milk	15 Cinnamon Toast Pastry Apple 100% Juice Milk	16 Mini Donut whole grain (chocolate) Pear 100% Juice Milk	17 Yogurt & Crackers Fresh Fruit Variety 100%
20 Lucky Charms Tangerine 100% Juice Milk	21 Honey Bun Orange 100% Juice Milk	22 Cereal Bar Apple 100% Juice Milk	23 Mini Donuts whole grain (powder) Pear 100% Juice Milk	24 Yogurt & Crackers Fresh Fruit Variety 100% Juice Milk
27 Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal Tangerine 100% Juice Milk	28 Honey Bun Orange 100% Juice Milk	29 Yogurt & Crackers Fresh Fruit Variety 100% Juice Milk	30 Whole Grain Donut Pear 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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April Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Cheese Burger Corn Apple 100% Juice Milk	2 Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Pear 100% Juice Milk	3 NO SCHOOL
6 Mac & Cheese Beans Tangerine 100% Juice Milk	7 Cheese Burger Carrots Orange 100% Juice Milk	8 Taco Tuesday Corn Apple 100% Juice Milk	9 Chicken Sandwich Broccoli Pear 100% Juice Milk	10 Pizza Salad Mix Fresh Fruit Variety 100% Juice Milk
13 Corn Dog Beans Tangerine 100% Juice Milk	14 Chicken Fried Rice Carrots Orange 100% Juice Milk	15 Red Chili Burrito Corn Apple 100% Juice Milk	16 BBQ Brisket Broccoli Pear 100% Juice Milk	17 Pizza Salad Mix Fresh Fruit Variety 100% Juice Milk
20 Nachos Beans Tangerine 100% Juice Milk	21 Macaroni Salad Carrots Orange 100% Juice Milk	22 Chicken Tenders Corn Apple 100% Juice Milk	23 Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Pear 100% Juice Milk	24 Pizza Salad Mix Fresh Fruit Variety 100% Juice Milk
27 Hot Dog Beans Tangerine 100% Juice Milk	28 Taco Tuesday Salsa Orange 100% Juice Milk	29 Quesadilla Corn Apple 100% Juice Milk	30 Chicken & Waffles Broccoli Pear 100% Juice Milk	

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