



Moon Mountain School Newsletter

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Message From the Principal

I want to thank everyone for his or her participation in the WESD food drive to benefit St. Mary's Food Bank. We are looking forward to hearing the District-wide total collected. We will publish totals for the District and school as soon as they are available; however, the biggest winners are the people who will benefit from your donation. Thank you! When we work together we find solutions, we create positive partnerships, and we build a strong community!

To celebrate Read Across America and the birthday of Dr. Seuss, several fun and educational activities have been planned for this week. I hope you will be able to join us

Spring Break is schedule for the week of March 20 - 24. School is out the entire week; however, if you are looking for child care, you might want to check out our KidSpace Program. Information about locations and daily activities are available in the school office.

The state standardized testing, AzMERIT, will begin on Tuesday, March 28. This is a culmination of the hard work that has gone on all year long. Please continue to help us by having students arrive at school on time and ready to do their best. As a reminder, it is important to not schedule appointments or activities that would cause students to miss school, arrive late or leave early. The more prepared our students are when the test comes, the more relaxed and confident they will be.

Moon Mountain is hosting a "Celebration of Learning - Family Fun Night," April 7, at Piper Pizza from 5-8 p.m. a nice way to meet other in our school, have dinner, and participate in some fun contests. Among the contests scheduled for Friday night is ice cream eating. I hope you are able to join us.



Peter
This is
parents

Happy Reading - Sue Brown

today was
good.
today was
fun.
tomorrow is
another one
- Dr. Seuss

Calendar of Events March 2, 2017

2 Read Across America Day
PTSA Family Night 5:30 - 7 p.m.

3 Community Dental

6 Band Festival Concert at
Mountain Sky - 7 p.m.



7 Student Council - 2:40 p.m.

8 **EARLY RELEASE - 1 p.m.**

10 PTSA Community Dance
6 - 8 p.m. in the Cafeteria



13 Strings Festival Concert at
Mountain Sky - 7 p.m.



14 Site Council meeting - 4:30

6th Grade Parent Open House at Mountain Sky -
6 p.m.

15 **Early Release - 1 p.m.**

Cookie Dough delivery

16 **SPRING PICTURES**
Birthday table during lunch
Student of the Month breakfast 7:30 a.m.
Cookies with Cody - 1:45 p.m.
Block Watch - 7 p.m.

17 End of grading period

20-24 **SPRING BREAK**



28 AzMERIT Testing starts

29 **Early Release - 1 p.m.**

31 Kinder - 3rd Field Day
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.



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OPERA IS COMING TO MM



We are so lucky! RUSALKA IS COMING! In April, *The Littlest Mermaid* will be presented by Arizona Opera, along with Opera

101. This is a great way to experience opera. The beautiful, familiar storyline and fairytale setting makes this a great opera for all ages. Start thinking about ocean life and sea creatures...we'll do swimmingly well.

HANDICAP SPACES/APPLE AWARD/CARPOOL SPACES

Handicap spaces in the front of the school are reserved for those displaying a handicap license plate or placard. We have parents, guardians and/or students who may need access to these spaces at any given time. We expect respect to be paid to the students and families needing access due to a disability. Maricopa County requires carpool spaces be reserved for those participating in the trip reduction program. We appreciate you leaving those spots available for carpooling staff. Moon Mountain recognizes outstanding staff members through the Apple Award Program. Winners receive the privilege of parking in a reserved spot. We appreciate you leaving the designated space available for employees receiving this honor.



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We are currently finishing up our Patriotic Unit on presidents, American symbols, and coins. Friday will be our final bang with our Patriotic Parade that will wrap up our unit nicely. Have you heard your child singing the money song at home? Oh boy, it's been stuck in my head for the past week! Be looking out for your child's "I love the USA" book of all the things they know and love about our country. They've really been working hard on it, learning a lot making it, and most importantly having fun learning about the "land of the free!" Money is one of the harder concepts to grasp. Continue to work on **PENNY, NICKEL, DIME, QUARTER, AND DOLLAR** with your child. Discuss how they differ and how they are alike; value; **sort the**

coins with your child; have your child tell you about the presidents they see on them! We will jump into March studying the state of Arizona as we investigate the desert and its animals and habitats.

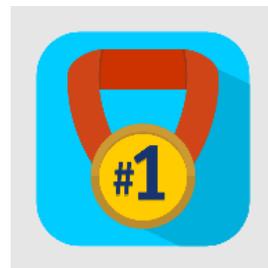
REMINDER TO PARENTS

Please remember that students are not to be dropped off in the morning before 7:10 a.m. There is no teacher supervision before that time.



Also in the morning, please either park your car and walk your student into the building or drive along the drop-off route and let him or her off on the sidewalk. Do not drive between the rows of cars and let your student off, it is too dangerous with cars driving through and other parents backing out of spaces. Students and parents need to cross at the crosswalk in front of the school.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in the matter.



STUDENT OF THE MONTH – FEBRUARY

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| Bryan M. | Narale G. |
| Joseph D. | Jesse W. |
| Evan C. | Emily S. |
| Gianna M. | Kevin R. |
| Robert C. | Eelee N. |
| Gladis C. | Mary Jane R. |
| Amy L. | Donovan S. |
| Jessica G. | Braeden N. |
| Kimberly A. | |



COOKIES WITH CODY – FEBRUARY

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| Jordyn H. | Alyssa M. |
| Kassey W. | June S. |
| Tanasyah G. | Alicia R. |
| Emily G. | Gage S. |
| Keyana H. | Tamara A. |
| Klohe W. | Cameron A. |
| Irvin L. | Benjamin A. |
| Izabelle M. | Aron S. |
| Angel B. | |

ART NEWS

We are off to an exciting start with the addition of a student teacher, Elizabeth McDonald, from ASU. Kindergarten is currently working on a *Castle and Sun* painting inspired by Paul Klee using geometric shapes. First grade has begun a unit on landscapes in various mediums, starting with a painting in the style of Claude Monet's *Poppy Fields in Giverny*. Second grade is studying Japanese culture and making an origami kimono using shibori tie-dye techniques. Third grade has been visiting various countries in Africa, and creating art inspired by each culture. Their next stop is Kenya as they design their own masks based off the traditional style. Fourth grade is working to make art that represents each letter in the word Arizona, beginning with astronomy as the students design space crafts. Fifth grade has been practicing various contour line drawing techniques in anticipation of a final still life seashell drawing. Sixth grade will be beginning a unit about the Pop Art movement in preparation for a ceramic food sculpture.



It has been a blast here in second grade! We are wrapping up our science unit about the human body and will be moving forward in science by beginning a unit on weather. Our field trip to the Slim Good Body show was amazing. Thank you to all the parents and volunteers who were able to join us. In mathematics, our students will be discovering more about fractions, partitioning and equal shares (halves, thirds, fourths). We're wrapping up our narrative writing unit and will begin our big autobiography projects. The final projects will be displayed at Title I Night on April 20, come join the fun! In reading we will continue reading both fiction and non-fiction texts while asking and answering critical thinking questions. As you read together at home, ask your child the 5W questions (who, what, where, when, why) about what they are reading!



Please continue to send in your collection of General Mills Box Tops for Education. The classrooms are competing against one another to see whose class can send in the most. The PTSA will be organizing a party at the end of the year to celebrate the winning class. Thank you for your support.



ASA NEWS

Moon Mountain's After-school Academy Family Links classes are in full swing and going strong. The adult ELL class is held every Tuesday from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the library. Muna Haddad, the instructor, is helping families develop their English. Newcomers are always welcome. Coach Mitchell is hosting the Family Operation Tone-Up with a Technology Twist class. This is a fun way to learn about nutrition and exercise. All families are encouraged to attend on March 2, 9, and 16. Look for more information on upcoming family engagement opportunities in your child's Thursday Go-Home folder.

Spring is coming quickly our fourth graders are working hard and looking forward to some events coming up soon. Field day will be on April 7 and keep your eyes open for information about a spring field trip that we are working on scheduling for April as well. We are so excited to have four teachers working closely with our students now. It has been a wonderful change as we now have much smaller groups and all the kids are getting more attention in small groups and one on one settings. Reading, Writing, and Math have led to more challenging material and students have made terrific progress. In Science the kids have had the opportunity to do some fun lessons with weathering and erosion as well as weather. Our school Title 1 night will be a great event for all families and our students will be creating some Social Studies projects to share related to their studies of Arizona.



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VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH – MARCH



Barb Rath

This is my first year volunteering at MM and I love coming to school and feeling the love and respect that students demonstrate towards me. They have welcomed me and made me feel like an important part of the classroom. My volunteer time is filled with helping the teacher with her bulletin boards, helping students in small groups for math and writing, organizing folders and anything else that I can help with! I love being around kids. I taught for over 35 years. I originally trained to be a high school Spanish teacher with hopes of working with the United Nations since I studied foreign languages; but found that teaching also pulled me in its direction. Beside volunteering, I greatly enjoy reading, gardening and hiking and do like my occasional trips to the theater and plays. One of my fondest memories since volunteering at MM is having the feeling that I have built a relationship with the students around me and knowing that they also acknowledge our relationship growth. This will actually be my last month volunteering at MM but have loved every minute of it. I will be going to help another school as a substitute teacher but do plan on coming when I can to continue to help out.

Sixth Grade

6th grade students will be visiting Mountain Sky on April 12. Please have your student return permission slips to their homeroom teacher no later than Friday, March 10.

Please have your student return the Tonto Camp Trip intent form to their homeroom teacher as soon as possible. We are scheduled to leave on Monday, April 24, and return Wednesday 26. Please fill out the all forms and return them with the fee. We are welcoming ALL interested chaperones. Please fill out the chaperone application and return to your child's homeroom teacher if you are interested in chaperoning.

AzMerit Testing week is set to begin March 28-April 4. You can help your child prepare for a great week by:

- ✓ Limiting late night T.V. hours so they can get plenty of rest
- ✓ Make sure your child arrives at school on time every morning
- ✓ Does your child wear glasses? Please make sure they bring them to school.
- ✓ A positive attitude can go a long way