



Moon Mountain School Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2017-18 school year! We have had a great start and are looking forward to a successful year. We know that success is directly related to the relationship we build with our families to support students here at school. Please plan to join us on August 17, for our Classroom Scoop/Meet the Teacher event. This night is designed to share information about grade-level expectations, special projects and fieldtrips. We have two sessions to accommodate families with multiple children. The sessions are duplicated so it is only necessary to attend one session at a grade level. Classroom presentations plan to start at the designated times: Session 1 from 5:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m., Session 2 from 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Please plan to arrive to your session on time. Music, Art, PE, Gifted, and Resource teachers will be in their classroom from 5:15 – 6:30 p.m. to share information and answer any questions about their programs. Our Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) will be in the cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. Please plan to join us in the cafeteria after the scheduled presentations to meet other families, enjoy an ice cream treat and hear about events and activities planned for the year. Additionally, they will be looking for volunteers to help out on Picture Day, with Hearing and Vision Screening, and a variety of other school-wide events.

The newsletter is a great opportunity for you to know the happenings at Moon Mountain. It is published monthly and is sent home in your child's "Go-Home" folder on the second Thursday of the month. The newsletters are also posted on our school Web site. Please visit the Web site at <http://moonmountain.wesdschools.org/> for announcements and updates. Additionally, Moon Mountain has a Facebook Page you will want to bookmark. We also use SchoolMessenger to contact you via the telephone and e-mail about events happening on our campus. It is important that we have both your current phone number and e-mail address.

We are looking forward to a productive year and recognize that it will take all of us working together to make it happen. We believe everyone is part of the team, and we are very fortunate to have such a supportive community.

I am looking forward to partnering with you this year.

Calendar of Events

AUGUST

- 17 Birthday table at lunch for July 
- 17 Curriculum Night
Session 1 – 5:15 – 5:45 p.m.
Session 2 – 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.
(Join PTSA in the cafeteria for ice cream afterwards)
- 22 PTSA General Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
- 23 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**
- 30 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**
- 31 Birthday table at lunch for August 
- 31 Picture Day 

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Butter braid fundraiser begins
- 4 **NO SCHOOL
LABOR DAY** 
- 6 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**
- 7 Progress reports go home
- 13 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**
- 14 Butter Braid fundraiser ends
- 20 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**
- 21 Birthday table at lunch 
- 22 PTSA – Peter Piper Pizza
Fundraiser night 
- 27 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**

BUS INFO ON EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAY

For Wednesday early release days, all students will be dropped off 90 minutes earlier than their usual drop-off times. For lost or left items on the bus, please call Dispatch at 602-896-5270.



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We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our newest staff members at Moon Mountain. We are so fortunate to have such highly qualified staff working with our children.

Leticia Cordova – Preschool Teacher
Leticia Rivera – Preschool SLPA
Serina Roohi – Preschool Assistant
Micayla Heller – Head Start Assistant
Marci Barlow – 3rd Grade Teacher
Dana Caraway – 4th Grade Teacher
Kjersten Watkins – CCB 1st Grade Teacher
Maclain Weed – CCB 4th Grade Teacher
Tisha Fry – CCB Paraprofessional
Lisa McCusker – CCB Paraprofessional
Molly Wang – Music
Renee Alkire – Music
Katie Rotchford – Occupational Therapist

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SOCIAL WORKER

Hi and welcome, to our new school year 2017-2018, my name is Adriana M. López and I am your school social worker. My mission is to help students, in partnership with families and the community and achieve optimal educational success. I provide services to reduce barriers to education, increase social/emotional growth and provide links to needed resources. I help develop and grow our student's social skills, problem-solving skills, conflict resolution development, identify and manage emotions such as anger management to perhaps social anxiety and self-regulation. I also focus on school wide prevention services such as classroom presentations/meetings on topics on upholding our schools monthly character traits, bullying, violence prevention, tobacco, drug and alcohol use, family challenges, truancy along with attendance and peer mediation. I am available Monday through Friday by appointment and I look forward to having a GREAT academic school year with your students. If you have questions please contact me via phone or email at 602-896-6076 or adriana.lopez@wesdschools.org. -Hablo Español-

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEALTH OFFICE

Welcome Back Moon Mountain. Here are a few things from the Health Office:

6th Grade Parents, you are amazing! Thank you for taking care of your child's immunizations and getting them all caught up!

Important Dates:

Hearing and Vision Screening: October 20, 2017

MEDICINE AT SCHOOL

All prescription medications, including inhalers and SVN treatments, require signed permission from the parent every year.

Parents must sign the Medication Request Form from the health office. This includes over-the-counter medication.

Prescription medications must be in their original container. You may request a separate bottle for school from the pharmacist. Only adults can transport medication to school. They can deliver it directly to the health office.



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ART NEWS

Welcome back MM artists! We are so excited to make beautiful art with you this year. It is our hope that you have been continuing to save General Mills Box Tops for Education to help fund our visual arts. With these tiny little box tops, we can buy supplies to provide exciting materials that we would not normally be able to afford. The Box Tops for Education are sent in to General Mills and they in turn, send us cash for each box top collected. Last year we saved over 10,000 box tops at MM, which provided money to buy clay, glazes and addition specialty items. The Box Tops come on lots of household and food items. Clip them, put them in an envelope or baggie and write your student's teacher name on them. Have your student deliver them to the art room or their homeroom. We will have a contest to see which class collects the most box tops all year, and that class will win a prize. Last year, Ms. Reak's class won an ice cream party for bringing in over 900 box tops (just one class!). Have grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, and your church help you collect.

Thank you so much for helping the visual arts at MM school!

Mrs. Tudi and Ms. Peterson
Art Teachers



A MESSAGE FROM FIFTH GRADE

Fifth graders are back and excited to start the new school year! We hope everyone had a great summer and we are looking forward to getting back into reading and math, seeing our old friends, and making new ones. This semester Fifth Grade will be learning about the different regions of the United States, and writing imaginative stories. Students will be expected to complete different projects while reading every night and working on their multiplication and division facts. We look forward to seeing all our Fifth Graders and their families at all the different events PTSA has planned throughout the year.

PTSA NEWS

Moon Mountain Parent Teacher Student Association (MMPTSA) is glad to partner with Moon Mountain for another school year. This is our 41st year of partnership. Our mission is to help parents, teachers and students have a successful school year.

The membership theme this year is "Be a Star - Join PTSA." We hope when you see the membership form in your go-home folder you will consider joining this year. You may wonder exactly what MMPTSA does, on the back of the MMPTSA newsletter is a list of all the events we sponsored last year. You will find the newsletter in this week's go home folder.

This year, as the major volunteer organization at MM, we are coordinating volunteers for school-wide events and we need your help. If you are available to volunteer or would like a list of events and/or activities, you can contact us through face book or email us at mmpts@hotmail.com. Volunteers will also need to complete the school volunteer paperwork prior to the scheduled event or activity.

The PTSA executive board, President, Sandy Trader, 1st Vice President, Bianca Thompson, 2nd Vice President, Lillian Lucatora, Secretary, Dawn Planty and Treasurer, Sue Gallagher, are committed to partnering with you to

engage and empower our families and community members. Thank you to these ladies and all the committee chairs for the amazing work they have already done and will do throughout the year.

Come "get the scoop" on what is happening in your child's classroom. After you visit your child's classroom for Curriculum Night on August 17th, join the MMPTSA in the cafeteria for an ice cream. We will also have membership forms and T-Shirts. Memberships are \$6.00 and T-shirts are \$10.00. We take cash or credit cards.

The first MMPTSA membership meeting will be August 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Mark your calendars and plan on attending! We look forward to many new friends and partnerships this year.

Literacy Lab

Welcome Back! We hope you had a wonderful summer and enjoyed reading many fabulous books and stories! Come tell us your favorite! Speaking of book... one of our favorite authors is Robert Munsch. We have many of his books in the school library. He has a free website, robertmunsch.com, where he reads his stories. His books are very funny and all ages enjoy them.

GIFTED SERVICES

In accordance with ARS §15-779, special education is provided to students of lawful school age identified as gifted in one or more of the verbal, quantitative or nonverbal reasoning areas. The Washington School District has a continuum of gifted services from which each school selects those that best meet their students' needs. Center-based services for highly gifted students are also available. If you think your child may need these special education services, evaluation is available. Contact your child's teacher for more information

IMPORTANT FORMS:

These important forms will be available to parents/guardians tonight at our Classroom Scoop/Meet the Teacher Event to review, make corrections, sign and return to your child's teacher.

1. The Parent/Student Handbook needs to be reviewed by you and your child. The separate sign-off page/Agreement Form and Electronic Information Services, Forms 1 and 2 – the first two pages of the Parent/Student Handbook – must be signed and returned.
2. The Parent/Student/Teacher Title 1 Compact needs signatures from parent and student as well.
3. The Student Profile form needs to be reviewed for verification of correct and current information. Please check both front and back, make any corrections, if needed, then sign the back.

As with the Student Profile, please find the yellow Health Form, check for accuracy, make any changes, sign it and return.

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.

CELEBRATIONS

Students in grades K-6 have classroom parties for special occasions. Parties are generally held the last hour of the school day. Parents will be notified by the homeroom parent and asked if they would like to make a contribution. Please contact our child's teacher before sending treats for your child's birthday so that the celebration can be planned into the day's activities. **ANY TREATS THAT ARE BROUGHT IN MUST BE FROM THE WESD-APPROVED FOOD LIST.** Copies of the list are available on the WESD Web site, our school Web site and in our front office. Also, since learning is our primary goal, we will not accept balloons, stuffed animals or floral arrangements for individual students.

ID BADGES

The safety of students is of primary importance to the Washington Elementary School District. With this in mind, All WESD students are required to wear IDs while on the school campus. Students will be provided a picture ID at the beginning of the school year at no cost. Teachers will pass out the ID badge every morning for the students to wear during the school day and will collect them at the end of the day with the exception of bus riders. Students that ride the bus **MUST** be wearing his/her ID Badge to get on the bus from school.

IDs must be visible at all times. If students deface, destroy, render their ID unreadable or lose their ID, they will be required to purchase a replacement ID for \$5.00. Replacement lanyard and pouches are 50 cents each. **Students must use the black breakaway lanyards provided by WESD. No outside lanyards are allowed.**

Attendance Updates - Pursuant to A.R.S. 15-901(A) (1):

Effective July 1, 2016, all absences in excess of a cumulative 10% or 18 absences will be reported to the Arizona Department of Education as unexcused.

In order for absences relating to illness, doctor appointment, bereavement, family emergencies, or District-approved vacation to be counted as excused absences, the school must be notified of the absence prior to the absence, or the day of the absence by the parent or legal guardian who has custody of the student. Absences that are not reported will be unexcused. Moon Mountain School maintains a 24-hour attendance line where absences can be called in at any time of the day, or night at 602-896-6011.

