



Moon Mountain School Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome to the 2018-19 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 relationships we build with our families to support students here at school. Please plan to join us on Wednesday, August 22, for our Title 1/Curriculum Night 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 5:00 – 5:30 p.m., Session 2 from 5:40 – 6:10 p.m. Please plan to arrive to your session on time. The Band and Strings teacher, Mrs. Michel, will also be hosting an instrument rental night in room C105.

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.

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.

Calendar of Events

AUGUST

17 Birthday table at lunch for July



22 Title 1/Curriculum Night

22 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**

23 Picture Day



29 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**

31 Birthday table at lunch for August



SEPTEMBER

3 **NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY**



5 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**
Progress reports go home

6 PTSA - Grandparents Day and VIP Day

7 PTSA - Great Skate night 5:00p.m.-7:30p.m.

11 PTSA meeting 6:30p.m.

12 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**

13 Butter Braid fundraiser begins



14 Birthday table at lunch for September

19 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**

20 Neighborhood Block Watch Meeting 7:00p.m.

26 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**

27 PTSA – Peter Piper Pizza
Fundraiser night



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.

Juan Lucio – CCB 2nd Grade Teacher

Cheryl Oyaski – 2nd Grade

Aliza Michel – Music, Band and Strings

Angel Martinez - PE

Daniel Esparza – CCB Assistant

Brenton Hibbitts – CCB Assistant

Carmen Nunez Meraz – Office Technician

Melissa Heffke – Office Manager



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR SOCIAL WORKER

Hi and welcome, to our new school year 2018-2019, 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, to 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 and identify and manage emotions such as anger, frustration to peer mediation. 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. Sixth 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 3, 2018

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.

BAND & STRINGS NEWS

We're so excited about band and strings this year. We will begin with instruments on the 22 of August. If you have not turned in a permission slip, you may still turn it in until the 22. All of our school instruments have been rented out at this time, so if you are able to rent from a music store or provide your own instrument, we'd love to have you in Band or Strings. Students with school instruments will be receiving rental contracts to return signed to Mrs. Michel. We will also be having our rental night (if you are renting from the music store) on Curriculum Night, August 22, in room C105. We are excited to make some beautiful music and put on some wonderful concerts.

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

Memberships

Thank you to all the parents, teachers and staff that have submitted their memberships for PTSA.

Memberships are \$10. If you would like to join, you can find membership forms in the front office.

We will be sending out forms periodically. A membership form went home last Thursday.

T-Shirts

We have a new design on our T-Shirts this year. It's Superhero Cody!

If you pre-ordered, we will get them to you as soon as they come in.

If you would like to order a new shirt, we will be sending out order forms next week.

Shirts are \$10.

Volunteers

We always are looking for volunteers for various events.

We need your input at our meetings. If you would like to be involved, come to our first meeting or email us at mmptsa@hotmail.com

We currently need someone to oversee the birthday tables once a month during lunch.

If you would like to help out, email us at mmptsa@hotmail.com

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 books... 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

Washington Elementary School District provides a continuum of services for students identified as gifted. Testing for placement in the gifted program takes place three times a year on ALL campuses. If you feel your child demonstrates the traits of a gifted learner, please complete the screening form found on the Gifted Services website (www.wesdschools.org/Page/18) or contact your child's teacher to arrange for testing. A brochure describing services provided to gifted students and a list of common characteristics can be found on the website as well. Feel free to call or email the Coordinator of Gifted Services, Dr. Jason McIntosh, with any questions you may have (Jason.mcintosh@wesdschools.org / 602-347-2651). The gifted teacher on your campus can be reached by email at Kari.Abraham@wesdschools.org or by phone 602-896-6000 as well. Contact your child's teacher for more information.

IMPORTANT FORMS:

The following forms are available to parents/guardians in our front office.

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 be sure you have completed a yellow Health Form for the new school year. This form is available in our health office.

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 your 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 and bus pass, they will be required to purchase a replacement ID and bus pass for \$2.00. 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.

