



Moon Mountain School Newsletter

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Message From the Principal

Holiday Greetings –

As we head into the holiday season, I want to tell you how grateful I am for the Moon Mountain community. I am thankful for parents and community members who partner with us in our efforts to serve students and families. I sincerely appreciate your attendance at school functions to encourage and support the learning. I am also thankful for the growing number of volunteers who help in our classrooms and school. I am grateful for our hard working staff and the energy they put into their job each and every day. As the saying goes, I am grateful for the little moments, the smiling faces and enthusiasm for learning shared by students. As we have learned, it is the little moments that become tomorrow's precious memories. It is an honor to serve and work with your children, one that I value greatly.

The Cody Character Trait for December and January is KINDNESS. All homeroom teachers have kindness jars to fill with pom-poms. The pom-poms represent acts of kindness; for example, playing with friends nicely on the playground, helping a friend with their lunch tray, taking a jacket to the lost and found, sharing a kind word, etc. Everyone on campus is getting involved and reporting acts of kindness happening everywhere. When a class fills their jar, everyone receives a Moon Mountain Kindness Counts jelly bracelet! Students are brainstorming ideas with their Coyote Buddies to help create an Acts of Kindness Calendar. Join in the fun! Random acts of kindness are something that can make your day and everyone else's so much better. Books and bracelets are being purchased with AZ Cardinals Grant funds received by Ms. Hood, Assistant Principal.

Please follow Moon Mountain on Facebook. It is a great way to stay connected with what is happening on our campus.

I hope you all have a joyous Holiday Season and a New Year filled with peace and happiness.

Sincerely,

Sue Brown



Calendar of Events December 2017

- 14 Winter Wanderland- 5:30 p.m.
- 19 Kinder Winter Concert
- 20 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**
- 21 Sing-a-long
- Birthday table 
- 22 **NO SCHOOL
GRADING DAY**

**December 25 – January 5
WINTER BREAK**

January 2018

- 10 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**
- 11 Student of the Month
- Cookies with Cody
- PTSA Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.
- 15 **MLK Holiday-No School**
- 16 Student Council Mtg. @ 2:40 p.m.
- 17 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**
- 18 Birthday Table 
- STEM Night @ 6:30 p.m.



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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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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.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

The Washington Elementary School District is currently registering students for free, full-day kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year! All registrations take place at the WESD Welcome and Registration Center, 3200 W. Cholla Ave.

Children who will be 5 years of age *before* September 1, 2018 are eligible to register for kindergarten. In order to complete registration for their child, parents or legal guardians must present the following:

- A certified copy of the child's birth certificate
- Immunization records
- Proof of residence (e.g. lease agreement, escrow papers, recent utility bill)
- Legal papers regarding custody, if applicable

For more information, or to begin filling out the registration materials, visit the Web site at <https://www.wesdschools.org/domain/55> or call the Welcome and Registration Center at 602-896-6950.

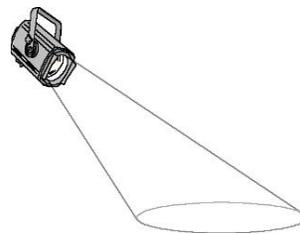
¡El Distrito Escolar Washington actualmente está inscribiendo estudiantes de kindergarten de día completo, gratuito, para el año escolar 2018-2019! Todas las inscripciones se realizan en el Centro de Bienvenida e Inscripción del WESD en 3200 W. Cholla Ave.

Los niños que habrán cumplido 5 años antes del 1 de septiembre, 2018 son elegibles para ser inscritos en kindergarten. Para completar la inscripción para sus hijos, los padres o guardianes legales deberán presentar lo siguiente:

- Una copia certificada del acta de nacimiento del niño
- Documento de inmunizaciones
- Comprobante de residencia (e.g. Contrato de arrendamiento, documentos de depósito del título en garantía, factura reciente de servicios públicos)
- Documentos legales relacionados con custodia, si es el caso

Para más información o para empezar a completar los formularios de inscripción, visiten el sitio Web en <https://www.wesdschools.org/domain/55> o llamen al Centro de Bienvenida e Inscripción al 602-896-6950.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Anthony Wittbrodt

Anthony Wittbrodt goes above and beyond assisting with the Moon Mountain

Basketball program. Anthony often shows up to support the team during practice. He has also stepped up to be our official scoreboard person at all of our home games. Anthony has even been asked to assist with running the scoreboard at an away game and gladly accepted! The team and I greatly appreciate all he does to support us!

-Mrs. Lanuza

MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIAL WORKER

This month's character trait at Moon Mountain is kindness. There are many different ways that you can be kind to others and show what kindness means.

Understanding the feelings of others and thinking about the needs of other people is kindness. Make sure you always use polite

words such as “please,” “thank you,” and “excuse me.” Giving others compliments and only saying nice things is kindness. A kind person is also loving, helpful, and generous. *“Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible.”* – Dalai Lama



SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

Each month the Golden Shoe Award is given to the classroom that had the most students whom biked, walked, and/or used alternative forms of transportation to get to school as well as participated in the Walking Club that we have available during the students Lunch/Recess time to stay active. As part of the program, teachers were asked to use a 3-day Safe Routes to School Students Arrival & Departure Tally Student Survey to gather the data and we had a winning class.

Congratulations to Mrs. Kowalczyk 5th Grade Class for the Tally Survey that was returned by the teacher.

Congratulations to:

Ms. Barlow’s 3rd grade class
 Mrs. Caraway’s 4th grade class
 Mrs. Dowers and Ms. Randall’s 5th grade class
 and Mrs. Flores’ 6th grade class for having, the most miles completed in our Walking Club during the students Lunch/ Recess.

Shout out to those students that have reached the 5 Mile Club by participating in the Walking Club!

Chloe – McLain
 Kellie – McLain
 Kathleen – Dowers
 Estefany – Dowers
 Tracie – Auten
 Madison – Auten
 Laney – Flores



STUDENT OF THE MONTH – DECEMBER

Gabrielle A.	Lucas D.
Chrystos C.	Jeffrey W.
CornelioE.	CharvanV.
Abbigayle L.	Alek C.
Victoria E.	Mariyah T.

Broneel A.
 Dillon W.

Kai C.
 Cristian D.



COOKIES WITH CODY -DECEMBER

Logan E.	Gianna M.
Fatima A.	Antonio S.
Ailyn A.	Nathaniel C.
Quinn P.	Dacia H.
Isaiah A.	Brett M.
Donaciano C.	Dantay N.
Alexa H.	Delani R.
Christopher S.	

SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to all of our Moon Mountain Super Spellers! The following students represented their classrooms at our School Spelling Bee on Tuesday, December 5, 2017.

Destiny N.
 Franky C.
 Aidaliz R.
 Maivyhn Y.
 Daviegh A.
 Xavier S.
 Ryan K.
 Kimberly N.
 Noel M.
 Jet B.
 Taylah B.
 Naveda J.
 Jyan P.
 Tamara A.
 Daniella R.
 Chris R.
 Eelee N.
 Elizabeth A.



Our Moon Mountain Spelling Bee Champion is Eelee N. and our Runner Up is Chris R.! Eelee will be competing in our District Spelling Bee on January 25, 2018.

Special thanks to our MMPTSA for providing the ribbons and trophies for our students!

Congratulations and good luck Eelee at the District Spelling Bee!

MMPTSA NEWS

Grandparent's Day

Thank you to all the Grandparents who came to our first ever Grandparents Day. We had over 120 guest come and visit with their grandchildren. We appreciate you



taking the time to be a part of their school lives.

Birthday Tables

December 21 is the December birthday table. Students with birthdays that month get to sit on the stage. Come have lunch with your December birthday child.

Watch for information on January events. STEM night is January 18 and General Membership Meeting is Jan. 23.

We wish you and your family a wonderful holiday!

LITERACY LAB NEWS

It is almost Winter Break! The students are counting down the days! Both children and parents enjoy a break from school day routines. However, all too soon, it will be time for school to start again. To prepare for a smooth start and a successful second semester, try keeping school skills like reading, writing, and math fresh. Try these activities to keep skills sharp:

- Read for pleasure: Read to your children, have them re-read a favorite book, have them read to you or visit the library for new books. Just Keep Reading!
- Make the most of car rides: Turn a drive into an opportunity to practice letters and numbers. You can look for license plates from different states, try to find the alphabet on the license plates, or count the number of red (or white or green) cars you see.
- Have your children help with grocery lists: They can write or draw the items on the list and help sort coupons.
- Play games: Many board games and card games encourage thinking skills, and reinforce reading and math skills. Have Fun!

Happy Holidays!

5TH GRADE NEWS

Fifth graders have been hard at work learning about fractions, writing opinion essays and learning about matter and space. We have many students involved in community helping around the school. Several students help our kindergarten friends with bus dismissal and the morning announcements. We loved our field trip to the Arizona Science Center and want to thank our chaperones who participated in all the wonderful exhibits with our students. Everyone enjoyed their day of

learning through hands on experiments, movies and interactive displays. The month ahead will continue to be busy. We will be writing informative essays which will include reports on the planets. District math and reading assessments will be happening, so 5th graders should be well rested and ready to take the tests. As we wrap up our second academic quarter, we want to remind students and parents to keep up on their daily assignments and read every night. Fifth grade would also appreciate donations of tissues, Clorox wipes and paper. We have much to do as we look forward to the upcoming holiday season. Thank you for all your support to our students.

SECOND GRADE NEWS

Second grade had a blast on our field trip to Pioneer Living History Museum and learned about pioneers and life long ago. We even panned for gold! We will spend the rest of December reading about the rainforest and the animals that live there. In math, we have been practicing solving story problems with 2-digit numbers using place value strategies. Ask your child to show you what they have learned! Our holiday celebrations will kick off with gingerbread house construction on Friday 12/15 and will wrap up with our holiday party and sing-a-long the last week before break. Hope you all have a wonderful winter break... see you in the New Year!

WINTER WANDERLAND

Moon Mountain is ready for some "Holiday Fun" - Thursday, December 14th at 5:30 p.m. Students, with their parents, are invited to come and create, sing carols and walk, as well as have cookies and hot chocolate. It's Moon Mountain's first Winter Wanderland! Come have some family fun. PTSA will also have their Holiday Gift shop open from 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

MUSIC NEWS

We are excited about some upcoming events. Our specials team has organized a family singing event on Thursday, December 14. Families are encouraged to come and make a craft, drink hot chocolate, eat cookies and sing holiday songs. We are also preparing for our December 21 school singing event. There will be some performances including dancing, singing and orchestra performances. It will be a fun and exciting event. We look forward to our school and community events.