



Moon Mountain School Newsletter

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Calendar of Events



Message From the Principal

If you still need to register a kindergartner for the 2018-19 school year, you are welcome to pick up a registration packet in our office. We look forward to welcoming new families to our school community.

I want to share some celebrations on the Moon Mountain campus. We recently had our Ribbon Cutting Celebration for our new Chromebook Computer Lab. We received generous donations from the We Care Foundation of Arizona, Moon Mountain PTSA, Pat Clegg and Sue Gallagher to purchase 42 Chromebooks for our students. These new laptops replaced our much older laptops that our students had been using for years. Thank you again to our very generous donors -- we could not do it without them! The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) evening last month was a huge success. We are looking forward to hosting more STEM events. Sixth grader, Eelee N., represented Moon Mountain in the District Spelling Bee after winning the school Spelling Bee held in December. Mrs. Flores took our Mathletes to the Cartwright District Training Center last week to participate in a regional math competition. Congratulations to several of our students who qualified for state competition, which will take place in May. Finally, we are working towards spreading kindness, filling our classroom "Kindness Jar" and earning a really cool Moon Mountain jelly bracelet. Please ask your child about our school-wide initiative.

A quick reminder about the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) Cookies Dough fund-raiser that begins March 1: The PTSA helps fund many of the events and activities on our campus, and fundraisers are necessary to support those programs. The catalog should be coming home soon, please consider a cookie dough purchase.

I wanted to thank you for getting students to school on time and ready to learn; as we all know, the number of days a student is present in school positively affects learning outcomes. Teachers work hard to plan lessons to meet the needs of the learners in their room while covering all the grade level objectives. There is a great deal of work to be done, and we need students to be at school. If you have an emergency or your child is sick, please contact our school's 24-hour attendance line at 602-896-6011.

Thank you for your continued involvement in your child's education.

Regards,

Sue Brown
Principal

- 12 Canned Food Drive Begins
- Jump for the Heart Event
- Girls' Basketball Game @ Home-4 p.m.
- 14 **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**
Early Release -1 p.m.
- 15 PTSA Sponsored School-Wide Field Trip to Cinderella
- Girls Basketball Game @ Home- 4 p.m.
- 19 **Presidents Day**
NO SCHOOL
- 21 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**
- 23 Canned Food Drive Ends
- 26 Scholastic Book Fair Week
- 28 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**

MARCH

- 1 Student of the Month Breakfast 
- Cookies with Cody 
- PTSA Ex Board Meeting
- 6 5th Grade Field Trip- Halle Heart Children's Museum
- Student Council Meeting- 2:40 p.m.
- 7 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**
- 9 School Dance



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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.

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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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.



The MATHletes!

Moon Mountain School is proud of our sixth grade MATHletes! Twenty-six sixth graders led by Mrs. Geisa Flores participated in the Valley Math Tournament for Elementary Schools sponsored by mathleague.org and Cartwright School District on January 26, 2018. The students competed on four different tests: The Number Sense Round, which consisted of 80 problems to be done mentally in 10 minutes; The Target Round, which consisted of 4 sets of two questions - six minutes for each pair (calculators allowed); The Sprint Round, which consisted of 30 questions in 40 minutes (no calculators); and The Team Round, where the four team members worked together to solve 10 problems in 20 minutes (calculators allowed).

The following MATHletes participated in the event:

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| Tamara A. | Elizabeth A. |
| Jenna D. | Sylas W. |
| Tessa N. | Jyan P. |
| Michael B. | Mateo C. |
| Gladis Cruz T. | Sammy E. |
| Nicholas F. | Christian H. |
| Cody J. | Halle J. |
| Farrah M. | Elie N. |
| Dillon W. | Jaylin G. |
| Daniel M. | Karina L. |
| Susie O. | Daniella R. |
| Ayden A. | Charley K. |
| Selena C. | Cesar N. |

Congratulations to the following students that placed in this competition and qualified for the State Competition!

- Jyan P., 4th place
Elie N., 8th place
Ayden A., 9th place

State Final Qualifiers:

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| Tamara A. | Ayden A. |
| Elizabeth A. | Selena C. |
| Mateo C. | Jenna D. |
| Sammy E. | Cody J. |
| Elie N. | Cesar N. |
| Jyan P. | Dillon W. |
| Nicholas F. | |



COOKIES WITH CODY

Arturo P.	Nancy S.
Makaylah C.	Emely F.
Natalie G.	Yesenia B.
Jesse W.	Kevin A.
Sintia L.	Daniel S.
Halle J.	Steffan M.
Tyrieeca B.	



STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Jane R.	Risi P.
Braden P.	Destiny N.
Bryan M.	Adrian C.
Aiden S.	Christopher P.
Daisy R.	Rylee B.
Ashlynn S.	Olivia V.
Madisyn H.	Camden M.

4th GRADE NEWS

Hey you awesome 4th graders, are you ready for a great day? **SAVE THE DATE!** On Friday, April 20 we are skating on over to Great Skate at 10054 N 43 Ave, Glendale, AZ, 85302. For the day, we will be able to enjoy a slice of pizza, a drink, and some fantastic skating. Even better, we will have the chance to enhance our brainpower by having a free STEM lesson!

PE NEWS

February is National Heart Month! Moon Mountain students will be learning how to keep their heart healthy by following the American Heart Association's 5 Rules: 1- Exercise, 2- Eat Right, 3- Drink Water, 4- Watch Out for Sodium and 5- Never Smoke. Student's will collecting donation for the American Heart Association for the month of February. A collection envelop and information on how to collect donations on line should have gone home last Thursday, if you did not receive it ask Mrs. Mitchell. **The Moon Mountain School Jump for Heart Event will be on Feb. 14 during special area classes.**

GIFTED SERVICES TESTING OPPORTUNITY

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.

MMPTSA NEWS

We are so excited to be sponsoring the school wide trip to the Cinderella Ballet on Feb. 15. We thank all the MMTPSA members who have stepped up to volunteer as chaperones.

The Book Fair is coming Feb 26! We are in need of volunteers. If you would like to help, email us at mmptsa@hotmail.com or leave your name in the office and someone will be contacting you. All MMTPSA members get a 10% discount. If you have not joined, it is not too late. Membership forms are available in the office.

February Birthdays will be celebrated on Feb. 22. Come have lunch with your February child! All students get to sit at the birthday table on their birthday month. Each student receives a pencil. All courtesy of MM PTSA!

MMPTSA is looking for officers to serve next year. A nominating committee will be appointed at the March Membership Meeting. If you would like to be a part of this process, put March 13 on your calendar and join us at the 6:00 p.m. meeting.



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READ ACROSS AMERICA IS COMING TO MOON MOUNTAIN ON MARCH 2, 2018!

It's time to break out the infamous red-and-white-striped, stove-pipe hats and your favorite books because the annual Read Across America celebration is nearly here! Read Across America is celebrated every year on March 2, Theodor Geisel's birthday – better known to millions as Dr. Seuss.

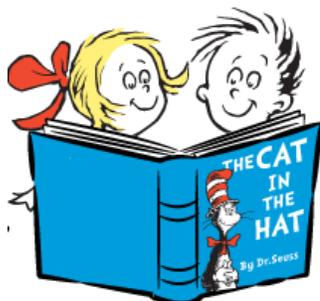
Now in its 21st year, Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program sponsored by the National Education Association that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on or around Dr. Seuss's birthday. The event's purpose is to motivate children to read and focus the country's attention on the importance of reading.

This year's theme is "Grab Your Hat and Read With the Cat."

We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday with our second annual storybook character costume parade called CHARACTERS COUNT!

Preschool through third grade students will have the opportunity to choose their favorite character from any school-appropriate book (it does not have to be a character from a Dr. Seuss book). On March 2, come to school dressed as that character! Bring a copy of the book so everyone will know who you are! Some examples: Clifford the Big Red Dog, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Fox in Socks, Fancy Nancy, Harry Potter, or Junie B. Jones. Fourth through sixth grade students will be our cheering audience during the parade! We will also be recognizing two outstanding readers from each homeroom who demonstrate their love of reading on a daily basis.

Our CHARACTERS COUNT parade will take place on the basketball courts of the intermediate playground at 8:00 a.m. on March 2, 2018. Students will then return to their classrooms to have a "read-in" for a half hour before resuming their regular schedules. If you have questions, please contact the front office at (602) 896-6000.



WESD CANNED FOOD DRIVE

WESD Community Food Drive

Washington Elementary School District will be hosting the WESD Community Food Drive (#WESDCommunityFoodDrive2018) from Monday, Feb. 12 through Friday, Feb. 23 to benefit St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance. Right now, one in four children in Arizona is going to bed hungry. WESD can help change that. As a community leader and partner with St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance, WESD is asking every school to participate. Each student is asked to bring in canned food to donate during those two weeks. The school with the most donated food (as determined by the number of pounds per student) will receive bundtinis from Nothing Bundt Cake for the entire school and a trophy to recognize its efforts. Last year we collected more than 106,000 pounds of food! Questions about getting involved may be directed to Pam Horton, WESD Communications and Public Engagement, 602-347-2694.

WESD TEACHER INTERVIEW FAIR

The Washington Elementary School District (WESD) will host Teacher Interview Fairs to hire teachers for the 2018-2019 school year. All Teacher Interview Fairs will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the WESD Administrative Center, 4650 West Sweetwater Avenue, Glendale, 85304. Contracts for the 2018-2019 school year will be offered to qualified candidates. Student teachers, soon-to-be college graduates, seasoned teachers and alternative pathways are encouraged to attend! Teacher Interview Fairs are scheduled for:

Saturday, February 24, 2018,
Thursday, March 15, 2018, 4 to 7:30 p.m.;
and Saturday, April 28, 2018.

Interviews will be conducted for those interested in teaching: kindergarten, elementary education, special education, language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, general music, art and special needs preschool. Successful candidates may be recommended for a 2018-2019 teaching contract.

Apply online prior to the interview fair at jobs.wesdschools.org. Please select the posting titled, Teacher – All Positions. Human Resources will contact qualified applicants directly to preschedule an interview.

For more information, contact the WESD Recruitment Office at 602-347-2622 or e-mail teach@wesdschools.org.