



Moon Mountain School Newsletter

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Message From the Principal

Happy New Year. I hope you enjoyed the winter break and found time to rest, relax and rejuvenate. Warm and hearty Happy New Year to you and your family.

Last week in the Go Home Folder, you should have found your child's report card for the second quarter. Please review the report card with your child; contact your child's teacher if you have immediate questions or concerns. Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, January 30 (1:30 – 7:00 p.m.), Tuesday, February 5, and Thursday, February 7 (1:30 – 3:30 p.m.). You should have received an e-mail invitation from your child's classroom teacher providing you with a link to select a time and date for a Parent/Teacher Conference. If your e-mail address has changed, or if you have not received an e-mail invitation, please contact the school office.

Students are working hard in their classroom and have been tracking their own progress. I am looking forward to hearing about your conference experience as your child shares their progress to date.

I hope you heard all about our Snow Day. The snow was generously purchased by PTSA and a donation from our business partner, North Mountain Foothills. Pictures are precious and posted on our Facebook page. We also ending 2018 with a Winter Sing and Dance-a-Long. Ask your child about the performances. It was good to spend the time with students laughing and singing.

We are gearing up for our big Kindergarten Registration Night, January 22, 2019, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. If you have neighbors who might be not receiving the newsletter, please share this information with them.

I hope you find the Thursday "Go Home" folder to be an efficient way to stay connected with what is happening on our campus and reinforce responsibly student behaviors. It is important that you sign-off and that your child returns the folder to the homeroom teacher on Friday. We are always looking for ways to strengthen the home-school connection. Teachers are looking for your signature but you are always free to jot additional comments too!

Thanks again for all you do to partner with teachers and staff on our campus.

Regards,

Sue Brown

Calendar of Events

January 2019

- 18 Sports/Group Photos & 6th Grade Panoramic Photo
100th Day of School
- 21 No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 22 Kindergarten Open House
- 23 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**
- 24 Basketball Game vs. Shaw Butte 4:00p.m.
- 28 Basketball Game @ Manzanita 4:00p.m.
- 30 **Parent Teacher Conferences- Early Release - 1:00 p.m.**
- 31 Student of the Month Breakfast 

FEBRUARY

- 5 **Parent Teacher Conferences- Early Release – 1:00 p.m.**
- 6 **Parent Teacher Conferences- Early Release – 1:00 p.m.**
Birthday Tables 
- 7 **Early Release – 1:00 p.m.**
- 8 **Early Release – 1:00 p.m.**
- 11 Basketball Game vs. Lookout Mountain 4:00 p.m.
- 12 Student Council Meeting - 2:40-3:15 p.m.
- 13 **Early Release – 1:00 p.m.**
Jump for the Heart Event
Bike Rodeo KG & 1st Grade
- 15 Basketball Game vs. Acacia 4:00 p.m.
- 18 **President's Day - No School**
- 19 Basketball Game @ Washington 4:00 p.m.
- 20 **Early Release – 1:00 p.m.**
- 22 First Grade Field Trip – Children's Museum
Community Dance – 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- 28 Student of the Month Breakfast 



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KINDERGARTEN **REGISTRATION/JUMPSTART**

A unique and personalized education starts early in the WESD. WESD offers a free, full-day kindergarten experience that includes high academics, art, music and PE. We are currently enrolling kindergarten students for the 2019-2020 school year. Visit our Welcome and Registration Center located at 3200 W. Cholla Ave.

For more information, or to begin filling out the registration materials, visit the Web site at <https://www.wesdschools.org/domain/55> or call 602-896-6950. **The Kindergarten Open House will be held on January 22 from 5-6:30 p.m.** Students and families will have the opportunity to visit classrooms, meet the teacher, pick up enrollment information and sign up for the Jumpstart program – the WESD’s new kindergarten readiness program where children will gain social skills, practice kinder routines and more! The three-week, half-day summer program is free for future kindergarten students. Please visit the link below to add your name and information to the interest list

<https://goo.gl/forms/NS4EcQRimCtBaKkx1>.

If you have any questions, please call Kathleen McKeever at 602-347-3504 or email Kathleen.McKeever@wesdschools.org.

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.

PE NEWS

In P.E 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will be starting the Operation Tone Up program. Parents, please look for information about the Operation Tone Up student license that will enable your child to use the program online.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Welcome back and happy new year! We are back and right into the regular swing of kindergarten life. We will be celebrating our 100th day of school next week! **Can your child count to 100?** No? This is a good goal for you and your child to start working towards. Count in the car, in the bathtub, on your way to school. Make counting as high as he/she can the new family game! Yes? Can he or she recognize numbers to 100 (out of order) or even write to 100? Challenge your child and make him/her the best they can be! Math is a concept that your child will use FOREVER and right now they are learning the very basics. Let’s help them love math and feel confident from the start! Our big party will be **Friday January 18th**. Begin collecting 100 items from home to share with the class! (macaroni, cereal, cotton balls, penny, etc) We will also dress like we are 100 years old to help celebrate!

THIRD GRADE NEWS

Happy New Year! As the year begins, we are starting fractions in math and will probably be working on them for a while. The students continue to show growth in their fact fluency. Please encourage your children to practice their math facts at home. They can use flash cards, a deck of playing cards or dice to learn their facts. If you would like some ideas, please feel free to ask any of the Third Grade Teachers.

Third grade went to the Phoenix Zoo in December! Students who attended the Night Camp were able to experience Zoo Lights as well as a night hike to see nocturnal animals. They also experienced up close encounters with several animals, interacted with sting rays, as well as conducted an experiment using the scientific method. The following day third graders who did not attend the overnight trip joined us as we all spent time walking around and observing the animals throughout the zoo.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you goes out to our Moon Valley Gardens Neighborhood Blockwatch for generously donating money to our Kid Space program on behalf of our families that utilize our program. Your assistance is appreciated!



MESSAGE FROM THE SOCIAL WORKER

Happy New Year and welcome back!!! I hope you all enjoyed your Winter Break along with an awesome Christmas and New year's celebration. Moon Mountain would like to give a BIG shout out to some organizations that donated during the holidays allowing us to be thankful for what we have and reaching out to those in need. Thank you to New Promise Church, Desert Mission Food Bank, Salvation Army and Berkshire Hathaway Home Services AZ Properties. All the assistance and support towards Moon Mountain reminds me of a quote "the most beautiful way to start and end the day is with a grateful heart"-unknown-

3rd Quarter Character Train – Perseverance-
"The road to success is always under construction." – Lily Tomlin-

What is perseverance? It is staying with the task and not giving up, its showing commitment, pride and a positive attitude in completing tasks. Trying again and again and again while being patient and willing to work hard. Our students in Moon Mountain have the perseverance to be successful in their education when they are on time for school and participate in their class activities but most importantly that they try their hardest.

TAX CREDIT:

Giving back is easy this holiday season! Make a tax credit donation to Moon Mountain Elementary School and receive a dollar-for-dollar reduction in your state income taxes! Taxpayers may receive up to a \$400 tax credit if filing jointly (\$200 if filing single) on their State income taxes by contributing to one of Washington Elementary School District's extracurricular activity programs.

All tax credit donations will be designated for extracurricular activities. These activities may include: before- and after-school band clubs; classes; sports programs; and non-recreational field trips. Extracurricular programs provide positive learning experiences for children. For more information, visit www.wesdschools.org/Page/79. Thank you for your continued support!

BUS DRIVERS:

Are you looking to join a team that is committed to helping you succeed? The WESD is currently hiring bus drivers! As a driver, you will receive:

- Pay while attending free CDL training
- At least 30 hours a week plus overtime opportunities
- Promotional opportunities
- Insurance/benefits
- Retirement- District Matches
- 13 paid holidays/10 paid leave days

Apply today at jobs.wesdschools.org. We can't wait for you to join the #WESDFamily!



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