



# Moon Mountain School

## Newsletter

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### Our Virtual Reality 2020-2021

#### **Principal Message to Parents/Staff:**

Welcome to the 2020 – 2021 school year! This is going to be a very interesting year for sure! The safety of our staff and students has always been our number one priority, and without a doubt, it will continue to be our main focus throughout this school year.

This is going to be a very different school year with continuous challenges that I know we can work together to overcome. It will take all of us as a community to do our best for our students. I ask for your patience and understanding as we work through this year, but please know that we are here to listen and work to solve our challenges together the best we can.

We are committed to the education of all of our students, and although it will look different this school year, we have planned and are prepared to deliver our Washington Elementary School District curriculum with our Moon Mountain teachers. Students will learn reading, math, writing, science, social studies, art, music, PE, technology, and social and emotional skills with our teachers throughout the school year, either virtually using Google Classroom or in person when it is safe to do so. We are looking forward to working with you and your family this school year and are here to help in any way that we can safely do so!

Please continue to check your email, visit WESD and MM websites, like our MM Facebook and of course, listen to the many dial outs you are receiving for the most current information.

Know *we miss our students* and look forward to when our campus is bustling with children learning and laughing!

Thank you for choosing Moon Mountain Elementary School!



Mrs. Dohogne  
MM Principal

### Calendar of Events

#### AUGUST

19 Early Release – 1 p.m.

26 Early Release – 1 p.m.

#### SEPTEMBER

2 Early Release – 1 p.m.

7 NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY

9 Early Release – 1 p.m.

16 Early Release – 1 p.m.

23 Early Release – 1 p.m.

30 Early Release – 1 p.m.



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.

Jarica Chesser – EDP Coordinator  
Karen Bravo – EDP Assistant  
Audrey Nolander – KG Teacher  
James Leone – Music Teacher  
Laleh Golafshani – Art Teacher  
Monica Avitia Madrid – Resource Teacher  
Angela Cole – Psychologist  
Emily Klugman – Academic Interventionist  
Tisha Tulle Webber – Title 1 Assistant  
Nycole Nutile – Cafeteria Manager  
Gena Lamey – Cafeteria



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## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEALTH OFFICE**

Reminder of Immunization Requirements, for Students 11 Years of Age or Older

Arizona School Immunization Law states that ALL STUDENTS 11 YEARS OF AGE or older (regardless of grade) must have one dose of Meningococcal vaccine (MV). These students are also required to have one dose of Tdap vaccine. Please provide updated immunizations records to the Health Office as soon as your student receives them. If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact the school Health Office at 602-896-6010

## **LITERACY LAB**

Welcome Back! We are so excited about seeing our returning students and meeting our new friends—even if it is virtually! We are always excited to hear about their summer and the books they read while on break.

Speaking of reading...here are some GREAT reasons to read with your child **every day!**  
(Or have them read every day!)

1. **Reading is “brain food”**--Our brains develop as we “feed” them with experiences.
2. **Reading improves listening skills.**
3. **Reading to your child prepares them for kindergarten.**
4. **Practice makes perfect!**



5. **Reading improves academic performance.**
6. **Reading enhances concentration.**
7. **Reading improves vocabulary.**

## **2020 CENSUS**

You can help shape the future for your kids and our school today by taking the 2020 Census. An accurate count of children can help communities meet the need for more educational resources. It's not too late to respond to the 2020 Census online at [2020census.gov](https://2020census.gov), by phone at 844-330-2020, or by returning the paper questionnaire you received in the mail. New this month, census takers will begin visiting households that have not yet responded to the census to help ensure *everyone* is counted, including children. The deadline to respond is September 30. If you have any questions regarding the 2020 Census, email [wesdcommserv@wesdschools.org](mailto:wesdcommserv@wesdschools.org).

## **Stay in “In The Know”**

Parents and families, we've put together a summary of the communications resources available for you to stay connected with our school and the WESD. To view all of the latest information regarding WESD's reopening plan, visit [www.wesdschools.org/returntolearn](http://www.wesdschools.org/returntolearn).

Please also make sure to like and follow the WESD's Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn sites to get news and updates. We also have our school Facebook page to engage with families.

Are you using ParentVUE? We encourage you to access this student information system online or download the mobile app to access important updates throughout your child's school year. An Activation Key is required to create and log in to your account. Please contact the school office for assistance. To log in to ParentVUE, visit [https://parentvue.wesdschools.org/PXP2\\_Login.aspx](https://parentvue.wesdschools.org/PXP2_Login.aspx).

The WESD also uses the SchoolMessenger notification service to send important information to our families through phone calls, emails, and text messages. In order to receive text message alerts through this system, you will need to "opt-in" to the service. A reminder to use the same cell phone number that we have on file for you. This is the cell number that you provided to register your child. To get started, just text YES or OPTIN to the shortcode 67587.

Lastly, have you heard about Peachjar? WESD utilizes Peachjar's digital flyer management solution to deliver digital informational flyers and resources directly to families. This is a free service that automatically shares digital flyers posted either by our school or the district.

Thank you to our families for continuing to connect with us this school year!

## **MM PTSA NEWS**

Welcome to the unusual beginning of this school year. PTSA's support of our students, teachers, staff, and community is important in this challenging time. Your \$10 membership in PTSA shows your support for our school and our community. The funds from membership along with money from fund raising events are used to benefit the school. As a member, there are no requirements to attend meetings or volunteer for PTSA sponsored events although we do encourage and welcome your attendance.

Your membership in PTSA permits you to vote for officers of the PTSA. The election for offices in PTSA was delayed until this school year began. The current officers; Sue Gallagher – President, Liz Cromack – Vice President, Rob Robinson – Treasurer and Jessie King – Secretary have been nominated to run again for their offices. Anyone interested in running for one of the offices must be a member of PTSA and contact Ms. Dohogne, ahead of the nominating committee to have their name entered on the ballot. Because in-person PTSA meetings are not occurring right now, the State PTA will send the ballot to PTSA members and they will collect the votes.

Please support Moon Mountain by becoming a PTSA member. To be able to vote in this election, your membership information and money need to be submitted by August 28. The forms and information may be turned into the office at Moon Mountain Elementary.