



Moon Mountain School Newsletter

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Message From the Principal

Holiday Greetings –

As we head into the holiday season, I would like to express how grateful I am for the Moon Mountain community. There has not been a day, since being selected to be principal, that I haven't witnessed how FABULOUS this community is! I am thankful for **parents** and **community members** who partner with us in our efforts to serve students and families. I am also thankful for the **volunteers** who help in our classrooms and school. I sincerely appreciate your support in student learning. I am so very grateful for our hard-working **staff** and all that they do for every child, every day. Additionally, I am grateful for the little moments - be it the smiling faces, enthusiasm for learning, or kindness shared by students. It truly 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.

Please join us for many events scheduled during December. Check the calendar dates and times. Also, a great way to stay connected with what is happening on our campus is to follow Moon Mountain on Facebook.

Wishing you and your families a joyous Holiday Season and a New Year filled with peace and happiness.

Dawna Dohogne



Calendar of Events December 2019

- 10 Pictures with Santa
- 11 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**
- 12 School Spelling Bee 9:00 a.m.
Winter Wonderland 5:30 p.m.
- 13 Birthday tables @ lunch 
- 18 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**
- 19 Last Day of School
- 21 **NO SCHOOL
GRADING DAY**

December 20 – January 6 WINTER BREAK

January 2020

- 6 PTSA General Meeting
- 8 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**
- 24 Birthday tables @ lunch



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TAX CREDIT

The WESD is thankful for your support. As we enter into the season of giving, please consider making a tax credit donation to our school. Your donation provides WESD students the opportunity to succeed in extracurricular activities and will fund items such as uniform replacements, equipment, stipends for coaches and sponsors. **New this year, your donation can also fund risers, scoreboards, soccer goals, marquees, playground equipment, 3-D printers, library books, classroom furniture and more! You will also receive a dollar for dollar reduction on 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 the Washington Elementary School District.

Donating is simple. Visit

www.wesdschools.org/taxcredit and you can enhance the education of a child in just a few steps. Thank you for your support. For more information, contact at 602-347-2737.

El WESD agradece su apoyo. Al comenzar la temporada de donaciones, favor de considerar hacer una donación de crédito de impuesto a nuestra escuela. Sus donaciones proveen a los estudiantes del WESD la oportunidad de tener éxito en actividades extracurriculares y financiarán artículos como reemplazo de uniformes, equipo, pagos para entrenadores y patrocinadores. **¡Como novedad este año, su donación también puede financiar podios, marcadores electrónicos, porterías de fútbol, marquesinas, equipos para área de recreo, impresoras 3D, libros para la biblioteca, muebles para el salón de clase y mucho más! También recibirán una reducción dólar por dólar en sus impuestos estatales.** Los contribuyentes pueden recibir un crédito de hasta \$400 si presentan una declaración en pareja (\$200 si presentan una declaración individual) en sus impuestos Estatales al contribuir al Distrito Escolar Washington.

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REMINDER TO PARENTS

CLASSROOM INTERRUPTIONS

The teacher's time with the children in the classroom is valuable. Please be sure that your child is aware of how he or she will be getting home each day before leaving in the morning so that we can limit classroom interruptions.

The office will no longer be delivering last minute messages to students pertaining to transportation/pick-up changes.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH – NOVEMBER

Mikhael M.	Isaiah K.
Andres A.	Evangelina M.
Luke K.	Meliza R.
Ghislain J.	Trenton W.
Jacob F.	Kitty B.
Nathan D.	Hennesys M.
Daniela A.	Rachel T.
Jacob D.	Faye H.
Victoria E.	Alex D.
Mya L.	

WINTER WANDERLAND

Moon Mountain is ready for some "Holiday Fun" - Thursday, December 12 at 5:30 p.m. Students, with their parents, are invited to come and create, sing carols and walk our luminary lite path, as well as have cookies and hot chocolate. It's Moon Mountain's second **Winter Wanderland!** Come have some family fun.

MOON MOUNTAIN WALKING CLUB

The Moon Mountain Walking Club is for all 3rd – 6th grade students that would like to start their day with a little walk, jog or run. Anyone can sign up and walk during the before school recess from 7:15 – 7:25 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Each student's laps will be tallied. When a student has walked, jogged or ran 5 miles they will a prize.

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.
- Borrow Audio-books from the library for long car rides
- Have your children help with grocery lists: They can write or draw the items on the list and help sort coupons.
- Write Thank You notes and letters
- Draw Holiday Cards for family and neighbors
- Play games: Many board games and card games encourage thinking skills, and reinforce reading and math skills. Have Fun!

Happy Holidays!

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

Fifth graders have been hard at work learning about fractions, multiplication and division of large numbers and problem solving. We have been writing opinion essays and learning about the properties of matter. We have many students involved in community helping around the school. Several students help with the morning announcements, flag raising, and cafeteria. Students are learning about matter and working together to engineer answers to environmental problems. Our students have come up with some wonderful ways to protect the environment.

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 fifth 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. 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!

MUSIC NEWS

Your children have been working so hard in music class the past two quarters!

Kindergarten through second graders have been working on basic listening concepts, such as identifying the difference between high and low pitches, fast and slow tempos, and loud and soft dynamics. We have also been working very hard on keeping a steady beat and are starting to learn more about rhythm and solfege.

Third and fourth grade have been hard at work learning about rhythm and solfege, and this quarter they are putting those skills to use as we work on Recorder Karate. We play nine songs that get progressively harder as the students improve their recorder skills. Each class is doing a great job. They are showing amazing progress in their recorder technique.

Fifth and sixth grade are learning the applied music curriculum. Last quarter was choir, and this quarter we are working on flutes. These disciplines are very difficult to master and I am extremely proud of the students for how far they have come. Our band and strings students have also been hard at work after school.

All students are preparing for the holiday sing along on December 19. Each grade level will lead a song and certain groups will perform what they have been working on throughout the first two quarters. Thank you for supporting performing arts at Moon Mountain!

TURKEY TROT

Thank you to the following community business partners that donated food boxes, turkeys, pies and other food items for our school assembly and for our families at Thanksgiving.

New Promise Church

Desert Mission

Berkshire Hathaway Arizona Properties

North Phoenix Foothills Apartments

Moon Valley Women's Club



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Kindergarten Registration and Open Enrollment

The WESD will begin accepting enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year on December 2. Open enrollment is available on a first-come, first-served basis and space is limited. A unique and personalized education starts early in the WESD with a free, full-day kindergarten and four-year-old educational programs with a gifted emphasis. All WESD students will be immersed in high academics, art, music and PE in an environment that is focused on educating the whole child. Affordable before and after-school care, as well as enrichment opportunities, are offered to all students, as well. To enroll your child in a District that has award winning schools and staff, visit www.wesdschools.org/registration or call 602-896-6950.

Inscripción para Kindergarten e Inscripción Abierta

El WESD comenzará a aceptar inscripción para el año escolar 2020-2021 el 2 de diciembre. La inscripción abierta está disponible por orden de llegada y el cupo es limitado. Una educación singular y personalizada comienza temprano en el WESD con un programa gratuito de kindergarten de día completo y programas educativos para niños de cuatro años con un enfoque en la educación para estudiantes dotados. Todos los estudiantes del WESD serán inmersos en educación rigurosa, arte, música y educación física en un ambiente que está enfocado en educar al niño en su totalidad. Además, a todos los estudiantes se les ofrece cuidado económico antes y después de clases, al igual que oportunidades de enriquecimiento. Para inscribir a sus hijos en un distrito que tiene escuelas y personal galardonados, visiten www.wesdschools.org/registration o llamen al 602-896-6950.

Jumpstart Program- Kindergarten Readiness

Enroll your future kindergartener into the Jumpstart Program – the WESD’s 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. The program will run from May 26-June 11 and breakfast and lunch will be provided each day. If you have any questions, please call 602-347-2892 or email WESDKinderJumpstart@wesdschools.org.

Programa ‘Jumpstart’ – Preparación para Kindergarten

¡Inscriban a sus futuros estudiantes de kindergarten en el Programa ‘Jumpstart’ – el programa de preparación para kindergarten del WESD donde los niños obtendrán habilidades sociales, practican rutinas de kindergarten y más! El programa de verano de medio día por tres semanas es gratuito para estudiantes futuros de kindergarten. El programa será del 26 de mayo-11 de junio y se proveerá desayuno y almuerzo cada día. Si tienen cualesquier preguntas, favor de llamar al 602-347-2892 o enviar un correo electrónico a WESDKinderJumpstart@wesdschools.org.