



# Moon Mountain School

## Newsletter

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### Message From the Principal

A few notes from the Principal

Attendance matters! Thank you for getting students to school **on time** and ready to learn. 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 rooms while covering all the grade level objectives. There are still a great number of objectives to cover at school, so 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.

Congratulations to sixth grader, Arturo Nelson, who represented Moon Mountain in the District Spelling Bee after winning our school spelling bee held in December. He was among the top 8 spellers for the WESD Spelling Bee, so will continue on to represent our district at the regional spelling bee!

If you still need to register a kindergartner for the 2020-2021 school year, you are welcome to pick up a registration packet in our office. We look forward to welcoming new families to our fabulous school community.

Kind regards,  
Dawna Dohogne  
Principal

### Calendar of Events



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| 21           | Book Fair<br>Birthday Tables at Lunch<br>Girls' BB Game @ MM 4:00 p.m.   |
| 24           | Book Fair  |
| 25           | Book Fair<br>Girls' BB Game @ MM 4:00 p.m.   |
| 26           | <b>Early Release – 1 p.m.</b><br>RAA Spirit Day -Wacky Sock Day<br>PTSA Membership Meeting 3:30-4:15                                     |
| 27           | Student of the Month Breakfast<br>RAA Spirit Day – Oh, the Places You'll Go! College Day<br>1 <sup>st</sup> Grade FT – Children's Museum |
| 28           | Spirit Day – Grab a Hat Day  |
| <b>MARCH</b> |  |
| 2            | Characters Count Parade 8:00 a.m.<br>Girls' BB @ Shaw Butte 4:00 p.m.  |
| 4            | <b>Early Release – 1 p.m.</b><br>Student Council Meeting 1-1:45 p.m.   |
| 5            | Girls' BB @ Lookout Mountain 4:00 p.m.<br>PTSA Popcorn Fundraiser Begins   |
| 9            | Field Day Grades K-2   |
| 10           | Field Day Grades 3-4   |
| 11           | <b>Early Release – 1 p.m.</b>  |
| 12           | Field Day Grades 5-6   |
| 16-20        | <b>Spring Break – No School</b>  |
| 25           | PTSA Popcorn Fundraiser Ends   |
| 26           | Student of the Month Breakfast   |
| 27           | Birthday Tables at Lunch   |



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## **IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS**

As a reminder, 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 if five or more years have passed since their last tetanus/diphtheria vaccine dose.

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 602-896-5010

## **JANUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

Rylee V.	Sierra M.
Elli E.	Micheala D.
Josh S.	Adela M.
Ian B.	Jose V.
Victor M.	Lillian R.
Jeweleana A.	Narale G.
Donny C.	Matuillah F.
Mariyah M.	Arianna W.
Theadore W.	Isaiah A.
Perla A.	Richard H.

## **4<sup>th</sup> GRADE NEWS**

Fourth Grade Geometry Fun!

You too can have fun with Geometry at home! Be sure to ask your child to show you examples, all around your house or out in the world, of the following: right angles, acute angles, obtuse angles, equilateral triangles, scalene triangles, isosceles triangles, perpendicular and parallel lines.

## **MMPTSA NEWS**

**Member Meeting:** Wednesday 2/26  
@3:30pm  
MM Library

### **Book Fair: 2/24 – 2/28**

Annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the library during school hours. Family nights are Feb. 25 and Feb. 27 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Available to volunteer? Please contact PTSA!

### **Popcornopolis Fundraiser: 3/5 – 3/25**

This is a take-home fundraiser selling flavored popcorn. Order forms will be due back 3/25 and popcorn delivery will be in early April. Money due at time of order.

**Have your kids been talking about smelly pencils?** The PTSA has partnered with Moon Mountain Student Council to sell Smencils. Smencils are scented #2 pencils made from recycled products that come in a wide variety of fun scents and prints. We recently added mechanical Smencils, a scented mechanical #2 pencil. The student council students sell these

at lunch times and at several extracurricular events to help raise money to support Student of the Month and Academic Awards for the whole school as well as Field Day treats. The pencils have been a real hit with all the kids, and the student council has gotten some lessons on marketing, money management, profit estimation and customer service.

## **HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE**

Thank you to the following companies that provided holiday assistance to some of our families. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Desert Mission, Salvation Army,  
Moon Valley Women's Club and  
Berkshire Hathaway Arizona Properties

## **HATS 4 TOTS**

Thank you to the Community Action Officers from Black Mountain Precinct. Sergeant Rachel Warren, Officer Kelsey Commisso and Officer Jen Zak for coming to Moon Mountain to talk with our Preschool, Head Start, kindergarten and first grade students and for handing out hats and books to our students. Hats are hand crocheted by volunteers in the Senior Community Centers and the books were donated by First Things First. Organized by Candice Fremouw with Moon Valley Gardens Neighborhood Block Watch.

## **PRESCHOOL NEWS**

### **A Peek At What We Are Learning**

Story time-books included this month during our interactive story time are, *Trashy Town*, *Clothesline Clues and the Jobs People Do*, *Tip Tip Dig Dig*, *Delivering Your Mail*, and *Whose Hat is This?*

Literacy- We are working on identify and describing different objects related to this months thematic unit, differentiating phonemes, labeling, multisyllabic words, and asking questions.

Math/Counting- We are working on counting out loud, counting a group of objects then stating 'how many', and one to one correspondence.

Science- Dental health and the importance of oral hygiene.

## **READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK**

Each year, classroom teachers create extra special opportunities for their students to share the love of reading. This year, our school is holding the Scholastic Book Fair from February 24 through February 28. We're also holding a spirit week during the book fair, right before our fourth annual CHARACTERS COUNT parade on Monday, March 2!

Spirit Week (February 26 through February 28 – all students may participate)

- Wednesday, 2/26: Wacky Sock Day – wear your craziest or mismatched socks
- Thursday, 2/27: Oh, the Places You'll Go! Day – dress for the college or destination you'd like to attend
- Friday, 2/28: Grab a Hat Day – wear any school-appropriate hat for the day

**CHARACTERS COUNT Parade!**

Preschool, Head Start, Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will have the opportunity to dress up as their favorite storybook character from any school-appropriate book. This is a great time to be creative and come up with a simple costume that reflects a character like Clifford the Big Red Dog, Junie B. Jones, Pete the Cat, Curious George, Fly Guy, Skippy Jon Jones, etc. Come to school dressed as that character and don't forget to bring a copy of the book so everyone will know who you are while you march in our parade!

4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be our encouraging audience watching the younger students during the parade. Students in these grade levels may wear school-appropriate hats if they're related to storybooks – Cat in the Hat striped stovepipe hats, Harry Potter wizard hats, etc. Teachers in these grade levels will be sending two representatives from their homerooms who will be recognized as Super Readers! Who will they send? It's a mystery!

Our CHARACTERS COUNT parade will take place on the basketball courts of the intermediate playground at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, March 2, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Fox at 602-896-6055.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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." To help us celebrate, the Washington Elementary School District is inviting parents, community leaders and neighborhood partners into the classroom to read to students.

If you love to read and enjoy children, then Read Across America is the volunteer opportunity for you. Whether you bring your favorite book or need a book provided for you, we invite you to share your love of reading with our students.

For more information, please contact **Kyra Harris 602-896-6000**

### **WESD FOOD DRIVE**

#### **WESD Community Food Drive Coming in February**

Washington Elementary School District will be hosting the WESD Community Food Drive (#WESDCommunityFoodDrive2020) from Monday, Feb. 10 through Friday, Feb. 21 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 Cakes for the entire school and a trophy to recognize its efforts. Last year we collected nearly 96,000 pounds of food!

### **YEARBOOKS FOR SALE**

Order your MM yearbook today!

Pre-Order Deadline

February 28, 2020

\$15.00 cash

March 1 until sold out

\$18.00 cash

Order forms are available in the front office. Order yours today as we have limited quantities available.



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