



# Moon Mountain School Newsletter

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## Message From the Principal

I want to thank everyone for participating in the WESD food drive to benefit St. Mary's Food Bank. When we work together, we find solutions, we create positive partnerships and we build a strong community! Thank you!

Spring break is scheduled for the week of March 18 - 22. School is out the entire week; however, if you are looking for childcare, you might want to check out our KidSpace Program. Information about locations and daily activities are available in the school office.

Art teachers have selected student work to highlight at the District Art Show held at ASU West on March 26. Consider coming by the show to support our Moon Mountain artists. Students are also preparing for our annual field days. Our K-2 students and teachers will be participating in field day on Wednesday, March 13. Grades 3 and 4 are scheduled for Tuesday, March 12 and Grades 5 and 6 are scheduled for Friday, March 15. Please stop by the office and sign-in if you are able to attend.

The state standardized testing, AzMERIT, will begin on Monday, April 2. This is a culmination of the hard work that has gone on all year long. Please continue to help us by having students arrive at school on time and ready to do their best. As a reminder, it is important to not schedule appointments or activities that would cause students to miss school, arrive late or leave early. The more prepared our students are when the test comes, the more relaxed and confident they will be.

AzMERIT testing is administered using the Chromebook computers. This is exciting but new this year. We have purchased headphones for the Chromebooks, however, students are welcome to bring in their own pair of earbuds if they prefer. The earbuds will be marked with the student's name and kept in a safe place to be used during computers and testing. The same applies for a computer mouse, if wanted. We unfortunately have limited number of mice for student use. If you have new earbuds or a computer mouse that you would like to donate, we would gladly accept them in the school office.

Thanks in advance.

Regards,

Mrs. Brown

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARCH 2019

- 1-15 Cookie Dough Sale
- 6 **Early Release- 1 p.m.**
- 8 School Wide BBQ @ Lunch
- 12 Field Day for Grades 3-4  
General Meeting PTSA 6:30 p.m.
- 13 **Early Release- 1 p.m.**  
Field Day for Grades K-2
- 14 Picture Day- Class and Personality
- 15 Birthday Table   
Field Day for Grades 5-6
- 18-22 **SPRING BREAK**



- 26-28 AIMS Science Testing Grade 4
- 27 **Early Release - 1 p.m.**
- 28 Student of the Month Breakfast

## APRIL 2019

- 2-19 AzMERIT Testing
- 3 **Early Release - 1 p.m.**
- 5 KG Field Trip to Legoland
- 10 **Early Dismissal-1 p.m.**  
Cookie Dough Delivery
- 12 Birthday Tables

### FIELD DAY SCHEDULE

March 12 - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Field Day  
8:15-10:30 a.m. / 1:00-2:30 p.m.

March 13 - KG - 2<sup>nd</sup> Field Day  
8:30-10:20 a.m. / 12:45-2:30 p.m.

March 15 - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Field Day  
8:15-10:30 a.m. / 1:00-2:30 p.m.



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## **BUDDY BENCH**

MMPTSA would like to thank everyone for collecting plastic caps and lids this school year. We have almost met our goal of 400 pounds to create two buddy benches for our campus. Student Council students have been working to sort and weigh the plastic items and during their next meeting (March 5), we should officially reach our goal.

At this time, we ask that our magnificent MM families send in what you have saved at home. Any extra caps and lids that we cannot use for our collection will be donated to another nearby school who is also collecting for a buddy bench on their campus. We will not accept any more plastic caps or lids after the month of March. We hope that you will consider starting to recycle in your own homes to help protect our environment.

Thank you so much for all of your help!

## **ART NEWS**

Moon Mountain Artists have a large representation at the Washington Student Art Exhibit. There are over 40 students from our school who have art on display at the ASU West campus Fletcher Library on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Please make a point to visit the exhibit. If your student's art is included in the show, you will be receiving an invitation to a reception on March 26 from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

\*Please continue to send in General Mills Box Tops. They help make these special projects possible.

## **STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

Zaylen M.	Meliza R.
Elijah B.	Makaylah C.
Angelica B.	Fatima A.
Kayla F.	Brissa M.
Taelor K.	Ryan K.
Nathaniel C.	Caesar A.



## **FIRST GRADE NEWS**

First grade field trip! First graders took a field trip to the Children's Museum of Phoenix on February 22. The museum's mission is "to engage the minds, muscles, and imaginations of children and the grown-ups who care about them." Students, family chaperones and teachers got to engage in unique activities that encouraged perseverance, problem solving and positive social interaction. Some of the students' favorite activities were acting on a stage, building with huge blocks, making crafts in the art studio and finding their way through the tall Climber. It was a trip to remember!

## **21st Century Community Learning Center Grant**

A team from our school will be working to submit the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grant to the Arizona Department of Education to continue quality after school programming at no cost to our student and families.

This federally-funded program supports after school community learning centers that operate primarily on school campuses statewide. Services include academic intervention and enrichment activities along with a broad array of youth development opportunities including STEM, fine arts and leadership development. These after school and summer classes complement the student's regular school day program. After school programs help students meet the core standards in academic subjects such as language arts and math. In addition, other educational services are offered to family members of students participating in the program in order to further engage parents in their student's learning and achievement goals.

## **PRESCHOOL NEWS**

Our focus this month is wild animals and/or zoo animals! Children will learn about their features, what they eat and their natural habitat. We will engage in conversations, role play, read stories and sing along to songs about these animals. We will also be working on identifying the letter Z!

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

STORY TIME - books included during our interactive story time are, *Good Night Gorilla*, *Dear Zoo*, and *Sitting In My Box*

LITERACY - We are working on identifying the letter Z and its sound, labeling animals, qualitative concepts, and part whole concepts.

MATH/COUNTING - We are working on counting out loud, counting a group of objects then stating 'how many' and feeding animals with playdoh to support our one-one correspondence skills.

SCIENCE - We are describing body parts and physical characteristics of wild animals, identifying an animal's habitat and weighing and measuring animal figurines.