



# Moon Mountain School Newsletter

Nurture the Spark \* Cultivate Potential \* Guide the Journey

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## Message From the Principal

Thank you to those who participated 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 16 - 20. 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 throughout WESD have selected student work to highlight at the District Art Show held at ASU West on March 24. Consider coming by the show to support our Moon Mountain artists. Students are also preparing for our annual field days. Please stop by the office and sign-in if you are able to attend.

### **Mark your calendars for Moon Mountain Field Days!**

Monday, March 9 – Grades KG, 1 & 2  
Tuesday, March 26 – Grades 3 & 4  
Thursday, March 27 – Grades 5 & 6

### **AzMERIT, begins soon!**

Our state standardized testing, AzMERIT, is a culmination of the hard work that has gone on all year long. We are excited for our students to demonstrate their learning! The more prepared our students are when the test comes, the more relaxed and confident they will be.

We ask that you please help our student be successful by:

- o *Ensuring they get plenty of rest*
- o *Ensuring they arrive at school on time*
- o *Avoiding scheduling appointments or activities that would cause students to miss school, arrive late or leave early.*

### **AzMERIT DATES:**

March 24<sup>th</sup> Science - 4<sup>th</sup> grade only  
March 25<sup>th</sup> Science - 4<sup>th</sup> grade only  
April 7<sup>th</sup> Writing - ALL 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
April 13 – 17 Math and Reading - ALL 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade

In addition, AzMerit testing is administered using the Chromebook computers. 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.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARCH

- 2 Characters Count Parade 8:00 a.m.  
Girls' BB @ Shaw Butte 4:00 p.m.
- 4 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**  
Student Council Meeting 1-1:45 p.m.
- 5 Girls' BB @ Lookout Mountain 4:00 p.m.  
PTSA Popcorn Fundraiser Begins
- 9 Field Day Grades K-2

- 11 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**



- 16-20 **Spring Break – No School**

- 24 AzMERIT Science 4<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 25 AzMERIT Science 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
PTSA Popcorn Fundraiser Ends
- 26 Student of the Month Breakfast  
Field Day Grades 3 & 4
- 27 Field Day Grades 5 & 6  
Birthday Tables at Lunch

### APRIL 2020

- 1 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**
- 3 PTSA Bingo Night 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
KG Field Trip to Wildlife Zoo
- 7 AzMERIT Writing Testing
- 8 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**
- 13-17 AzMERIT Math and Reading Testing
- 17 Birthday Tables
- 20-22 Sixth Grade Tonto Creek Camp
- 23 PTSA Members Meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- 24 PTSA Yogurtini Night
- 30 Last Day of ASA Classes



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## **FIELD DAY SCHEDULE**

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

**March 26** – 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Field Day  
8:15-10:30 a.m. / 1:00-2:30 p.m.

**March 27** - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Field Day  
8:15-10:30 a.m. / 1:00-2:30 p.m.

## **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 24 from 5:00-7:00 in the Fletcher Library.

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

## **FEBRUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH**

Vanessa R.	Kevin H.
Cailynn P.	Santos A.
Adiel O.	Emmanuel H.
Gianna C.	Natalia A.
Fatima A.	Zander S.
Glorie V.	Brissa M.
Giada F.	Rocio G.
Jeremiah M.	Adela M.
Delaney W.	Kaylin M.
Dylan F.	

## **FIRST GRADE NEWS**

First Grade field trip! First graders took a field trip to the Children's Museum of Phoenix on February 27. 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. Thank you so much to the parents that were able to attend and chaperone. It was a trip to remember!

## **ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT**

Daily student attendance is key to their success at school. It is important they arrive on time and participate in the entire school day. Students are allowed on the playground at 7:10 a.m. and report to class after the first bell rings at 7:25 a.m. If students arrive at 7:30 a.m. or later, they are considered tardy and must get a pass before entering class. Please help us reduce the number of tardies we have each day by making sure your child arrives before 7:25 a.m. daily. For the month of February, the front office wrote 950 tardy passes for late students. That averages out to 50 tardy passes for every school day of February. Your help in reducing this number is greatly appreciated.

## **IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS**

As a reminder, Arizona School Immunization Law states, 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.

## **HEALTH OFFICE NEWS**

### **Is your child too sick for school?**

To help you make the decision, please consider the following:

#### **Fever**

If your child has a fever higher than 100.0 degrees, he or she should stay home. Children should be fever-free for 24 hours (without medication) before returning to school.

#### **Mild Cough/Runny Nose**

If there is no fever and the child wants to attend school, it is okay to send him or her to school.

#### **Bad cough/Cold Symptoms**

If your child has a cough or cold that will disrupt his or her ability to learn or will disrupt the learning of others, he or she should stay home.

#### **Vomiting and Diarrhea**

If your child is vomiting and/or has diarrhea, he or she should stay home. Your child may return to school when they have not vomited or had diarrhea for 24 hours without the use of medication.

#### **Pink Eye (Conjunctivitis)**

Pink eye is contagious and may be bacterial or viral. Consult your doctor regarding treatment. If an antibiotic is prescribed, the student may return 24 hours after the first antibiotic treatment. Once a diagnosis is made, please call the school's health office.

#### **Sore Throat**

A minor sore throat is typically caused by seasonal allergies and/or a mild viral infection. A severe sore throat may be caused by streptococcal bacteria. Typical symptoms of strep throat are fever, headache, and stomach ache without nasal congestion. A special test is required to determine if it is strep. Keep your child home and contact your doctor. Your child may return to school 24 hours after antibiotic treatment begins. Once a diagnosis is made, please call the school's health office.

#### **Head Lice**

If your child has head lice, he or she must be treated with a medicated lice shampoo and have most of the nits (eggs) removed before returning to school. Please have your child checked by the health technician prior to returning to class. Students are only excused for one day of school due to lice.

#### **Rash**

Children with a skin rash should be seen by a doctor, as it may be a sign or symptom of a contagious illness that may require treatment.