



Moon Mountain School

Newsletter

Nurture the Spark * Cultivate Potential * Guide the Journey

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Message From the Principal

Success in learning is strongly linked to regular school attendance. To encourage and celebrate regular on-time attendance, we have implemented our EVERY DAY COUNTS campaign again this year! We are tracking attendance by homerooms. By grade level, the homeroom class demonstrating the highest percentages of on-time regular attendance monthly will have its class picture on display in our front office. All grade-level winners will also receive an Every Day Counts trophy to proudly house in their classroom for the month. Parents can support our efforts by making sure they call in absences to our attendance line at 602-896-6011 and allow enough time in the mornings for children to arrive to school by 7:25 a.m. It is important to note that for an absence to be marked excused, it must be reported on or before the day of the absence. Additionally, if a student misses part of the school day, for example, leaving before the end of the school day, the attendance record is marked. Thank you in advance for partnering with us in this endeavor and for recognizing the role and importance of regular attendance and arriving to school on time.

Parent/Teacher evening conferences are scheduled for October 24 and 25. However, please note that 1:00 p.m. early release dates are scheduled for Tuesday, October 23 – Friday, October 25. This is a change from last year. We have four early release days scheduled for Parent Teacher Conference week. You will receive an e-mail from your child's homeroom teacher to schedule a conference. The e-mail will provide you with a link to access an online conference scheduling application, Sign-Up Genius. Contact your child's teacher today if you need to up-date your home e-mail address. We are working towards 100% contact with our parents.

We are also gearing up for Cross Country, Boys Basketball and Cheer. Ms. Reak is the cross country coach, Mrs. Lanuza is coaching basketball and Ms. Holly is our cheer coach. We are always looking for parent helpers, too. If cross country, basketball and/or cheer are a hobby or interest of yours, and you would like to help, please contact one of the coaches.

We are also hosting a Ballet Arizona danceAZ School Residency Program after school class. A flyer will go home with more information. The after school class will be offered for student in grades 3, 4 and 5.

Site Council is another great opportunity to partner with the school. We are currently looking for members. Site Council applications are available in the school office.

Calendar of Events

September

- 11 PTSA meeting 6:30p.m.
- 12 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**
- 13 Butter Braid fundraiser begins 
- 14 Birthday table at lunch for September
- 19 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**
- 20 Neighborhood Block Watch Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 26 **Early Release – 1 p.m.**
- 27 PTSA – Peter Piper Pizza Fundraiser night 
Butter Braid fundraiser ends
- 28 Hearing and Vision Screenings

October

- 2 Student Council Meeting 2:40 p.m.
- 3 Vision Rescreens
- 4 Student of the Month
- 5 Grading period ends
- 8-12 **Fall Break – NO SCHOOL**
- 17 Butterbraid delivery
- 19 Birthday table at lunch for October
- 23 **Early Release – 1 p.m. - Conferences**
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Peachjar Digital Flyer Platform and Email

Updates

The WESD is committed to educational excellence and ensuring that parents stay informed about important activities and events that enhance their child's life. In an effort to improve parent and community engagement, we will be implementing Peachjar to send digital flyers and school newsletters directly to parents via email.

Additionally, all flyers and newsletters will be posted to each school's Web site. Parents will be able to click to register their children for youth sports, enrichment programs, and community events. By using this new system, we expect to eliminate the need to print roughly 2,688,000 sheets of paper per year— nearly 322 trees! The WESD will continue to communicate with parents and community members as we make the transition to Peachjar via the District Web site, social media and email. Please ensure that the WESD has a current email address on file. You will receive emails from the District in case of an emergency as well as for updates about your school and the District. Contact the front office to update your email address today!

Plataforma de Folleto Digital 'Peachjar' y Actualizaciones de Correo Electrónico

El WESD está comprometido a la excelencia educativa y a asegurar que los padres se mantengan informados sobre actividades y eventos importantes que mejoran la vida de sus hijos. En un esfuerzo para mejorar la participación de los padres y la comunidad, implementaremos 'Peachjar' para enviar folletos y boletines escolares digitales directamente a los padres por correo electrónico. Además, todos los folletos y boletines escolares se publicarán en el sitio Web de cada escuela. Los padres podrán hacer clic para inscribir a sus hijos para deportes juveniles, programas de enriquecimiento y eventos comunitarios. Al usar este nuevo sistema, esperamos eliminar la necesidad de imprimir aproximadamente 2,688,000 hojas de papel por año, ¡cerca de 322 árboles! El WESD continuará comunicándose con los padres y miembros de la comunidad mientras hacemos la transición a 'Peachjar' a través del sitio Web del Distrito, redes sociales y correo electrónico. Favor de asegurarse de que el WESD tenga una dirección archivada de correo electrónico actual. Recibirán correos electrónicos del Distrito en caso de una emergencia, así como actualizaciones acerca de su escuela y del Distrito. ¡Comuníquense con la oficina escolar para actualizar su dirección de correo electrónico hoy!

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Within the next two weeks, we will be focusing on colors! We will be naming colors, identifying colors in the real world, reading/writing color words and sorting colors! Ask your child what color songs they are learning. It will be very fun! Help your child dress in the color of the day! We will take a class picture of the kids wearing the daily color.

Sept. 10 - 14

Monday- red
Tuesday- blue
Wednesday- yellow
Thursday- purple
Friday- green

Sept. 17 - 21

Monday- orange
Tuesday- brown
Wednesday - pink and/or gray
Thursday – black and/or white
Friday- rainbow

READ, READ, READ! Fill up your Reading Journal page with 25 books, add a body part to our Reading Worm and pick a prize from the prize box! Any class made book is GREAT for the journal as well as library books that your child gets weekly!

THIRD GRADE NEWS

There is a lot to be excited about in third grade! In math, we jumped right into learning multiplication. In just a few weeks, the students have already shown much growth with their fact fluency. Please encourage your children to practice math facts at home. Flash cards can be a fun way to reinforce this skill. We will be moving forward to division so practicing both multiplication and division facts will help your child build a strong foundation for future concepts.

We have devoted time in the first month of school to create a safe and caring environment in our classrooms. We have developed our mapping skills and look forward to learning about light and sound in science. We are also learning to express our opinions and persuasive ideas through our writing lessons and are even beginning to learn cursive writing. Through it all, we are becoming more fluent and thoughtful readers. We have much to be proud of!

SIXTH GRADE NEWS

Sixth grade is off to a great start this year! We have an exciting Computer Science Discovery Project that Mrs. Flores will be spearheading with the help of Mrs. Lanuza on Code.Org. The project is titled "Future City". Students participating in this unique program will be able to learn computer-coding, design a website, and eventually design a virtual "Future City". In addition, to this fun STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) project, we are also looking forward to meeting with you to discuss our big STEAM field trip at the end of April. We have so many details to share with you along with vital information. Please be on the lookout for a flier in early October, as the meeting will take



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place toward the end of October. We do not want any of our students to miss this learning opportunity so we hope to see you all at this meeting.

ART NEWS

Welcome back MM artists! We are so excited to make beautiful art with you this year. It is our hope that you have been continuing to save General Mills Box Tops for Education to help fund our visual arts. With these tiny little box tops, we can buy supplies to provide exciting materials that we would not normally be able to afford. The Box Tops for Education are sent in to General Mills and they in turn, send us cash for each box top collected. Last year, we saved over 10,000 box tops at MM, which provided money to buy clay, glazes and addition specialty items. The Box Tops come on lots of household and food items. Clip them, put them in an envelope or baggie and write your student's teacher name on them. Have your student deliver them to the art room or their homeroom. We will have a contest to see which class collects the most box tops all year, and that class will win a prize. Last year, Ms. Reak's class won an ice cream party for bringing in over 900 box tops (just one class!). Have grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors and your church help you collect.

Thank you so much for helping the visual arts at MM school!

PE NEWS

In the primary grades K-2, we have been working on our locomotor movements and combining them with reading skills and music. In the intermediate grades 3-6, we have been working hard on our Fitness Testing.

VISION & HEARING SCREENINGS

Students have their vision and hearing screened in accordance with the state of Arizona's Department of Health Services guidelines. This year the screening is scheduled to take place on September 28, 2018. If you do not want your child's vision and/or hearing screened, please contact the health office. If you are concerned about your child's hearing or vision or have questions about the screening program, please contact the health office.

EXÁMNES DE VISION Y OIDO

Los estudiantes reciben exámenes de visión y oído de acuerdo con las guías del Departamento de Servicios de Salud de Arizona. Este año la evaluación está programada para el 20 de septiembre. Si usted no desea que la visión y/u oído de su hijo(a) sea evaluada, favor de comunicarse con la oficina de salud. Si usted tiene preocupaciones acerca del oído o la visión de su hijo(a) o tiene preguntas acerca del programa de evaluación, favor de comunicarse con la oficina de salud.



BUS INFO ON EARLY RELEASE

WEDNESDAY

For Wednesday early release days, all students will be dropped off 90 minutes earlier than their usual drop-off times. For lost or left items on the bus, please call Dispatch at 602-896-5270.

BOX TOPS

Please remember to send in Box Tops for Education. A large part of the art budget is made up of funds from the Box Tops.



PETER PIPER PIZZA NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE! Join us at the newly remodeled Peter Piper Pizza located at Metrocenter on Sept. 27 from 5-8 p.m. It will be a "Welcome Back to School" family night that PTSA will be hosting along with our lovely Moon Mountain Staff. Why not celebrate with friends and have the opportunity to win a pizza party for the most attended class. Enjoy pizza, wings and of course awesome games alongside friends. Hope to see you there.



PTSA NEWS

BE "PAWS" atively AWESOME - JOIN PTSA

If you haven't joined PTSA yet, send in your \$10 membership.

Forms can be found in the office or on PTSA newsletters.

Your membership helps us support the many programs we sponsor at MM.

PICTURE DAY

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped at picture day for a smooth running event.

Heather Bock, Linda Townsend, Ana Facio, Amanda Smith

FRY'S SHOPPER'S

Have you linked your Fry's loyalty card to MM PTSA yet? If not, will you take a few minutes to link us? Go to the community section on the FrysFood webpage and select Moon Mountain PTSA as your community partner.

Every time you shop, a portion of your sale is donated to PTSA.

Thanks for supporting PTSA

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the August Student of the Month recipients:

3rd Grade

Rashal G.

Jacob H.

Jenna M.

5th Grade

McKenna E.

Xitlali V.

Rose J.

4th Grade

Kitty B.

Ailyn A.

Lillian R.

6th Grade

Landon C.

Gianna M.

Alexa P.