



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 18 and 26. 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 and Boys Basketball. Ms. Reak is the cross country coach and Mrs. Lanuza (Ms. Hernando) and Mr. Reyes are coaching basketball. We are always looking for parent helpers, too. If cross country and/or basketball is a hobby or interest of yours, and you would like to help, please contact one of the coaches.

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.

September

13 Early Release – 1 p.m.

1-15 Butter Braid Fundraiser

11 – 22 Kindergarten color days

19 Student Council Meeting – 2:40 p.m.

20 Early Release – 1 p.m.

21 Birthday table at lunch



22 PTSA – Peter Piper Pizza Fundraiser night



27 Early Release – 1 p.m.

28 Early Release – 1 p.m.

October

3 Walk to School Assembly

Student Council Meeting 2:40 p.m.

4 Walk to School Event

5 Student of the Month

Cookies with Cody



PTSA Ex Board Meeting – 5 p.m.

GIFTED SERVICES

Washington Elementary School District provides a continuum of services for students identified as gifted. Testing for placement in the gifted program takes place three times a year on ALL campuses. If you feel your child demonstrates the traits of a gifted learner, please complete the screening form found on the Gifted Services website (www.wedschools.org/Page/18) or contact your child's teacher to arrange for testing. A brochure describing services provided to gifted students and a list of common characteristics can be found on the website as well. Feel free to call or email the Coordinator of Gifted Services, Dr. Jason McIntosh, with any questions you may have (Jason.mcintosh@wedschools.org / 602-347-2651). The gifted teacher on your campus can be reached by email at Kari.abraham@wedschools.org or by phone 602-896-6078 as well.



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OPORTUNIDAD PARA EVALUACIÓN DE SERVICIOS PARA ESTUDIANTES DOTADOS

El Distrito Escolar Washington provee un continuo de servicios para estudiantes identificados como dotados. La evaluación para colocación en el programa para estudiantes dotados toma lugar tres veces al año en TODAS las propiedades escolares. Si sienten que sus hijos demuestran características de un aprendiz dotado, favor de completar el formulario de evaluación leve que se encuentra en la página Web de Servicios Dotados ‘Gifted Services’ (www.wesdschools.org/Page/18) o comunicarse con el maestro de sus hijos para organizar una evaluación. Además, en la página Web se encuentra un folleto describiendo los servicios provistos para estudiantes dotados y una lista de características. Siéntanse en libertad de llamar o enviar un correo electrónico al Coordinador de Servicios para Estudiantes Dotados, Dr. Jason McIntosh, con cualesquier preguntas que pudiesen tener (Jason.mcintosh@wesdschools.org / 602-347-2651). Pueden comunicarse con el maestro de estudiantes dotados en su propiedad escolar por correo electrónico en Kari.abraham@wesdschools.org o también por teléfono 602-896-6078.

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. 11 - 15

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

Sept. 18 - 22

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

THIRD GRADE NEWS

Third graders have a lot to be excited about! 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 on 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 are excited to develop our inquiry skills in our Science unit focusing on the scientific method and experimentation. We are learning to express our opinions and persuasive ideas through our writing lessons and becoming more fluent and thoughtful readers. We have so much to be proud of!

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.



NEWS FROM OUR SOCIAL WORKER

This month’s character trait at Moon Mountain is responsibility. Being responsible means being able to be trusted or relied on and being dependable. There are many different ways that you can show responsibility; for example, being ready for school on time, doing your homework and studying for tests, checking out a library book and turning it in on time, asking your teachers what you missed when you were absent, and doing your chores at home without being asked.

“If you take responsibility for yourself you will develop a hunger to accomplish your dreams.” – Les Brown



PETER PIPER PIZZA NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE! Join us at the newly remodeled Peter Piper Pizza located at Metrocenter on Sept. 22 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 A STAR - JOIN PTSA

If you have not joined PTSA yet, it is not too late.

Your \$6.00 membership shows you support the efforts of this organization and its support of Moon Mountain students and staff.



PICTURE DAY

Thank you to all the volunteers that helped picture day run smoothly.

Heather Boch, Linda Townsend, Ana Facio, Amanda Smith, Kathy Diaz, Dina and Dawn Planty

T-SHIRTS

Some of our T-shirts have been on back order. If there was a delay in you receiving your shirt, we apologize. Our inventory is now complete and all ordered shirts have been delivered.

WELCOME TO OUR FIRST BUSINESS PARTNER

Gloria's Hair Salon is PTSA's first business partner. Thank you very much for supporting our school's PTSA.

FRY'S SHOPPER'S

Have you linked your Fry's loyalty card to MM PTSA yet? If it is not, will you take a few minutes to link us? We earn money every time you shop. Thanks for supporting PTSA.

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 October 20. 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 octubre. 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.

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.

VOLUNTEERS

We will be hosting a "Volunteer Welcome" meeting on September 26 from 1:45 p.m.-2:30 p.m. so please stop by, sign in, bring a

friend and enjoy some updates regarding our volunteer process along with a school tour and some words from previous volunteers. Every volunteer that comes across our Moon Mountain campus is greatly appreciated and always welcomed. Hope to see you then.



WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

You will be getting more information on our "Walk to School Day" coming up on Wednesday, October 4. We encourage our students that are within walking distance from our campus to begin a healthy habit and walk to school in the mornings. This event comes to us from our "Save Routes to School" through the Maricopa Public Health Department. Parents and friends, please join our students in walking to school on that day. More information will be send home in your students "Go Home Folders".



HANDICAP SPACES/APPLE AWARD/CARPOOL SPACES

Handicap spaces in the front of the school are reserved for those displaying a handicap license plate or placard. We have parents, guardians and/or students who may need access to these spaces at any given time. We expect respect to be paid to the students and families needing access due to a disability. Maricopa County requires carpool spaces be reserved for those participating in the trip reduction program. We appreciate you leaving those spots available for carpooling staff. Moon Mountain recognizes outstanding staff members through the Apple Award Program. Winners receive the privilege of parking in a reserved spot. We appreciate you leaving the designated space available for employees receiving this honor.



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