

“A man's mind, stretched by new ideas, may never return to its original dimensions.”

Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.

ART NEWS

Wow, we can't believe it's February! The Arts team is so proud of our students as they continue to display high levels of excellence in their Arts classes. Keep up the good work! One change you will notice this semester is that Arts teachers will be updating the online grades each week. This will allow you to keep up with your student's progress in your ParentVue account. Please call the office if you do not have access to your account. We will also be sending emails to both the parents and students if there is missing work or if there are scores that would put your student at risk for failing. Each assignment effects your student's grade, so we want to make sure all their work is turned in so they can achieve their highest potential. Let's have an awesome 3rd quarter!

A WORD FROM MRS. KOPERNO

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is hard to believe that the 2020-2021 school year is at the half-way point! In fact, the 100th day of school is February 1st! Our annual Kindergarten registration begins March 1st. If you know anyone with a child that will be eligible for the 2021-2022 kindergarten class, please spread the word about our upcoming registration.

Equally important, March 1st-5th will be Parent-Teacher conferences. Ms. Martinez will call and schedule with you toward the end of February. Additional information contained in this newsletter serves as a valuable resource to keep you updated on important information. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 480-844-3965 or miranda.koperno@bgcaz.org.

We will continue virtual learning and have hopes to come back after Spring Break. I will notify parents as soon as I know the plans for after Spring Break.

If you have concerns about your child's learning, please contact their teacher. Many are providing extra tutoring afterschool.

I LOVE TO READ MONTH

Dragons Unplugged afterschool in February! Mrs. Koperno is challenging all Dragons to turn off the TV, put away your tablet, quiet your phone and social media, and cuddle up with a good book to help celebrate I Love to Read Month. Dragons Unplugged hopefully fosters a renewed love of reading and goodwill to all of mankind! Okay! Okay! “Mankind” might have been a little heavy! But hey . . . never underestimate the power of a good book! Kids, feed your brain by reading every night, then have your parents email your teacher how many books you read for the month at the end of February. Keep track, and if you read the most books maybe, just maybe, you will win a fun-filled Dragon surprise!

Kindergarten Our class is moving right along with the reading program. Please look carefully through the agenda each week and accomplish all the tasks listed. It is very important that students be working in both Acellus and i-ready everyday. The kindergarten students are learning a lot. All your efforts to log them into our live sessions and working with them are greatly appreciated. Please continue to practice letter sounds, sight words, and math facts with your child. The students have learned all the

alphabets sounds and are sounding out many words. This is a skill that can be practiced and strengthened at home. Your efforts will help them to become successful readers. In math, the students will continue to work with numbers by counting, adding, and finding missing numbers. Thank you for your support in helping your child learn and grow through the challenges of this school year!



*"Imagination is more powerful even than knowledge."
- Albert Einstein*

3rd-5th Grade

It's hard to believe it's already February! This month, third grade students will be comparing different types of text in ELA. In math, third grade is working on fractions, and in science they are finishing up a water unit and starting atmosphere. In fourth grade math, students will be finishing fractions, working on line plots, and division. Fourth graders will be summarizing and identifying figurative language in ELA. In Science, they will be learning about the transfer of energy. In fifth grade, students will be moving on to opinion writing and book reviews. In social studies, fifth graders will be learning about inventions and inventors, and delving deeper into fractions in math. Please have your student read and practice their multiplication facts!

1st-2nd Grade This month in math, first grade students will work with patterns and begin telling time to the hour and half hour. They will focus on space explorations in Science. First graders will plan and write an explanatory paragraph. In math, second graders are learning about fractions and how to count money. The second graders will be learning about cycles in nature and writing a persuasive letter. Reading is still a big focus area in both first and second grade. Students are working on strategies to read faster and more fluently. Please remember that the goal for **first** grade students is to read about 70 words per minute before moving on to 2nd grade. Second grade students need to be reading 111 words per minute before moving on to 3rd grade.

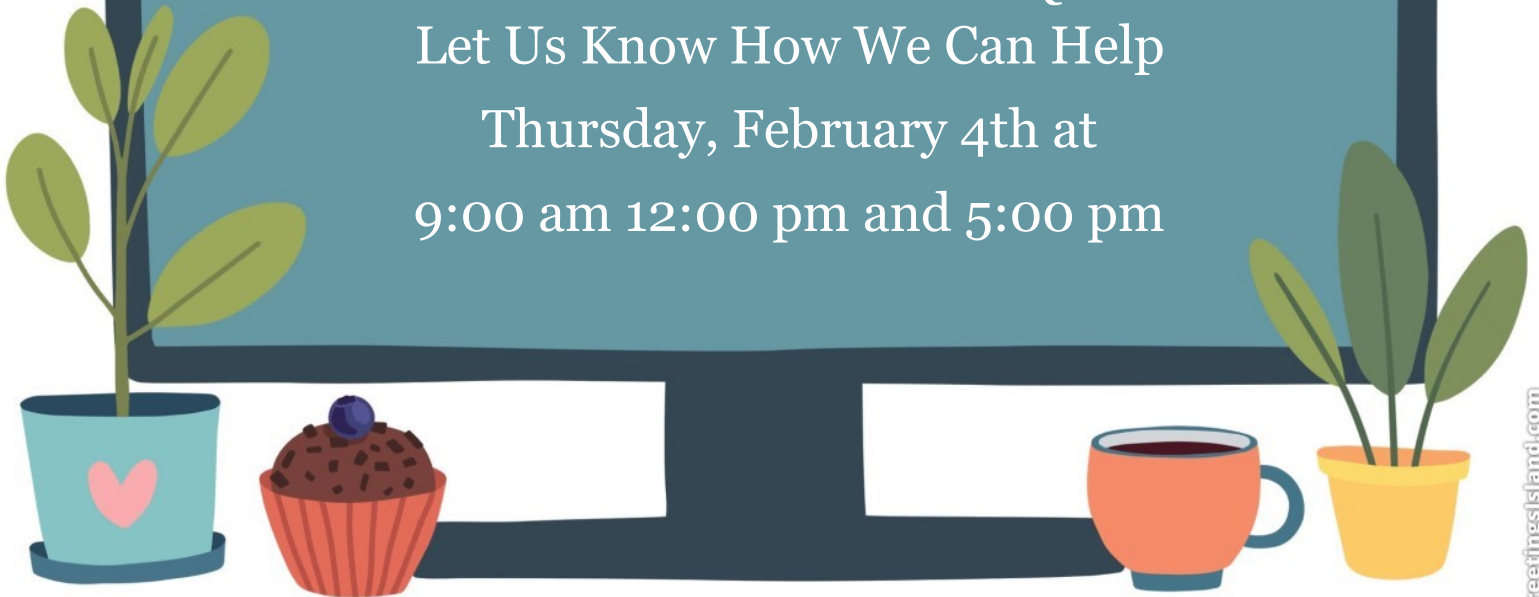
Middle School Greetings students and families, Upon our return from Winter Break, our students have gotten into a routine for learning online. We are half-way through the second quarter and it is a busy time. Galileo testing will be the last week of this month, followed immediately by Parent Teacher conferences starting March 1st. These conferences will be to follow up on the strategies we put in place in December to help the students succeed, like tutoring and check-ins. We know it has been and continues to be a difficult time; we appreciate your support very much.



Mesa Arts Academy invites you to a Zoom Meeting with Mrs. Koperno

Parents: Share Feedback * Ask Questions *
Let Us Know How We Can Help

Thursday, February 4th at
9:00 am 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm



9:00 AM

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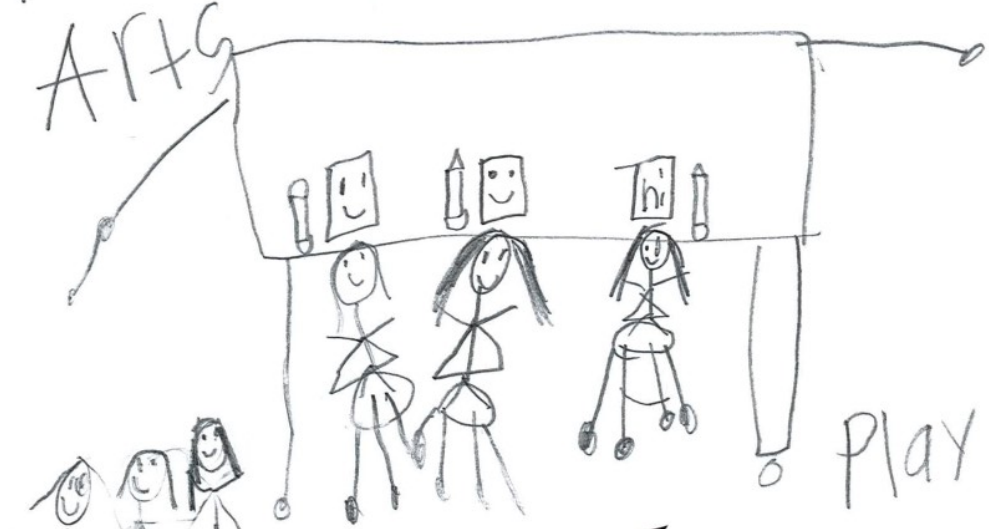
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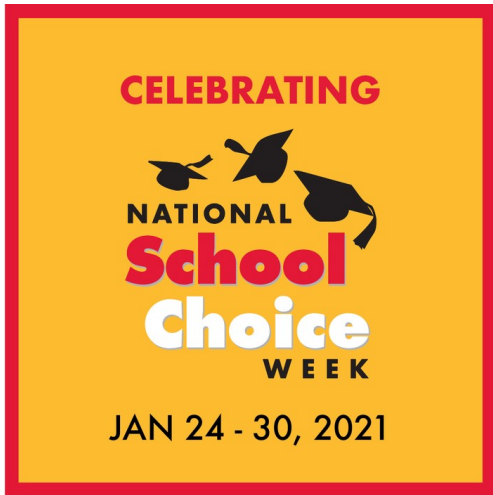
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SEL, music, PE, computers,
musical theatre and dance.



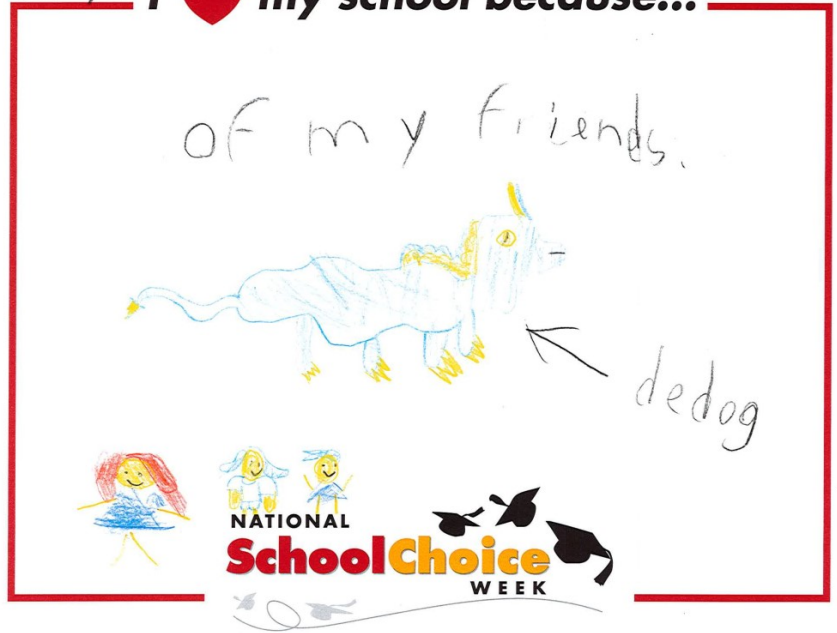
I ♥ Ariadne my school because...

Arts classes and my friends because
I like to color and because play





Riley D. I ❤️ my school because...



I ❤️ MY SCHOOL!

PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Closed on:
Presidents Day
February 15th

Basketball
Registration Begins
February 1st-28th
\$50 for Current Members
\$100 for New Members

Positive Action/OJJDP
A mentorship program created to promote positive outcomes & reduce risk factors.
Tuesday & Wednesday
4:30 - 5:30 PM

Lego Robotics
Members will have the opportunity to build robots and compete against other clubs.
Every Thursday
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	Gym: Big Competition Art: Mosaic Sun Catchers Discovery Lab: Q-Tip Heart Art Games Room: Kick Ball Teen Center: Painting Project	2 Gym: Heads, Shoulders, Knees, & Cones Art: Valentines Owl Discovery Lab: Heart Wreaths Games Room: Pencil Towers Teen Center: Make your Own Uno Cards	3 Gym: Fort Fight Art: Beading Discovery Lab: Symmetry Heart Paintings Games Room: Would You Rather Teen Center: Valentines Popcorn Mix	4 Gym: Icebergs Art: Heart Art Discovery Lab: Raining Hearts Games Room: Slime Teen Center: Write a Letter to your Future Self	5 Gym: Football Stations Art: Chalk Stenciled Hearts Discovery Lab: Thumbprint Heart Games Room: Pokemon Cards Teen Center: Darts Challenge
8	Gym: Beanbag Stations Art: Valentines Day Yarn Project Discovery Lab: Coffee Filter Hearts Games Room: Go Noodle: Managing Stress Teen Center: Make Your Own Sticker	9 Gym: Hockey Art: Love Bug Discovery Lab: Paper Heart Chains Games Room: Playdough Teen Center: Make Kinetic Sand	10 Gym: Cornhole Art: Heart Wreath Discovery Lab: Shaving Cream Marble Games Room: Go Noodle: Boost Confidence Teen Center: Make Edible Play Doh	11 Gym: Kickball Art: Rain of Hearts Discovery Lab: Love you to Pieces Games Room: Pokemon Cards Teen Center: Scavenger Hunt	12 Happy Lunar New Year! Gym: Musical Chairs Art: Valentines Photo Frame Discovery Lab: Cupcake Wrapper Flowers Games Room: Pool, Ping Pong, Fuse Ball Teen Center: Pool Challenge
15	Closed	16 Gym: Fill Em Up! Art: Heart Thumbprint Discovery Lab: Stress Balls Games Room: Go Noodle: Work Out Teen Center: Tie Die Project	17 Gym: Soccer Art: Button Heart Craft Discovery Lab: Binocular Making Games Room: Four Corners Teen Center: Make Your Own Ice Cream	18 Gym: Sharks & Minnows Art: Jewelled Hearts Discovery Lab: Leaf Paint & Print Games Room: Charades Teen Center: Make a Bucket List	19 Gym: Simon Says Art: Valentines Coloring Discovery Lab: Straw Painting Games Room: Pictionary Teen Center: Uno Challenge *Payment Due*
22	Gym: Pacman Art: Salt Dough Hearts Discovery Lab: Chalk Mandelas Games Room: Lego House Contest Teen Center: Cardboard String Heart	23 Gym: Trash War Art: Heart Windsock Discovery Lab: Pretzel & Marshmallow Houses Games Room: Heads Up 7 Up Teen Center: Balloon Pop Painting	24 Gym: Balls in Bags the Game Art: Valentines Cards Discovery Lab: Marble Mazes Games Room: Bowling Teen Center: Rice Krispie Treats	25 Gym: Protect the Castle Art: Valentines Cards cont. Discovery Lab: Cup Stack Challenge Games Room: Would You Rather Teen Center: Valentines Bingo	26 Gym: Chicken Tag Art: Finish Valentines Cards Discovery Lab: Chromatography Butterflies Games Room: Wii Games Teen Center: Movie Day

ARIZONA BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE VALLEY
Grant Woods
221 W. 6th Ave.
Mesa, AZ 85201
480.844.0963

After School Program
Monday - Friday
3:00PM- 7:00PM
Wednesday
2:00 PM - 7:00 PM
\$60 Monthly fee
Payments are due by the 20th of the month prior to the month of enrollment, and must be paid before a child attends the club. If the fees are not paid by the 25th, an automatic \$10 late fee will be added to the regular fee. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to know the Club's hours of operation. Members left past hours of operation will result in a late pick up fee of \$10 per child for every block of 15 minutes. These fees must be paid prior to the child's return to the Club.

Branch Director:
Jennifer Cummings

Program Director:
Jaime Fernandez

Branch Administrative Coordinator:
Maya Sabbagh

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Xander A	Sucely H	Adam R	Danity M
Kiana C	Sharon H	Aaron S	Quintin P
Gisselle C	Gabir J	Mariano S	
Melanie D	Lily K	Jose S	
Melanie G	Yoselin M	Zaydian S	
Itzae G	Jesus M	Alexis M.	

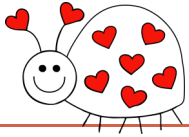

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Emily C	Mateo H	Sebastian T
Jasiah E	Irvin H	Gabriel T
Seth E	Benjamin H	Jennicka v
Clarissa G	E. Pluribus M	Kobie P
Cody G	Daniela P	Marcus S





February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Zoom Meeting with Mrs. Koper- no 9:00 am 12:00 pm and 5:00 pm	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day 	15 No School School & Club Closed 	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	1	2	3	4	5 End of 3rd Quarter Early Release 12:30	6
Parent/teacher Conferences 2/28/2021 –3/5/2021					Spring Break 3/8-3/12	

SLAM DUNK!

Basketball

Registration (Online & In-Person)

- Monday, February 1st - February 28th

Practice

- Practices begin Week of March 1st

Fee Structure

- \$50 – Current Member
(Pays Monthly Club fees)
- \$100- Non Member
(\$30 to membership, \$70 to League fees)
(Does not pay monthly Fees, attends Club only during practice and game.)

Grades that can participate.

- 3rd-5th
- 6th-8th