



September 2024

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August

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| Fadhil A. | Sarah E. | Anthony R. | Christian D. |
| Cesar C. | Jose S. | Danna G. | Ariadne E. |
| Oziel A. | Bryan P. | Brenda M. | Iriana F. |
| Aten M. | Norah L. | Ximena O. | Jaime A. |
| Aracely N. | Malia S. | Ayvri J. | Alexis A. |
| David H. | Bryanna L. | Juliette M. | Daniela V. |
| Abraham M. | Erick F. | Jair L. | Lilliana F. |
| Iram G. | Caesar A. | Terrantino H. | Rhiithym S. |
| Kayci D. | Naveya R. | Grisemely G. | Zielo S. |
| Ruth A. | Noah M. | Justine P. | Braxton B. |
| Ernesto P. | Matthew R. | Anjeliese R. | |
| Dean J. | Alexis P. | | |



A Word From Mrs. Oyer

Dear Mesa Arts Academy Community,

As the Charter Director, I am deeply honored to extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the parents, staff, students, Community Partners, and Alumni, both past and present, who have contributed to our incredible journey over the past 30 years. Your unwavering support, dedication, and passion have been the cornerstone of our success and growth. Together, we have fostered an environment that celebrates creativity, nurtures talent, and builds a strong sense of community. It is through your collective efforts that we continue to inspire and empower the next generation of artists and leaders.

Thank you for being an integral part of the Mesa Arts Academy family.

With deepest appreciation,
Joyce Oyer

Kindergarten Mrs. Schreck

We are one month in and I must say, it has been so enjoyable getting to know the students. They have been working so hard learning the rules and ways of being a kindergartener student. We have been busy reviewing the basics and practicing procedures everyday. September is exciting because this is the time that students will be exploring new content and topics. Parents, please remember to initial planners daily. I also strongly encourage reading with your child at home. I appreciate all of your involvement. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns. I am looking forward to another great month together!

1st Grade Mrs. Harper

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! The beginning of a new school year is an exciting time for your child. Each new year brings new experiences, new friends, and new knowledge.

Be assured that I will do my best to make this school year an enjoyable time for your child, but also a time filled with real learning. The skills we practice daily are the building blocks for your child's future success in school and in life. I know if we all work together, we can make this a wonderful year for our students and help them reach each goal that is set for them.

We are always grateful for the parents who send in hand sanitizer, tissues, and Lysol wipes. They are greatly appreciated!

Please remember to send a water bottle with your child every day. If your child does not already know how to tie their shoes, helping with this skill provides you with a great opportunity to contribute to their success in school

2nd Grade Mrs. Jackson

Wow! Can you believe it is September already? Thank you to all of the parents that donated supplies to our classroom! You guys are the best!

Second graders are doing great in learning all the many procedures and routines of the classroom. We have begun our ELA Curriculum. In math, second graders are having a great time working on our vertical whiteboards located around the room (Building Thinking Classrooms). They get to work standing up, with a partner and they solve math problems together. Students are loving it! They are learning so much from each other.

Students are doing a great job with their nightly homework. As a reminder, your student should read nightly and record it on their Reading Logs, read a 1-minute fluency passage, and complete four math sheets by Friday. Looking forward to a great year!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 HAPPY LABOR DAY School & Club Closed	3	4	5	6 Rescreen Hearing and Vision	7
8	9	10 Alice in Wonderland Callbacks 3:00pm-4:00pm	11  9/11	12	13 Picture Day Big Gym	14
15	16	17	18	19 Students Perform at BGCA Pacific Regional Conference	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 MAAPO Meeting 5:30pm Room 4	27 REACH Assembly 7:30 am	28
29	30 	10/1	10/2	10/3	10/4 Early Release 12:30pm	10/5
Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Release						



RIGHTS OF HOMELESS STUDENTS

To remove educational barriers for children and youths experiencing homelessness, the McKinney-Vento Act mandates the following: Immediate Enrollment: Documentation and immunization records cannot serve as a barrier to the enrollment in school [42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(3)(C)].

School Selection and Maintained Enrollment: McKinney Vento eligible students have a right to select from the options outlined below. Students may remain enrolled in their selected schools for the duration of homelessness, and until the end of the academic year upon which they are permanently housed. [42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(3)(A), 42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(3)(B) and 42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(3)(I) (i)].

School of Origin

The school the student attended when permanently housed. The school in which the student was last enrolled

School of Residency

The school in the attendance area in which the student currently resides

Transportation Services: McKinney-Vento eligible students attending their School of Origin have a right to transportation to and from the School of Origin [42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(1)(J)(iii)].

Participation in Programs: McKinney-Vento eligible students are guaranteed the right to services comparable to services offered to other students in the school [42 U.S.C. § 11432(g) (4)] & (6)(iii)].

Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness: McKinney-Vento eligible students are guaranteed the right to immediate enrollment without proof of guardianship [42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(1)(H) (iv)].

Access to Extracurricular Activities: Removal of barriers to accessing academic and extracurricular activities for homeless students who meet relevant eligibility criteria [42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(1)(F)(iii)].

Dispute Resolution: If you disagree with school officials about enrollment, transportation, or fair treatment of a homeless child or youth, you may file a complaint with the school district [42 U.S.C. § 11432(g) (3)(E)].

Appointment of a Local Homeless Liaison: The McKinney-Vento Act mandates the appointment of a local Homeless Liaison in every school district or local education agency (LEA) to ensure that homeless children and youth are enrolled in and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in school [42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(J)(ii) and 2 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(6) (A)].

For more information, refer to Arizona Department of Education, Homeless Education, 42 USC CHAPTER 119, SUBCHAPTER VI, Part B: Education for Homeless Children and Youths, or contact:

LEA Homeless Liaison
Mesa Arts Academy
221 W. 6th Ave Mesa, AZ 85210
480-844-3965
arcelia.tovar@bgcaz.org

State Homeless Education Program
Coordinator
Arizona Department of Education
1535 W. Jefferson Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007 (602) 542-4963
homeless@azed.gov



Mr. Rendon 3rd Grade, Ms. Adams 4th Grade and Mr. Reis -5th Grade

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful summer and are ready for an amazing, although different, school year. As you know, we are now rotating classes in our 3-5 grade band. In third grade, Mr. Rendon is teaching Math to 3rd, 4th, and 5th with Ms. Ashley. Ms. Adams in fourth grade is teaching English Language Arts for 3rd, 4th, and 5th. In fifth grade, we are glad to welcome Mr. Reis as our 5th grade teacher who is teaching with Coach Chris as his classroom aide.

As we start the school year, remember we are here for you and your students. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or problems you may have. Together we will have a fantastic year!



6th Grade Dr. Blanchette, 7th Grade Mrs. Little, 8th Grade Mrs. Buenrostro

Welcome to the new school year. We are so happy to have our families here at Mesa Arts Academy, both new and returning. In Middle School, we are rotating classes.

Here is the rotation:

Mr. Reis - 6th grade science

Dr. Blanchette - 6th, 7th, and 8th grade English language arts

Mrs. Little - 6th, 7th, and 8th grade math

Mrs. Buenrostro - 5th, 7th, and 8th grade science

Social studies will be done in homeroom.

We look forward to working with you and your child. Please feel free to contact any of your child's teachers.

Mr. Reis - ronaldo.reis@bgcaz.org

Dr. Blanchette - lisarose.blanchette@bgcaz.org

Mrs. Little - janelle.little@bgcaz.org

Mrs. Buenrostro - angelica.buenrostro@bgcaz.org



Mesa Arts Academy offers free healthy meals to all students.

Every one qualifies regardless of your household's income. For more information, you may call Arcelia Tovar at 480-844-0963 or e-mail at arcelia.tovar@bgcaz.org

**Breakfast is served from
7:10am-7:30am in the cafeteria.**
**Lunch
11:00am-12:45pm in the cafeteria**



Picture Day is coming on Friday, September 13th! Lifetouch School Photography, known for capturing school pictures from K-12 nationwide, will take our school photos this year. For more information about Picture Day, check out the flyer provided or visit: <https://schools.lifetouch.com/for-your-families/>

How it works:



Pre-order today on mylifetouch.com using your Student ID or Picture Day ID:
EVTT3W8MP



Students are photographed on Picture Day



Orders will be sent home with your student after Picture Day



Who is MAAPO?

Whether you are new to the school, or a returning family, as a parent/guardian of a Mesa Arts Academy student, you are a member of the Mesa Arts Academy Parent Organization (MAAPO.)

Purpose of MAAPO

The purpose of MAAPO is to support our students, our staff, our school, and each other. There are several ways this can be done. MAAPO will be communicating activities, fundraisers, and information about what is going on at the school. Money raised by MAAPO is used for items not in the school budget, such as Family Fun Night, improvements around the school, teacher appreciation day, and so on.

The school and MAAPO both have Facebook pages where information is communicated and updated regularly. First meeting for this year is coming up.

Save the date!
MAAPO Meeting
Thursday, September 26th
at 5:30pm
Room 4

We are currently seeking volunteers who are interested in serving on the MAAPO Leadership Team. If you wish to be considered for a position, kindly send an email to Arcelia Tovar at arcelia.tovar@bgcaz.org.



If at any time you wish to schedule a conference or phone call with your child's teachers or other staff, call the school office to schedule or e-mail staff directly.

- Principal joyce.oyer@bgcaz.org
- Vice Principal al.mendoza@bgcaz.org
- Registrar/Health asucena.tovar@bgcaz.org
- Director of Family Relations arcelia.tovar@bgcaz.org
- ELD Director lisa.kush@bgcaz.org
- Kinder ruby.padilla@bgcaz.org
- 1st Grade tanya.harper@bgcaz.org
- 2nd Grade deanna.jackson@bgcaz.org
- 3rd Grade jhonathan.rendon@bgcaz.org
- 4th Grade megan.adams@bgcaz.org
- 5th Grade ronaldo.reis@bgcaz.org
- 6th Grade LisaRose.Blanchette@bgcaz.org
- 7th Grade janelle.little@bgcaz.org
- 8th Grade angelica.buenrostro@bgcaz.org
- SPED Director traci.scott@bgcaz.org
- School Counselor michelle.hamner@bgcaz.org





30th ANNIVERSARY

