



October 2024

Happy Birthday

Geovanni C.
 Alexia M.
 Kristalynn R.
 Adora S.
 Jonathan L.
 Brandon H.
 Erik F. M.
 Kimbria C.
 Elijah L.
 Janetzi Z.

Ayden P.
 Adrian E.
 Alondra M.
 Zoe R.
 Collin Z.
 Natalia R.
 Jose H.
 Joshua M.
 Samir N.
 Javiera S.



Welcome Back Mesa Arts Academy

A Word From Mrs. Oyer

The 2024/2025 school year is progressing smoothly, with auditions for the after-school musical now complete. We have arranged for students requiring additional academic support to receive the necessary assistance, and teachers are convening monthly to assess each student's progress. October is consistently an enjoyable month within our school community as we immerse ourselves in the spirit of Fall and prepare for the upcoming holiday season.



Additionally, October marks Red Ribbon Month. The last week of October (October 23-31) was officially designated as Red Ribbon Week in 1988 through a proclamation by the United States Congress. During this time, numerous schools, government agencies, and social service organizations organize activities to celebrate and promote positive choices and healthy, drug-free lifestyles for both young people and adults across the nation. MAA is proud to participate in Red Ribbon Week with engaging activities, and further details will be provided soon.



Kindergarten

Hello families! My kindergarteners are making great improvements! Their ability to stay engaged and on task is making it easier to plan and teach lessons. This month is my favorite month of the year because the weather starts getting cooler, students tend to show vast improvement in learning. And it's officially "Spooky Season"!

This will be a fun and eventful month. As your child continues to work hard, remember that there are still things that you can do at home to help support their academic needs. Please remember to read with your child as much as possible. I will also be sending home resources in math and writing that will help support what we are learning in class. As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions that you may have. Let's have a spooktacular month!

1st Grade Mrs. Harper

Wow! October is here; the beginning of the year flew by. We are now entering the second quarter of the school year and I am very excited about how much the students have progressed already. We have been working very hard and have learned a great deal. In reading the students will continue learning new sight words and using phonics skills to decode and spell words carefully. Of course, please remember to be reading at least 15 minutes every night. In math, the first graders will continue to strengthen their math skills with addition and subtraction problems. In writing, the students are writing sentences with correct punctuation, capitalization and word spacing.

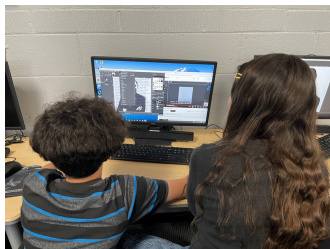
We really appreciate all your support in making this year a successful year of learning for your child.

2nd Grade Mrs. Jackson

October is here, and our 2nd semester is vastly approaching! In reading, students will continue working on finding the moral of a story. We will begin learning about text features and how they help us with understanding nonfiction text. As always, please continue to read with your student every evening for at least 15 minutes and practice their fluency passages nightly.

In math, the second graders will continue to strengthen their math skills with addition and subtraction up to 100. Thank you for supporting your student with homework. I can definitely see an improvement in their skills, I hope you can too!

I am looking forward to meeting with all of you during our parent-teacher conferences this week. I truly appreciate all your support in making this year a success!



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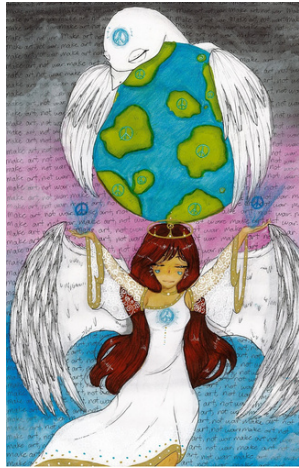


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1		1	2	3	4 Early Release 12:30pm	5 Week Without Violence Event MAA students will be recognized MCC
Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Release						
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Fall Break 10/7-10/14						
13	14 All Staff Training	15 Students back from break Alice in Wonderland Rehersal 3:00pm-4:30pm	16	17 Alice in Wonderland Rehersal 3:00pm-4:30pm	18 Honors Assembly 5th-8th 1:30pm K-4th 2:15pm	19
20	21	22 Alice in Wonderland Rehersal 3:00pm-4:30pm	23	24 Alice in Wonderland Rehersal 3:00pm-4:30pm MAAPO Meeting 5:30pm Room 4	25 REACH Assembly 7:30 am CLUB CLOSED	26
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Red Ribbon Week						

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Week Without Violence



Hats off and high-fives to everyone for
your awesome Peace Posters!
You all rocked it!

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| Alicia A. | Aracely N. | Sofia A. | Giovanhi A. |
| Joseph B. | Benjamin H. | Suse H. | Iriana F. |
| Josiah C. | Brandon O. | Sylvia R. | Jaime F. |
| Juliette M. | Brenda M. | Navid T. | Jancarlo A. |
| Alondra M. | Camilla E. | Unique P. | Javiera S. |
| Danna G. | Cesar C. | Valerie H. | Jaziel C. |
| Juan M. | Clarissa B. | Ximena O. | Jimena S. |
| Ryder J. | Dylan M. | Yessi C. | Juan M. |
| Ayvri J. | E.P.M. | Zaydian S. | Kristalynn R. |
| Daniel H. | Anthony G. | Milo L. | Luciana M. |
| David R. | Fadhl A. | Noel M. | Madilynn L. |
| Elijah L. | Aaron S. | Riley O. | Manny S. |
| Bryanna L. | Adriel C. | Ruby H. | Ruth A. |
| Mary F. | Alexis A. | Anthony A. | Julieta F. |

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

Happy October! It was a pleasure to see everyone at Curriculum Night. In third grade, students will focus on multiplication. Fourth graders will be engaged in adding and subtracting whole numbers, exploring the literary unit on Characters' Actions and Reactions, and studying Earth's systems. Fifth graders will continue their work with decimals and number operations while also advancing to summaries and comparing character traits. Wishing you all a wonderful Fall Break!

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

Greetings and thank you to our middle school families for meeting with us for Parent-Teacher conferences. Many parents asked what they can do to help their child at home. We appreciate your support very much and here are three ways you can support their academic growth: help your child find a great book to read for at least 20 minutes every day, support their time for extra practice, or homework, and most importantly help them get at least 8 hours of sleep every night. Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns or, to follow up something we talked about during conferences.

After school, we are offering tutoring in math in Room 7, and we have one or two clubs starting. More information to come. Galileo Benchmark Tests for the second time this year will be done at the beginning of November. We look forward to seeing the students' growth in ELA, science, and math.



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**



Alice in Wonderland Jr.

After School Musical Rehearsal

Rehearsals are scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 to 4:30 PM. Please note that cast members will not be required to attend every rehearsal; therefore, it is essential for each member to consult their call schedule for specific dates.

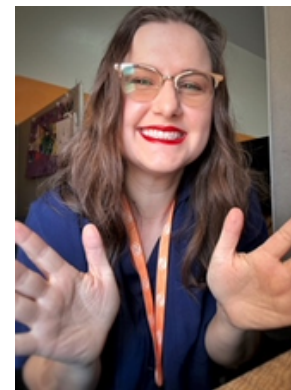
On October 15, each cast member will receive an individualized call sheet containing detailed instructions for the rehearsal dates in October and November. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. L at caila.loehr@bgcaz.org.



**Save the date for the performance on
Tuesday, February 25th
At Mesa Arts Center**



New Arts Director



Ms. L first discovered MAA working as a teaching artist from 2015-2017, spearheading a creative community advocacy elective and providing support to showcases, galleries and afterschool musicals. She returns to MAA having gained more experience in arts administration and community arts as an engagement assistant with City of Tempe Arts and Culture, and a crash course in nonprofit arts management as the Business Manager of a local children's theatre. Ms. L holds dual degrees from ASU. Her personal and professional tagline is Think. Create. Transform. She is passionate about the power of creativity and expression to build resilient brains and foster healthy social network

October 31st

Students in all grades, may choose to wear costumes to school on October 31st. Please note that children are not permitted to wear scary costumes or masks, bring sharp edged props such as sticks, swords, knives, weapons, have bare midriffs, feature blood and gore, etc.



Mesa Arts Academy
MAAPO
parent organization



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, October 24th
at 5:30pm
Room 4

We are still 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.



Please enroll your Fry's V.I.P Card to Fry's Community Rewards Program. Log in at www.FrysCommunityRewards.com and follow the instructions. Find Mesa Arts Academy and the number for the school is 80353.



**'X' MARKS THE
SPOT FOR
NUTRITIOUS
SCHOOL MEALS!**

**SCHOOL LUNCH PIRATES
FIND YOUR TREASURE!**
OCTOBER 14-18, 2024



2024 NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK

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October Breakfast Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Muffin Orange 100% Juice Milk	2 Mini Cinni Apple 100% Juice Milk	3 Yogurt & Graham Cracker Tangerine 100% Juice Milk	4 Cereal Bar Fresh Fruit Variety 100% Juice Milk
FALL BREAK October 7 - 11				
14 NO SCHOOL	15 Apple Frudel Orange 100% Juice Milk	16 Honey Bun Apple 100% Juice Milk	17 Cinnamon Toast Pastry Tangerine 100% Juice Milk	18 Pop-Tart Fresh Fruit Variety 100% Juice Milk
21 Cocoa Puffs Cereal Pear 100% Juice Milk	22 Donut Orange 100% Juice Milk	23 Mini Cinni Apple 100% Juice Milk	24 Yogurt & Graham Cracker Tangerine 100% Juice Milk	25 Pancake Fresh Fruit Variety 100% Juice Milk
28 Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal Pear 100% Juice Milk	29 Oatmeal Round Orange 100% Juice Milk	30 Strawberry Bagel Apple 100% Juice Milk	31 Cinnamon Toast Pastry Tangerine 100% Juice Milk	

Choice of Milk: Milk is given at every meal. Offer two varieties in fat content and/or flavor. Fat-free flavored, fat-free plain, 1% plain.
Menu is subject to change due to supply chain issues.



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October Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Chicken Tenders Corn Pear Milk	2 Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Tangerine Milk	3 Pizza Celery Apple Milk	4 Quesadilla Baby Carrots Salsa Orange Milk
FALL BREAK October 7 - 11				
14 NO SCHOOL	15 Chicken Sandwich Corn Pear Milk	16 Meatball Marinara Broccoli Tangerine Milk	17 Nachos Salsa Baby Carrots Apple Milk	18 Corndog Baby Carrots Orange Milk
21 Nachos Salsa Baby Carrots Orange Milk	22 Hot Dogs Mexican Corn Pear Milk	23 Cheeseburgers Romaine Lettuce Tomatoes Tangerine Milk	24 Pizza Celery Apple Milk	25 Bean & Cheese Pupusa Baby Carrots Salsa Orange Milk
28 Cheesy Breadsticks Marinara Baby Carrots Tangerine Milk	29 Chicken Nuggets Beans Pear Milk	30 Corn Dog Corn Orange Milk	31 Bean & Cheese Burrito Celery Baby Carrots Apple Milk	

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