

November 6, 2009

November 11th—veteran's Day
No school

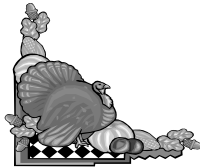
VETERANS DAY CELEBRATIONS
November 11, 2009

Parade on Center St. in downtown Mesa at 11:00 am

Veteran Invasion in the Theater District of the River-
view Shopping Center at 1:00 pm

Veteran's Day Commemoration at the Mountain View
Funeral Home and Cemetery at 4:00 pm

THANKSGIVING BREAK
NO SCHOOL
NOVEMBER 26 & 27



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEARS
WINNERS OF THE
MEDIA CENTER PUMPKIN CONTEST!
GREAT JOB!**

**GRAND PRIZE WINNER
CAITLYN SPINAZOLA—FANCY NANCY**

**SCARIEST
SPRING AND AIDAN FARSWORTH—SCARY STORIES**

**FUNNIEST
CHRISTIAN WOLF—FLY GUY**

**MOST ACCURATE REPRESENTATION OF A CHARACTER
NOELANI ENOS—THE NAME JAR**

**MOST CREATIVE USE OF A PUMPKIN
JASMINE NANCE—HORTON HATCHES THE EGG**

**HONORABLE MENTION
MICAYLA BERGLUND—MOOSEKITOS
JOEY OLIVEIRA—THE JOLLY MAN**

CANNED FOOD DRIVE—Falcon Hill will be collecting non-perishable food for the United Food Bank. The drive will be from Monday, November 23th, through Friday, December 11th. There will be a class competition, with a prize being awarded to the primary and the intermediate classroom collecting the most items. Thank you for helping feed those in need for the holidays.



MPS INFO:

Would you like to know what's happening in Mesa Public Schools? Log on to www.mpsaz.org and click on News for all the latest information.



From the Desk of Dr. Taylor David:

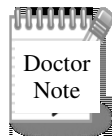
When children read on their own, they are strengthening their reading process and comprehension skills. In the reading process students become more skilled in decoding words, reading fluently, garner meaning from picture clues, and strengthen their visual memories. I refer to this part of reading as the "skill" of reading. I refer to comprehension as the "art" of reading. As students focus on comprehension, they begin to analyze literature: what happened in the beginning; middle, end; who are the characters, what is the setting; and even to analyze the plot.

When children are read to, in addition to strengthening their comprehension skills, they learn the cadence of language, understand how emotions can be conveyed by reading with expression, and strengthen their auditory memory. Adults should select materials that are interesting and above the child's reading level when reading orally to children. In this way, students are exposed to higher levels of vocabulary before they encounter it in print.

Very early readers never seem to tire of reading and re-reading a book or story. When reading with children at this level, you can use an "I read, we read, you read" model. As they develop into better readers, you can read stories aloud together. As children grow in ability, you can use a "shadow reading" model where essentially you read a line, paragraph, or page and then the child follows suit. Finally, your child will be at a level where they can read to you.

Parents,

If your child is absent and visits the doctor , please bring a doctors note in to excuse the absence.



Thank you for your help in keeping our records in order.

-Attendance

The Flu & You

Anyone still wanting a seasonal flu vaccine can search for the nearest location at: www.flucliniclocator.org

Flu symptoms include: fever (usually high), extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, stomach symptoms (nausea, vomiting, diarrhea) Please keep your child home when sick.

They must be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication before returning to school.

This will greatly help prevent the spread.

Thanks for your help.

Debbie and Donna/Falcon Hill Health Office



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY FUNDS— This year individuals are allowed to donate \$200 and married couples my donate up to \$400. It is not a deduction. It is a CREDIT. In a nutshell, you give your \$400 to the state or to us. This is a super deal for your children.

If your child participates in any Extra Curricular Activity such as Band, Orchestra, after school sports, 5th grade Science Camp, ELP field trip, class field trips or uses the Media Center, a tutor or sings in the choir, an ECA contribution will aid Falcon Hill and your child.

Also, **ANY** Arizona taxpayer may contribute to ECA, and need not have school age children. So grab an ECA form and designation sheet for Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Neighbors and Co-workers. **AND**, some larger employers will match your ECA contribution, so check with your employer. Forms are available at the school's office. Your contributions can be made on-line, by check or credit card. You will receive a receipt from the District Offices for your contribution to be used at tax time.

Remember December 31st is the deadline for your contribution in order to receive credit on year 2009 tax returns.






Join the Conversation: Visit www.mpsaz.org/future for information on community meetings and to submit suggestions for **DEFINING THE FUTURE**. The MPS administration is currently studying proposals to enhance student learning and exploring academic programs that will offer current students more choices and attract new students. So check it out online and add your voice to the conversation.

LOOKING AHEAD

- NOV.** 11 **VETERAN'S DAY—NO SCHOOL**
15-21 National Education Week
17 National Community Education Day
SIAC 3:30-5:00 MC
18 Education Support Professionals Day
19 National Parental Involvement Day
20 Substitute Teachers Day
23 Canned Food Drive Begins
Battle of the Books 8:35AM MC
26-27 **NO SCHOOL—HAPPY THANKSGIVING**
- DEC.** 1 Student Council 2:20 MC
3 Parent Teacher Conference Notices Go Home
PTA Meeting 6:30 pm MC
4 Spirit Day
5 Breakfast with Santa 8:00-11:00
8 Conference Notices Due Back
SIAC 3:30 MC
9 Spelling Bee 8:30 MPR
Cookie Dough Delivery 2:00-7:00
10 **BAND CONCERT** 6:30 MPR
11 Canned Food Drive Ends
14 Parent Teacher Conference Notices go home w/times
15 Strings Concert 6:30 MPR
16 Kind Kids Lunch
No Ticket Reward Day—Falcon Hill Park
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REINDEER RUN 8:05-1:50
18 **EARLY RELEASE 11:45**
Holiday Sing-a-long 8:00 am MPR
19-3 **WINTER BREAK—NO SCHOOL**



M E S A
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
There's no better place to learn

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				NOVEMBER 6
NOVEMBER 9	10	11 VETERAN'S DAY NO SCHOOL	12	13
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	15-21 National Education Week			
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NOVEMBER 23 Battle of Books 8:35 am MC Canned Food Drive Begins	24	25	26  THANKSGIVING	27 NO SCHOOL

The Firebirds Nest is for students who have earned 4's in **Skills and Behaviors** and 3's and 4's in all **Effort** areas. Super job everyone and let's keep up the good work.

1st Grade

Amanda Adams
Alyssa Amador
Chloe Anderson
Micayla Berglund
Chloe Berry
Karsen Bird
AryAnna Caruss
Gwenevere Clayton
Alexis Cooper
Aidan Current
Bailey Delaney
Claude Dixon IV
Sara Frost
Sylvana Fuentes
Micah Gryniewicz
Ronald Hall
Samantha Herrick
Preston Hyden
Matthew Jacobs
Brynn Keeling
McKay Mason
Megan McKinney
Emily McKnight
Jake Mink
Jason Momeyer
Ashley Morales
Ryleigh Mullins
Adriana Navarro
Bracken Peterson
Brooklynn Rhoton
Sarah Riffe
Megan Seeman
Phoebe Simeon
Braden Sutherland
Katie Torbit
Douglas Toth
Tanner Tush
Trinity Vriale
Ariza Weber
Samuel Williams
Bailey Yard

2nd Grade

Aaliyah Bennett
Ryan Binga
Vince Cerdana
Adam Davidson
Grace Delucia
Breanna Eldredge
Maya Flores
Joshua Griffin
Isaiah Gryniewicz
Claire Hartley
Krista Inman
Desiree Jones
Jocelyn Kleinman
Itzel Martinez
Sophia Prand
Hana Randall
Chase Rohlik
Andrew Shakman
Emily Towne
Elle Turley
Morgan Williams

3rd Grade

Alexandra Clayton
Kayla Coxon
Nadia Current
Jenna DeMassa
Morgan Eaton
Autumn Gossett
Jessica Inman
Kyle Kuehne
Kalley McConaghie
Jacob McKinley
Tyler Nguyen
Lacey Puhl
CG Schultz
Caitlyn Spinazzola
Isaac Thompson
Daniel Trudell
Audrey Whipple
Madelyn Williams

4th Grade

Brent Aldridge
Brett Aldridge
Brooke Baker
Makayla Baker
Anthony Barela
Abby Beecher
Isabelle Berry
Brooke Bodrero
Analysa Cardenas
Maiah Cardenas
Rocco Cervantes
Kelsey Chiaravalloti
Drew Cliburn
Jenna Daley
Thomas DeMassa
Bailey Eaves
Rebecca Eldredge
Ian Fanning
Spring Farnsworth
Ryan Frost
Hannah Guelian
Taylor Hickman
Carly House
Julia Hoyman
Tanner Imperial
Hannah Jackson
Gabiella Jenkins
Cassandra Jones
Tatum Kuehne
Destiny LaRosa
Lexy McConaghie
Breanne McKinney
Emma McQueen
Iliana Mercier
Victoria Morales
Elijah Norris
Malleri Nuttall
Merissa Nuttall
Bryce Olson
Cody Osborne
Mia Ramos

Emma Reutter
Sean Riffe
Amber Rupe
Brenna Rupe-Zelek
Colin Schiller
Ashlyn Stedman
Chandler Summers
Makenna Thomason
Andrew Willis
Renay Wise

5th Grade

Andi Allred
Dylan Bennett
Kindli Burrell
Ierus Cerdana
DJ Chiaravalloti
Sara Cilbrith
Cole Clabaugh
Kailey Clemens
Michael Davenport
Noelani Enos
Rebekah Fontenot
Carmen Gomez
Kaden Kaufman
Rhiannon Kereluk
Evan Matheny
Baylee McCuistion
Emmalea McPeek
Logan Mink
Kaitlyn Misch
Ashleigh Peterson
Caitlin Reilly
Angelica Sanchez
Breanna Smith
Morgan Smith
Jonah Teets
Sydney Thompson
Mason Williams

6th Grade

Brooklyn Ashment
Emily Beecher

Ginny Bradshaw
Haille Bright
Samantha Burke
Busby Connor
Connor Clabaugh
Chandler Curtis
Jenna Delaney
Dominic Delucia
Jacob Enfield
Michelle Hansen
Santana Hernandez
Alexis Higbee
Cameron Imperial
Justice Jericho
Erin Kirwan
Emily Kleinman
Owen Levinson
Renae Luck
Kaela Martinez
Briana Navarro
Jessie O'Rourke
Reyna Orozco
Michael Padilla
Livvi Pearson
Abigail Rhoton
Paige Rupe
Levi Sweat
Cameo Transue
Kaylie Tush
Tristen Tyler
Lauren Vossler
Alyse Walker
Madison Wallace
Kaitlin Wells
Ashley Williams
Blake Williams
Tracie Wise
Emma Woolington



PERFECT ATTENDANCE 1st QUARTER These students were present and on time every day of the first quarter.

Abrams, Dylan P.
Aerts, Emanuel C.
Akers, Emberly E.
Aldridge, Brett C.
Allred, Baylee M.
Alvarado, Christian G.
Aranki, Jordan R.
Ask, Carson R

Barela, Anthony M.
Binga, Ryan J.
Bonner, Mekhi J.
Bowman, Tanner A.
Burke, Samantha L.
Cardenas, Analysa E.
Carr, Harrison T.
Caruss, AryAnna K.
Clayton, Gwenevere B.
Clemens, Kailey M.
Current, Nadia C.
Czelusniak, Chloe J.
Czelusniak, Kayla L.

Davidson, Adam S.
Decrosta, Alexander J.
Delaney, Bennett G.
Demelo-Cole, Angelica M.
Denman, Dalton K.
Dixon IV, Claude A.

Eldredge, Rebecca M.
Ellsworth, Ethan D.
Estrada, Makamae K.

Fossum, Anjella T.
Frost, Ryan J.
Gardner, Tyler P.
Garn, Ronald Z.
Genger, Montana A.
Gryniewicz, Isaiah T.
Gryniewicz, Micah J.
Hatcher, Benjamin A.
Hernandez, Santana M.
Hickman, Taylor A.
Honma, Jeremy S.
House, Carly E.
Huggins, Christopher C.

Innes, Isaiah H.
Jacobs, Matthew E.
Johnson, Colton W.
King, Heather R.
Klein, Emma R.
Klein, Sara G.
Legler, Brycen Z.
Levinson, Owen M.

Marple, Lauren K.
Marquez, Jenna G.
Martinez, Matthew
McDonald, Michael T.
McGrew, Allyson
McKinley, Benjamin J.
McKinney, Breanne N.
McKinney, Megan R.
McMichael, Mashell S.
McQueen, Emma C.

Mendez Coronado, Guiller
Mink, Jake R.
Misch, Kaitlyn A.
Mitchell, Anna M.
Momeyer, Jason E.
Mott, Gavin N.
Mullen, Emma A.

Nava, Isabell N.
Nguyen, Tyler T.
Nixon, Matthew R.
Nored, Alysah A.
Nored, Caylah M.
Nored, Joshua M.
O'Rourke, Jessie A.
O'Rourke, Ryan M.
Orrantia, Rudy M.
Orrantia, Samuel A.
Parkes, Lucinda E.
Prand, Caitlyn E.
Puhl, Lacey J.

Ramos, Mia D.
Rhoton, Abigail S.
Riffe, Sean P.
Rosenbarker, Jonathan E.
Rosenbarker, Matthew C.

Sanchez, Alonso L.
Schams, Ethan T.
Seel, Arran R.
Shults, Andrew R.
Shults, Nathan T.

Skoglund, Cerrick
Smith, Carter A.
Spinazzola, Caitlyn D.
Sterritt, Kourtney R.
Storts, Jackson K.
Sutherland, Braden C.
Sweat, Levi J.
Tush, Kaylie A.
Tyler, Tashiah V.
Tyler, Trinity P.
Tyler, Tristen M.
Vossler, Lauren K.
Webb, Brianna M.
Wells, Dylan M.
Wells, Gabriel J.
Williams, Ashley L.
Williams, John R.
Williams, Matthew K.
Williams, Morgan T.
Willis, Andrew J.
Woods, Morgan P.
Wright, April M.



TOP OF THE HILL AND HONOR ROLL—recognizes Falcon Hill's top academic achievers in grades four through six. **Honor Roll** is for students who earn all A's and B's in **achievement areas** (Reading, Math, Language, Social Studies, Science) on their report card and who have all 3's and 4's in **effort** grades. (including Skills and Behaviors for Successful Learners). Band/Orchestra grades are not part of the regular report card. **TOP OF THE HILL** is for students who made the **HONOR ROLL** with all A's in **achievement areas**.

Honor Roll

4th Grade

Makayla Baker
 Anthony Barela
 Abby Beecher
 Collin Bequeaith
 Maiah Cardenas
 Kelsey Chiaravalloti
 Ethan Ellsworth
 Spring Farnsworth
 Layla Gerdl
 Anthony Ronald Gomez
 Carly House
 Tanner Imperial
 Destiny LaRosa
 Isabell Martinez
 Breanne McKinney
 Victoria Morales
 Elijah Norris
 Malleri Nuttall
 Merissa Nuttall
 Bryce Olson
 Cody Osborne
 Emma Reutter
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 Evan Matheny
 Chandler McClain
 Baylee McCuistion
 Allyson McGrew
 Emmalea McPeek
 Devin Morales
 Cory Puhl
 Caitlin Reilly
 Ronald Saavedra
 Morgan Smith
 Lileana Snyder-Miller
 Jessica Stucker
 Kaitlin Swain
 Jonah Teets
 Sydney Thompson
 John Williams

6th Grade

Jordan Aranki
 Anthony Barclay
 Emily Beecher
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 Samantha Burke
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 Connor Clabaugh
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 Jacob Enfield
 Michelle Hansen
 Cameron Imperial
 Justice Jericho
 Tyler Kleinman
 Julio Largo
 Renae Luck
 Lauren Marple
 Kaela Martinez
 Christopher
 Morales
 Briana Navarro
 Jessie O'Rourke
 Reyna Orozco
 Michael Padilla
 Tyler Pennington
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 Trent Schafer

Ethan Schams

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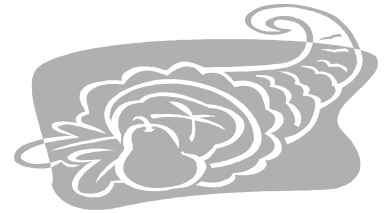
Top of the Hill

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 Hannah Guelian
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 Lexy McConaghie
 Iliana Mercier
 Mia Ramos
 Ashlyn Stedman
 Kaylee Thompson
 Andrew Willis

6th Grade

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 Chandler Curtis
 Alexis Higbee
 Emily Kleinman
 Owen Levinson
 Livvi Pearson
 Taylour Peterson
 Kaylie Tush
 Lauren Vossler
 Tracie Wise



Mesa Parent University

#4 Modern Dads...How Men's Lives are Changing and Why it Matter to Families
 With John Badalament

Thursday November 19, 2009 6:30-8:30 pm
 Taylor Jr. High Auditorium 705 S. 32nd St

#5 Anxiety, Text Taking School Work and School Attendance
 With Dr. Armondo Piña

Tuesday December 8, 2009 6:30-8:30 pm
 Curriculum Service Center Board Room
 549 N. Stapley

#10 Setting Limits Without Guilt
 With Venus Leopold

Thursdays, November 12 and 19, 2009
 6:30-8:30 pm
 Madison Elementary Media Center
 849 Sunnyvale

#14 Raising Your Family, Not Your Fist:
 A Fathers Role in Ending Violence
 With Neil Tift

Thursday November 12, 2009 6:30-8:30 pm
 Highland Elementary Media Center
 3042 E. Adobe

#21 Drug Trends

With Community Bridges

Tuesday November 17, 2009 6:30-8:30 pm
 Taft Elementary Media Center
 9800 E. Quarterline

PARENT PORTAL ACCESS

Parents/guardians are now able to access much of your student's information online. The "Parent Portal" will enable parents to view personal information, contact information, attendance, and other information relating to their students. Parents of high school students will also be able to view grades, progress toward meeting subject area and AIMS requirements for graduation. A new online grade book has been implemented in the junior and senior high classrooms. It is anticipated that this will be available for parents of elementary students next year. You will also be able to contact your child/children's teachers from this portal.

Your child's enrollment information has been used to determine who has full access to this information. It will be for people with whom the student lives and have custody, mailing is allowed, contact information is allowed and, who have educational rights. Those individuals with not all of the areas checked will have access to some, but not all, of this information.

Parents/guardians who have children at other Mesa Public schools need only pick up one Activation Key at any of your children's schools. This key will work for all of your children. If you are unable to pick the key up at a school, you may now request access by filling out the form on-line. You must have it notarized. It then can be faxed or mailed to the school. If you have any questions please give us a

A Great Thanksgiving Starts With Kitchen Safety

The kitchen is often a favorite place to be together during the holidays, cooking family favorites. Unfortunately, injuries can occur. When preparing your holiday meals and always - stay safe!

Logon to <http://www.mesaaz.gov/energy/novembersafetytips.aspx> for safety tips from the city of Mesa and links to the Home Safety Council, the U.S. Fire Administration and the National Fire Protection Agency.