

# Panther Paw Prints

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
August 29 <sup>th</sup>	30	31	Sept. 1 <sup>st</sup> **7:20am-Student Council Meeting (Room 29) *5pm-6:30pm - Curriculum Night	2
5 Labor Day- School & District offices closed	6	7	8	9 7pm-9pm Saturday 10th - Costco School Event
12 5:30pm - PTO Meeting (Media Center)	13	14 Professional Development - Extra Early Release, 11:45am	15 2:35pm - SIAC Meeting (Conference Room)	16
19 5pm-7pm - Dairy Queen Dine & Donate (Alma/Guadalupe)	20	21	22 ***2:20pm-3:20pm - Community Garden Club (Garden Beds)	23
26	27	28	29 ***2:20pm-3:20pm - Community Garden Club (Garden Beds) 6pm-7pm - "Fall Into Math" Family Learning Event	30



**School Hours**

Monday - Friday, 7:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.  
Early dismissal every Wednesday at 1:15 p.m.

**Office Hours**

Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Important Phone Numbers**

Attendance 480-472-3753  
Main Office 480-472-3700  
Fax 480-472-3767  
Dr. Driscoll 480-472-3752  
Health Office 480-472-3764  
Kid's Corner 480-472-7250

**School Website:** [www.mpsaz.org/pomeroy](http://www.mpsaz.org/pomeroy)

\*See School Announcement section for details  
\*\*See Student Council section for details  
\*\*\*See *NEW* Community Garden section for details

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Traffic:

Please be mindful of traffic laws and procedures throughout our school community. This includes the school speed limit that is in place for everyone's safety as well as stopping at crosswalks for people to cross. The safety of your children is the number one priority here at Pomeroy and we need your help to ensure that all students come to and from school safely.

### Late Arrival Procedures:

After the 7:45 am bell rings, please take your child to the front office to be signed in.

### Attendance:

If your child will not be in attendance at school for any reason (i.e., illness, doctor appt., out of town) please be sure to call the attendance line at 480-472-3753 and excuse them from school. Always provide the office with a doctor's note if applicable.

### Title I:

For information about Title I, go to the school website [www.mpsaz.org/pomeroy](http://www.mpsaz.org/pomeroy) and scroll down to the bottom of the page. Under "Parent Resources" you will find the "Title I" link. Click on that link and you will find many helpful resources including homework help, curriculum, AzMERIT information and more!

## RESOURCES

The Child Crisis Center (CCC) - Family Resource Center (FRC) is a free resource for all families and community members. They offer parenting classes, workshops, children's playgroups, support groups, and many other resources. Visit their website at [www.childcrisis.org/frc](http://www.childcrisis.org/frc) or call them at 480-834-9424.

## SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- September 1<sup>st</sup> - Curriculum Night 5-6:30pm  
September 5<sup>th</sup> - Labor Day School and District Offices closed  
September 10<sup>th</sup> - Costco School Event, 7-9pm  
1415 N Arizona Av, Gilbert  
September 14<sup>th</sup> - Extra Early Release, 11:45am  
September 15<sup>th</sup> - SIAC Meeting, 2:35pm  
September 19<sup>th</sup> - Dairy Queen Dine & Donate  
5:00-7:00pm  
Alma School/Guadalupe  
September 29<sup>th</sup> - Fall Into Math, 6:00-7:00pm

**\*\*\*CROSSING GUARD NEEDED, PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.\*\*\***

We appreciate those that joined us for our annual Back to School Pool Party and we hope you had an enjoyable time with your family and friends!

## OTHER INFORMATION

### Check Your Child's Backpack:

Please remember to check your child's backpack and folders daily for regular school and classroom information. Call or email your child's teacher or the office when you have questions or concerns.

Staff contact info can be found at MPS Information & Guidelines manual for elementary students which is available on the Mesa Public Schools website, it provides you with valuable information.

## MONTESSORI

### *The Multi-age Classroom in Montessori*

Montessori classrooms are multi-age classrooms and typically a three year span. This allows the younger students to observe the older students and learn from them in many different aspects. Children build prior knowledge about the classroom materials as they observe an older student using the material for his/her own study. When the younger student is ready for the material, they already have an idea of how to use it prior to being taught the lesson. The younger students are also able to learn social skills from the older students. There are many benefits for the oldest student in Montessori as well. The oldest student solidifies their subject knowledge and confidence by giving lessons to their peers and the younger students. The oldest students also take on a leadership role in the classroom and are aware of their role to set a good example for the younger students. The oldest student is able to sympathize with the younger student, because they can remember when they were a younger student. In Montessori, we often see an older student lovingly watch a younger student complete a task with a look of "I remember when I did that" in their eyes and a smile on their face.

## STUDENT COUNCIL

Student Council will hold all meetings on the first Thursday of the month, beginning September 1st.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Time:** 7:15 am  
(MUST BE ON TIME)  
**Location:** Room 29

## BUS RIDERS

### Reminder for bus riders:

No food or drinks are allowed on the bus. This includes any after school treat sales. Also, all bus riders should promptly be getting on their bus after dismissal to ensure the buses stay on schedule for their routes.

## FAMILY LEARNING EVENT

**Date:** Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 6:00pm-7:00pm

Please join us for our first family learning event: Fall into Math! Come learn some great math games you can play at home with a deck of cards. Snacks will be provided at the event. More details will be coming home soon.

## COMMUNITY GARDEN CLUB

We welcome the NEW addition of the **Pomeroy Community Garden Club** to the school this year!

### Details:

The Community Garden Club will meet the last Thursday of every month from 2:20-3:20pm (with the exception of breaks and school holidays). Club will meet at the Garden Beds located on the South side of the school. Students need to be accompanied by their parents. This is NOT a drop off and pick up program.

### Additional Information:

Come ready to work and have some fun! Bring a big shovel, gloves, and water. Wear clothing and shoes that can get dirty. Garden activities will vary as seasons change.

**Meeting:** Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>



## PARENT TEACHER

## ORGANIZATION

The Pomeroy Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization is a nonprofit group comprised of parents, teachers, and staff dedicated to improving the educational experience of all students at Pomeroy Elementary School.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>  
*Fall Festival Planning*

**Attendees:** Everyone's Welcome  
**Time:** 5:30 pm  
**Location:** Media Center

### Dine & Donate

**Date:** Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 5:00pm-7:00pm  
**Location:** Dairy Queen



2754 S Alma School Rd, Mesa  
(NW corner Alma/Guadalupe)

**20% of ALL sales will go back to Pomeroy!**



### COSTCO School Shop Night

**Date:** SATURDAY, September 10<sup>th</sup>  
**Time:** 7:00pm-9:00pm  
**Location:** 1415 N Arizona Av, Gilbert  
(SE corner Arizona/Baseline)

Enjoy refreshments and learn about the surprising ways Costco can save your family money - even on flu shots! One ream of paper will be donated to Pomeroy for every \$100 you spend! New members will receive Costco Cash Card (\$20-Executive & \$10-Gold Star or Business Members)



Check out more details on upcoming events and PTO information on our Facebook page!

## HEALTH OFFICE

The health office can always use extra kid-sized shorts, shirts and underwear. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

It's still very hot outside. Please provide water bottles for your students and encourage them to drink water throughout the day.

Parents of 6th graders, if your student has not received their 6th grade immunizations (meningitis and Tdap), please do that ASAP and get the record of those immunizations to the health office.

Thank you for your continued support of the Pomeroy community!

**THANK YOU!**