



THE MUSTANG TIMES

MONTHLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Happy New Year! Thank you parents for your support and patience as we wrapped up the year 2020! Although this school year has presented obstacles and challenges, we have also been given the opportunity to learn and grow in different avenues as educators and individuals. Your continued belief in our school and staff has helped us navigate through each new circumstance, and we have continued to tether ourselves to our mission, "Success through inspiration, connection and opportunity."

We saw many of our families on December 14 during our Night of Lights parade. What a fun and exciting event! Everyone had such a wonderful time. Being able to reconnect with our students and families made our smiles wider and our night brighter. Many families stopped by the office to contribute a fun ornament or item for their grade level tree - thank you. I would also like to send APS a special thank you for helping sponsor some of the decor, our local Fire Station for the truck, the Pinal County Attorney's Office, Boys and Girls Club, Wal-Mart distribution center for donating a few of the trees, our families and staff who helped us with generators/decorations, and to our amazing PTO who put the event together.

I hope everyone had a restful and safe break. We are working hard planning for our in-person return. We can't wait to be back in the saddle on campus with our students once again. Please don't hesitate to contact our office if you need any support or assistance. We communicate frequently with our families through email. If you are not receiving emails from McCartney Ranch, please contact us so we can update your information. Wishing everyone a wonderful start to a new year!



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GRADE LEVEL HIGHLIGHTS

Kinder

Happy New Year!

Firstly, we'd like to welcome back Mrs. Schimmel! Secondly, we'd like all our families to know just how much we appreciate all your support! Without you, this year would be even more difficult. Thank you for sticking by us, and encouraging your child at home while we learn online. We look forward to a better year!!
Kindergarten Team

1st Grade

Happy New Year Mustangs! We hope all our 1st graders and families had a wonderful Winter Break! It was great to have some time just to take a breath and enjoy the season. A few reminders getting back into the swing of things as the 3rd quarter begins: Please make sure when your child gets online, they have already eaten breakfast just like they would if school was happening in person. Also, make sure they get on prepared with the materials that have been provided for them, including picking up their new work for the week and turning in previous work for grading. We want to do all we can to help your child be successful in school. Don't forget to have them do all their asynchronous activities each week as well!

2nd Grade

We hope everyone had a wonderful Winter Break. We are excited to be back together and learning. As we continue with online learning, please remember to get on at your scheduled times, and to do all of your assignments in a timely manner. This month we will be working on adding and subtracting within 100, main idea and details, and will be starting author's purpose. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your student's teacher.

4TH GRADE

Thank you for all your support with the "Night of Lights" decorations and lights which allowed us to have one of the best tree's in the parade. Also, Happy New Year, what an exciting start of our new year in 4th grade. We will be exploring fractions, long division, narrative and informative writing.

3RD GRADE

We made it to 2021! Thank you for all of your support last year. The 3rd grade Christmas tree was amazing. The donations that you gave were perfect and we received the second most likes for our tree. Great job! As we continue online this year we still need your support to ensure that your child is up and on the computer at 8:00am and remains on until 11:00am. Please also ensure that they are attending their small group and doing their I-Ready, Zearn and ST Math. These will all help them to succeed and be ready for 4th grade. Thank you for all of your support, we couldn't do this without you.

5th Grade

Happy New Year!!! We are so excited to start the last semester of elementary school for the 5th graders!! We want everyone to stay safe and healthy so hopefully we can all return in person. Please make sure that your child is doing 20 minutes of ST Math and iReady daily. This is personalized instruction for your child that will greatly help them.

NURSE'S CORNER



Winter Nosebleeds

With the cold weather, dry skin and nosebleeds may become frequent. Nosebleeds are common and do not need to be treated by a doctor unless they are frequent, long in duration, heavy, or severe. If your child suffers from winter nosebleeds, use the following tips to prevent them:

- Keep the inside of your child's nose moist by using saline nose drops or petroleum jelly.
- Use a cold air humidifier in the child's room at night.
- Tell your child not to blow or rub their nose too hard and discourage nose picking.

During a nosebleed, the first step is to remain calm and remind your child to breathe through their mouth. Instruct your child to sit upright with their head tilted slightly forward (NOT tilted back) and to pinch the soft part of their nose with their thumb and index finger. A tissue, napkin, or wet washcloth can be used to catch the blood and an icepack may be applied to help slow the bleeding by constricting the blood vessels. If the nosebleeds are severe, frequent, or heavy, consult your pediatrician. Now, you should be ready to conquer these winter nosebleeds!



SEL Tips

social
emotional
learning

We can't always choose the music life plays for us, but we can choose how we dance to it



Howdy Mustangs! This is Mrs. Andres, your school counselor. The SEL topic for January is Responsible Decision Making. I cannot believe it is a brand new year! With that being said, what responsible decisions did you set this year for your new year goals? If you haven't done so, it is not too late to start. Write down on a piece of paper, white board, or type it in a Google Doc, "What 3 goals do I want to achieve this year?" It will be useful to track your progress weekly and reflect your achievements monthly. This will help you see what you need to keep working on without overwhelming yourself, but also give yourself some praise for the goals you have accomplished or steps you have taken to get closer to your goals. Have a blessed, safe and healthy New Year!

The SEL Theme for January is Responsible Decision-Making Skills:

Responsible Decision Making is the ability to make constructive choices about personal behavior and social interactions based on ethical standards, safety concerns, and social norms. The realistic consideration of the well-being of oneself and others.

Part of making good decisions in business is recognizing the poor decisions you've made and why they were poor. I've made lots of mistakes. I'm going to make more. It's the name of the game. You don't want to expect perfection in yourself. You want to strive to do your best. It's too demanding to expect perfection in yourself.

— Warren Buffett —

AZ QUOTES

OFFICE UPDATES



Happy New Year Mustangs!

As we start the new year, we wanted to remind you all of a few things. If your student is currently open enrollment, you must submit the Intent to Return forms that were mailed to you by no later than January 25th. Also, if your student has items that need to be picked up and/or you loaned decorations for our Christmas event and have not gotten them back yet, please come pick up those items in the front office. Lastly, there will be no school on January 18th in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. day. We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and look forward to seeing you again soon.

PTO NEWS

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday season. Thank you to all who came out to our Night of Lights event and Silent Auction. We were blown away by the turn out and we hope you had a great time! Thank you to Walmart, APS, Home Depot, and Briseno's for generous donations/lending items to help. We are so thankful for your community support.

Thank you to the group of individuals who helped pull off the miracle of setting up and running this event and thank you to all those who let us borrow items to help make the event great. We couldn't have done this without your help and support! Thank you to the CG Boys and Girls Club, Kent Volkmer/Pinal County Attorney Office, and the Casa Grande Fire Department and Explorers for joining our event and making it bright! While we still move forward with online/distant learning we have no meetings or events currently scheduled, but make sure to stay up to date on school emails and follow us on facebook @mcrcpto!



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