



# THE MUSTANG TIMES

MONTHLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Hello Mustang families! We are so excited to have you all back on campus again soon. Our hallways were not the same without our Mustang footprints and smiles. There are a couple reminders we want to send your way.

If you have recently moved, please bring a new proof of residency to the front office. As always, the office is open Monday through Friday from 7a.m. - 3:30p.m. A rental agreement, utility bill, updated driver's license, etc. will all work as proof of residency. The updated school day for in-person learning will be 7:55 a.m - 2 p.m. The tardy bell rings at 8 a.m. For safety reasons, we ask parents to please remain in your vehicle if you are picking up your student, and we will walk him/her to your car. If you are making a change to how your student will go home, please notify the front office so we can adjust accordingly.

Don't forget water-bottles and an extra mask in your child's backpack. Please also remember to send your child's device charged with them each day. Additionally, Coach Smith will continue our Jump Rope for Heart event. Stay tuned as we continue to send out updated information.

We want to have fun as we kick off our first week back on campus, and it happens to be Dr. Seuss week. Starting Monday, March 1, we will start our Mustang spirit week. We will be communicating to our families what each day's specific theme is related to Dr. Seuss. We hope you all participate!

McCartney Ranch PTO is looking for volunteers! If you are interested, please contact PTO at [mccartneypto@gmail.com](mailto:mccartneypto@gmail.com). Our PTO is such an integral part of our school success, and many of our fantastic events could not be possible without them. If you would like to be part of this wonderful organization, please give us a call.

"You're off to Great Places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, So... get on your way!" - Dr. Suess



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# GRADE LEVEL HIGHLIGHTS

## Kinder

Welcome Back, Mustang Kindergarteners!! As we reopen our doors to our wonderful students, please remember we are adhering to the safety guidelines in place. Don't forget to pack an extra clean mask and water bottle. If your child is not feeling well, please do not send him or her to school. We look forward to seeing all of our students on Monday, March 1st!!  
The Kindergarten Team

## 1st Grade

Dear families, we are super excited to be going back in person! Make sure your child returns all books and materials that have been home these past few months. Also keep those ipads charged as they will be going back and forth. Keep an eye out in the near future for any conference related information!

## 2nd Grade

We are so excited to welcome everyone back in person! Make sure to be on the lookout for information regarding Parent / Teacher Conferences. As a reminder, as we are returning in person, please make sure to send your student with a water bottle and mask each day. We will be working on equal groups in math, and author's purpose, main idea, and key details through nonfiction text during integrated ELA. Thank you again families, for all your hard work over the past months.

## 4TH GRADE

YES!!! We are back to learning in school. Please have your student bring back to school any supplies they brought home including their computer. Another thing to remember is the drinking fountains are not available for use, so be sure to send some extra water with your student. Conferences are coming up so look out for those emails. Also, shortly after spring break we will be heading into state testing. Please help your student succeed by getting them to bed early, so they are rested and ready to show how smart they are.

## 3RD GRADE

Welcome back third graders!!! We are all glad to be back in person. Just a few reminders. Please make sure your child has a water bottle everyday. As it gets warmer they will need to drink water to stay hydrated. We still have a lot to learn so make sure your child comes to school on time and ready to learn. Also parent teacher conferences are being held. It is important to attend either on Zoom or in person so we can tell you how awesome your child is. Thank you for all of your support.

## 5th Grade

We are so excited to be going back to school!! Can you believe we are almost in the fourth and final quarter of the fifth graders elementary years!! As a reminder students need to bring water bottles everyday as the weather gets hotter. Additionally any donations of individual snacks, water bottles, Clorox wipes, or tissues is greatly appreciated.

# NURSE'S CORNER



As we return to in-person learning this month, several things need to be addressed in order to have the safest return possible. One of the necessary things includes children's immunizations. Vaccines are currently more important than ever to help students remain healthy. As you may know, updated immunizations are required by state law for a student to attend school. Currently, we give students 30 days to get updated shot records to the school from the date the school notifies you. If the vaccines are not obtained, a student can face school suspension until they are received. Although all vaccines are important, I want to take the time to remind everyone that students need to get new vaccines once they turn 11-years-old. The requirement used to state that a student had to be 11-years-old and in 6th grade to obtain the shots, but it recently changed to ensure that all 11-year-olds obtain these shots, regardless of grade. This affects our school as many 5th and 4th graders turn 11 during the school year.

The two main shots that are required by our state for 11-year-olds are a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis [whooping cough]) dose and Meningococcal vaccine. These shots can be obtained with your primary care doctor, the local Pinal County Health Department Clinic, and at other health locations like urgent cares or clinics. When you take your child for their shots, a couple other shots may be recommended including the flu shot and an HPV shot. We encourage students to obtain all the shots recommended, but want you to know only the Tdap and Meningococcal vaccines are required. Once these vaccines have been obtained, we require a copy of the updated shot record reflecting the dates the shots were given to be brought to the school. This will avoid any school suspension due to non-compliance with the shots. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school nurse at (520)876-3952.



## SEL Tips

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learning

When you know yourself you are empowered. When you accept yourself you are *invincible*.

TINA LIFFORD

***Howdy Mustangs! This is Mrs. Andres, your school counselor. The SEL topic for March is Self Awareness. Self-awareness is broken into two different types, how we either appear in public or in private (What Is Self-Awareness and How Does It Develop? [verywellmind.com](http://verywellmind.com)).***

***Students, as you continue to become Self-aware it plays a critical role in your life because that's how you understand who you are and how you relate to people around you and the world. Let's do an activity!***

***Grab a partner. Get a writing material and paper. You and your partner ask certain questions to each other and answer the questions separately. Write the date on the paper and pin/clip/post paper in a visible place like on your fridge/cork board/wall. Then, six months from now, revisit the paper with your partner and see if you/them have changed their answers. This will help you with your self-awareness. Have a peaceful day!***

# OFFICE UPDATES



**Welcome back Mustangs! We are so happy to see your smiling faces again! Please remember, fall break is March 15th-March 19th. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 7am-3:30pm.**

## PTO NEWS

**Make sure to follow us on Facebook @mcrpto and sign up for our email list at [mccartneypto@gmail.com](mailto:mccartneypto@gmail.com). As the students return to school we will be working on setting up the end of the year pto meetings and any possible activities. We look forward to seeing everyone again soon!**



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