Welcome back, Mountain Lions!

We are so excited about our 2021-2022 school year. We would like to share a little about Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS). This school wide initiative will provide a productive learning climate where consistent expectations and language are being utilized.

**What is Positive Behavior Interventions and Support?**
PBIS is a process for creating safer and more effective schools. It is a systems approach to enhancing the capacity of schools to educate all children by developing research-based, school-wide, and classroom behavior support systems. The process focuses on improving a school's ability to teach and support positive behavior for all students. Rather than a prescribed program, PBIS provides systems for schools to design, implement, and evaluate effective school-wide, classroom, non-classroom, and student specific plans. PBIS includes school-wide procedures and processes intended for all students and all staff in all settings. PBIS is not a program or a curriculum. It is a team-based process for systemic problem solving, planning, and evaluation. It is an approach to creating a safe and productive learning environment where teachers can teach and all students can learn.

**What is PBIS at our school?**
We have adopted a unified set of classroom expectations. These norms will be posted throughout the school and your child will be learning them during his or her first days at school. Our unified classroom expectations, found in every classroom and non-classroom setting in the school, are as follows:

**Lion Leader Code Of Norms**

Be Respectful:
- Bring positive attitudes and assume positive intentions; Use electronics professionally;
- Equity of voice.

Be Responsible:
- Be on time, end on time, and be flexible; Be actively focused, prepared, and productive.

Be Safe:
- Encourage others and provide a safe-confidential environment.

As part of our PBIS process, teachers and other staff members use evidence-based practices to increase student learning. We encourage you to talk to your students about what they have learned in regards to PBIS. If you have questions about Positive Behavior Interventions and Support, please feel free to contact your child's teacher. We look forward to our partnership and a wonderful year of teaching your child.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Sartor
Principal and Assistant Principal

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**Upcoming Dates**

- **8/3** - First day of school
- **8/9** - Monday Early Release, 1:45pm
- **8/11** - Governing Board meeting, 6pm
- **8/16** - Monday 1:45pm release
- **8/23** - Monday 1:45pm release
- **8/25** - Governing Board meeting, 6pm
- **8/30** - Monday 1:45pm release
- **8/31** - MVS Site Council, 4:15pm

**Call the Attendance Line if your child will be absent!**

623-876-7453
Available 24/7

**Middle School A & B Days**
Every Tuesday and Thursday is an “A” Day. Every Wednesday and Friday is a “B” day. Mondays are:
- **8/9** - A Day
- **8/16** - B day
- **8/23** - A day
- **8/30** - B day

**Student Arrival Reminders**
Please remember: Students are not allowed on campus prior to 8:40a.m. unless they are scheduled to be here for an extracurricular activity or tutoring. There is NO supervision outside before 8:40a.m.

Please remind students not to ride bikes, scooters, or skateboards on school grounds. Advise students not to throw, toss, or bounce balls before or after school in front of the building. This can be a danger as other students and families are close by, and cars are in the drive. As stated in the Student Parent Handbook, bikes, scooters, and skateboards must be walked in crosswalks and on school grounds.
Safety Reminders

Drop Off and Pick Up
Mountain View School is a thriving community of over 1,000 students and staff. Our staff's number one priority is the safety of our students, their families, and our staff members. We need your help to ensure that each child has a safe route to and from school each day.

We respectfully request that all drivers use great caution when entering and exiting our campus. Please remember the following:

- The bus loop and staff parking lot are not open for parents to drop off or pick up students. It is illegal to enter or exit the back parking lot while buses are loading or unloading. Please drop off and pick up students at the front of the school off of Cortessa Parkway.
- Please follow all speed limit signs, stop signs, restricted turn signs, and all signs from our crossing guards. Our crossing guards' job is to ensure that all of our students, parents, and staff get safely to and from school. Please stop before all crosswalks and follow our guards' directions. If anyone is walking in the crosswalk, stop your vehicle and wait until either the crosswalk is empty or the crossing guard has returned to the sidewalk before preceding.
- During soft start (8:40-9) and parent pickup (3:30-4), left turns are not permitted at the exit of the parent drive. Please follow the posted No Left Turn signs during these times.
- There are designated parking spots for our preschool families, as they are required to park and sign their child out at the classroom door, per state regulations. Please do not park in these spots unless you have a child enrolled in Preschool.

Office Reminders

Photo ID Required for Student Pickup
Please remember that a current photo ID is required to pick up a student, visit a classroom or cafeteria, or volunteer. Please always have a photo ID with you when you come to our campus. Please remind all emergency contacts to have their photo ID if they are picking up your child from MVS.

Parent Portal
We strongly encourage all of our parents to create their parent portal account at the start of the year. You will need to use whichever email address is currently on file for you to create your account. Once created, you will have access to your child's attendance record, current grades, and links to pay online for field trips, athletics, device protection fees, etc. Each parent can have their own account and can see all of their children from one account.

New State Regulations regarding Excused Absences
In Arizona Revised Statute 15-901(A)(2), the Arizona Department of Education has defined excused absences as:

- Illness
- Doctor/Medical Appointment
- Bereavement
- Family Emergency
- Suspensions
- Family Vacation (Principal approved)

When calling the attendance line, please make sure you are clear as to the reason for your child's absence. If the parent or guardian does not indicate one of these absences, the absence will not be excused.

MVS Social Worker
If you need to get in touch with Ms. Julie, our social worker, she can be reached at Julie.Phelan@dysart.org. Check out her website for great resources!
Looking for Volunteers for the MVS Site Council!
Would you like to be part of the committee that decides how best to utilize our AZ Tax credit funds to support extra-curricular activities? We need parents and community members to join our Site Council for the 2021-2022 school year. We meet virtually once per quarter. If you are interested in learning more or serving on this vital team, please call the front office and speak with Ms. Rachel.

Free & Reduced Lunch Applications
While the federal school lunch program has extended free breakfast and lunch to all students for the 2021-2022 school year, if any parent would like to complete an application for Free & Reduced Lunch, the application can be found online at Schoolcafe.com.

Work for Absent Students
If your child is absent and you would like to request that teachers prepare homework to send home, please contact the teacher directly via phone or email. Please do not leave the request for work on the attendance line, as the office may not have the opportunity to contact each teacher.

Contact Teachers
If you need to contact your child's teacher, you can find their email on the “Teacher Pages” link on the MVS website. You may also call the front office to be transferred to their classroom before or after school. Once students arrive at 8:40 a.m., all phone calls will be transferred to the teacher’s voicemail. If you wish to meet with your child’s teacher, please make an appointment with them beforehand.

MVS PTA
Today, PTA’s role is more important than ever in connecting parents, teachers and administrators, and supporting critical school needs. We want every family in our schools to join PTA, because we can do more together than apart. To become a member of our award winning PTA today, visit us at MVSPTA.com or contact us at mountainviewschoolpta@gmail.com

Arizona Tax Credit Contributions
Did you know that all of the extra-curricular activities that MVS holds for our students are paid for from Arizona Tax Credit donations? Our athletics, fine arts, tutoring, and STEAM activities are possible only through the tax-credit donations of our community members.

What types of things are Tax Credit funds used for?
Great question! Tax credit money can be used to pay for:
- Stipends for teachers who sponsor activities and clubs
- Supplies and equipment for extra-curricular activities
- Registration fees for participation in societies (National Junior Honor Society), for competitions (like the Spelling Bee or History Day competition), or to attend conferences.
- Athletic uniforms and equipment for middle school sports
- Activities or presentations to reinforce the application of character traits to include PBIS or Character Education programs

At MVS, we have a host of clubs and activities for students to choose from, and they all depend on tax credit donations to run each year!

Per Arizona state law, married couples filing jointly may donate up to $400 per year; individuals may donate up to $200 per year. This tax credit is available to all who reside in Arizona and have a tax liability at least equal to that of their donation. (Tax credits are not available for businesses.) You can receive a dollar-for-dollar state tax credit. You can select a category to support and 100% of your donation will go to the activity and school of your choice. You do not have to be a parent of a child enrolled at a Dysart school to benefit from this law. Donations can fall under four categories:
- 5500 - School May Designate
- 5501 - Athletics
- 5502 - Fine Arts
- 5505 - Enrichment

You can make a tax credit contribution online or you can complete a tax credit contribution form and bring your payment to a Dysart school or mail the form and your check to:
Dysart Unified School District No. 89
Attn: Tax Credit Program
15802 North Parkview Place
Surprise, AZ 85374