Dear Students and Families,

All of our families are invited to join us at the Dysart District Office (located at 15802 N Parkview Place, Surprise, AZ) on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, to celebrate Tax Credit Tuesday! Join us from 4-6 pm to celebrate the great opportunities tax credit donations provide for our students to expand their learning. Staff members will be on site to explain how tax credits support extracurricular activities at our sites. All Arizona residents are eligible to make a tax credit donation and receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit when they file their state taxes. You can learn more about tax credits by visiting Dysart.org/Taxcredit. Community members are invited to drop off their tax credit donations at this celebration on Tuesday - if you do, you will receive a free taco for donating!

Here at Mountain View, tax credits fund a wide variety of opportunities for our students. Our students can join Choir, Clay club, Craft club, Robotics, Little Learners, Geography club, Keva Planks, Science Olympiad, Girls Who Love Science, SkillsUSA Career & Technical Student Organization, Coding club, Math Challenge, athletic teams, and our Chief Science Officer team all thanks to tax credit donations.

What types of things are Tax Credit funds used for?

- Stipends for teachers who sponsor extra-curricular activities
- Supplies and equipment for extra-curricular activities
- Registration fees for participation in societies (like National Junior Honor Society), for competitions (Spelling Bee, Geographic Bee), or at 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
- Furniture, technology, and instructional aids

In the past year, tax credit funding for our STEAM clubs gave students the opportunity to participate in the Grand Canyon University Shark Tank, where students presented their proposals for STEAM activities and competed for grant funding. Our robotics team competed in and won first place in the district's first STEAM challenge - using robots bought with tax credit funds. Three of our students also have had the chance to serve as Chief Science Officers - a designation that grants them the opportunity to meet with lawmakers, STEM industry personnel (including with Microsoft executives in November), and to design and lead STEAM extracurriculars at MVS. Tax credit funds have also been used to provide busing for academic field trips, have paid the coaching stipend for our Elementary Cross Country coach, purchased uniforms and supplies for our middle school athletic teams, and have been used to purchase technology.

We would love for you to donate specifically to support the extracurriculars at Mountain View through your tax credit donations. If you are unable to make it to the Tax Credit Tuesday celebration, donations can be dropped off at the school office or the district office through December.

We hope you have a happy and healthy holiday season. Thank you for supporting MVS!

With Gratitude,
Mrs. Miller  Mrs. Miles
Principal, M.Ed  Assistant Principal, M.Ed

Upcoming Dates

12/3 - Tax Credit Tuesday, 4-6pm @ District Office
12/6 - 3rd grade field trip to Desert Botanical Gardens
12/9 - 12/13 - Hour of Code Week
12/10 - Site Council, 4:15 pm
12/11 - Governing Board Mtg, 6pm @ District Office
12/12 - Winter Choir Concert, 6pm
12/20 - Noon release time
12/21 - 1/5 - Winter Break, no school

Call the Attendance Line if your child will be tardy or absent!
623-876-7453
Available 24/7

Student Arrival Reminders

Please remember:
Students are not allowed to be on campus before 8:40 unless they are scheduled to be here. There is NO supervision before this time!

Please remind students not to ride their bikes, scooters or skateboards on school grounds. Advise students not to throw, toss, or bounce balls before or after school in the front of the building. This can be a danger as other students and families are close by. As stated in the Dysart Student Parent Handbook on page 7, bikes, scooters and skateboards must be walked in crosswalks and once on school grounds.

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TAX CREDIT TUESDAY

Join us Tuesday, December 3, 2019
Support your school and receive a dollar-for-dollar state tax credit!

Dysart District Office
15802 N Parkview Place, Surprise, AZ

FREE Taco with every donation!
We Need YOU to help our students S.T.E.A.M. Through Life!

As an AdvancED STEAM school, Mountain View is interested in creating a database of community members who work in STEAM fields - Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics - who would be willing to share their experiences, expertise, and career advice with our PreK-8th grade students.

Mountain View’s Signature Focus: S.T.E.A.M. Through Life focuses on the career pathways that are available to students through STEAM Career and Technical Education pathways. These include engineering, digital communications - including graphic design or computer animation - and business & marketing - including sales. We would love for our students to engage with members of the community who work in any of these fields.

What might a STEAM volunteer do? Some examples may be:

- Presenting to a class or grade level about your experiences in your career field
- Presenting to a class or grade level about career pathways and options in your field
- Assisting a class or grade level with carrying out a hands-on project related to your field
- Assisting a teacher to design a hands-on project or to evaluate student projects as an expert in the field
- Helping to arrange a field trip relating to your career field for a grade level or group of students
- Participating in one of Mountain View’s STEAM events
- Or perhaps you have other great ideas as to how you can help our students explore your field - we would love to hear them!

If you are interested in being in our database, so that teachers can reach out to you, you can either print the volunteer flyer below return the completed form to the main office, or you can complete the online volunteer interest form.

We value our partnerships with the Dysart high school Career and Technical Education programs, West-MEC, the Arizona Science Center, the Arizona Technology Council Foundation, and AdvancED. We would love to add your expertise and experience to our resources so our students have the best educational experiences possible.

STEAM Volunteer Interest Form (printable)

STEAM Volunteer Interest Form (online Google doc)

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Yearbooks on sale - Online Only
Don't miss out on your chance to purchase your 2019-2020 yearbook! Yearbook sales are online only, so make sure you order before the deadline, which is March 2020. Order online - select Shop Online, then Waddell, and then Mountain View.

Work for Absent Students
If your child is absent and you need teachers to prepare homework to work 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(s).

Photo ID Required for Pickup
Reminder: a current photo ID is required to pick up a student, visit a classroom, or to volunteer. Please always have a photo ID with you when you come to our campus. A Dysart Volunteer badge is acceptable as your photo ID even if you are not volunteering. Please remind all emergency contacts to have their photo ID if they are picking up your child from Mountain View.

Privacy Issues
The front office often deals with issues involving the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). We are respectfully asking that parents limit their time waiting in the front office area to 5 to 10 minutes during school hours so that the privacy of other parents and students is not violated. We appreciate your help in this.

No Dogs on Campus
Please remember that no dogs are permitted on campus, for the safety of our students. Thank you for your cooperation!

PTA Corner
Wed, Dec 4 - Red Robin Restaurant night, 5pm
Holiday Shoppe - week of December 9th, during school (for students only). If you'd like to volunteer, please sign up on the MVS PTA website.
Tues, Dec 10 - PTA General Meeting, 4:15 p.m.

The Mountain View PTA has a new website! Check us out online for information about our fundraising and activities! Contact the PTA at MountainViewSchoolPTA@gmail.com

Free & Reduced Lunch Applications
The grace period for free and reduced meal eligibility for the prior school year has passed. If you have not yet turned in an application for the current school year, we encourage parents to apply online at www.schoolcafe.com or complete a paper application, available in your child's front office. If you have already completed an application and received approval for the 2019-2020 school year please disregard this message. We encourage all parents to use schoolcafe.com to track your student's purchases, set low balance reminders, make deposits to cafeteria accounts, or place restrictions on cafeteria accounts. This service is free of charge. The free app may be downloaded in the App Store or Google Play Store. Please refer to the Dysart Nutrition Services webpage for more information.

Parent Portal
We highly encourage all parents and guardians to create their parent portal account now. Once created, you will have access to your child's attendance record, current grades, and links to pay online for field trips, athletics, etc. Each parent can have their own account and can see all of their children from one account. You will need one of your student's ID numbers to sign up.

Office Reminders
If you come to eat lunch with your child, please follow all cafeteria rules - sit at the family table and follow any rules as explained by the Cafeteria staff and School Aides. Thank you!

Please remember that the office is not permitted to call a student down to wait for a parent/guardian in the office prior to the adult's arrival on campus. The parent/guardian must be present, and the office staff must check your identification. This is for the safety of all students. Thank you for your cooperation!

Contacting Teachers
If you need to contact your child's teacher, you can find their email on the “Teacher Pages” portion of the Mountain View website. You may also call the front office to be transferred to their classroom before or after school. Once students begin arriving 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 beforehand. Thank you.

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