Dear Students and Families,

We are excited that March has finally arrived, as our students have been dreaming and S.T.E.A.M.ing in their classrooms in preparation for our AdvancED STEM judging this month. As you may know, Mountain View is working to become only the tenth school in Arizona to obtain STEM certification from AdvancED. The STEM certification process analyzes the quality, rigor, and substance of STEM educational programs and defines the qualities and components vital to creating and sustaining superior, student-centered K-12 STEM teaching and learning programs, as well as clear expectations for student outcomes and mastery of 21st century skills. STEM Certification is a mark of STEM distinction and excellence. Our judges will be on campus on March 11th and 12th, where they will be observing classes and interviewing panels of students, staff, and parents. We are so proud of the S.T.E.A.M. work our students have been doing this year and are very hopeful that we will earn this certification.

While the judges will be viewing our S.T.E.A.M. activities on the 11th and 12th, parents are invited to our second Family S.T.E.A.M. Night on Thursday, March 14th! We know our students are excited to share their activities with you, their families, and hope you can come that evening to see all their hard work on display.

Some of our students have already had the chance to display their S.T.E.A.M. design and engineering knowledge by participating in Dysart’s first annual STEM challenge. Our robotics team, led by 8th grade teacher Lori Miller, won first place in the robotics challenge. Students were given four scenarios and had to program their VEX robot to navigate the board while fulfilling all of the challenge criteria. Way to go, team! Another team of students participated in the STEM Design Thinking challenge, where they had to collaborate to solve a real-world problem by utilizing provided resources to create an original solution. Those students were led by 1st grade teacher Corry De La Cruz and our Gifted Instructional Aide, Tricia Schooler. We are proud of all of these students for demonstrating critical thinking, collaboration, and the design thinking process to solve real problems.

Our Science Olympiad team, led by 8th grade teacher Cassie Strahota, competed at the North Central Regional Science Olympiad Tournament on February 23rd. Students competed in various STEM events including Boomilever, Circuit Lab, Experimental Design, Game On, Potions and Poisons, and Mystery Architecture. Our team was ranked 7th overall and placed within the top ten in 18 different events. We look forward to competing at the Arizona State Science Olympiad Competition held at ASU on April 6th.

We know that the S.T.E.A.M. approach - collaboration, critical thinking, design thinking, and the engineering process - helps to prepare students learn how to think about and solve real problems that they will face in the future, along with preparing them for 21st century jobs. We are proud of all of the hard work our students and teachers have been doing this year!

With Gratitude,
Mrs. Miller
Principal, M.Ed

Mrs. Wolford
Assistant Principal, M.Ed

Upcoming Dates
3/5-3/8 - 3rd-8th grade benchmark tests
3/5 - PTA general meeting, 4pm in iExplore Lab
3/6 - Kindergarten Showcase, 6:30-7:30 pm
3/6-3/7 - 7th-8th grade Volleyball team tryouts, see Ms. Jodi for permission slip
3/11-3/12 - AdvancED STEM Certification judges on site at Mountain View
3/12-3/14 - Cheer clinics/tryouts, 4-6 pm, see Mrs. Watts or Ms. Scott for permission slips
3/13 - Governing Board Meeting, 6pm at District Office
3/16 - Last day to order MVS yearbooks (see last page of newsletter for online link)
3/18-3/22 - Spring Break, No School
3/26 - MVS Site Council Meeting, 4pm
3/27 - Governing Board Meeting, 6pm at District Office
3/27 - Spring picture day

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.
You are invited to the
MVS Family S.T.E.A.M. Night
Thursday, March 14, 2019
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Mountain View School

Please join the MVS students and staff as they present their S.T.E.A.M. showcases to you on March 14th!

Students in each grade will be showcasing their latest STEAM units and demonstrating their creative designs and problem-solving. See how they've created solutions to problems and how your designs match up to theirs!

Our Chief Science Officers will be hosting STEAM Challenges aligned to the Engineering Design Process in the STEAM Playground (cafeteria). We also will have vendors on site presenting STEAM tools and offering hands-on activities to our families.

Want to know more about coding, virtual reality, or STEAM in high school? Come to the iExplore lab and engage with students from Shadow Ridge High School's CTE programs and learn more!

We look forward to seeing you all for our second S.T.E.A.M. Night of the year!
Our Chief Science Officers, Michael and Rylie, participated in the Chief Science Officers Leadership Meeting at Estrella Mountain Community College on February 28th, accompanied by their teacher mentors, Lori Miller and Stacey Plonski.

Our CSOs honed their leadership skills by having practice conversations with stand-in administration to further their Action Plans here at MVS, met with community leaders and mentors, and added layers to their CSO Ecosystem Maps.
SCHOOL NEWS
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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!

Yearbooks - Last Call!
Have you purchased a yearbook yet? If not, the last chance to purchase one is Friday, March 15. You can order one online. Only $25 for a lifetime of memories! If you have any questions or issues, please email Mrs. Featherstone.

PTA Corner
March 5 - PTA General Meeting, 4:15
March 5 - Spirit night at Sonic at Cotton and Greenway, 5-8 pm
March 17 - Mother/Son baseball outing at Surprise Stadium, early entry at 11 a.m.

Contact the PTA at MountainViewSchoolPTA@gmail.com

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. You can find this on the census verification form that will go home, or you may contact the front office.

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!

Our office is latex free! Please do not bring latex balloons to campus!

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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