



# SCHOOL NEWS

## MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL · A STEAM SCHOOL

### Dear Mountain Lion Families,

It has been an exciting year at Mountain View! As the end of the school year approaches, we want to celebrate all that our students have accomplished at Mountain View in the 2018-2019 school year.

### Academics

Mountain View applied for STEM Certification from AdvancED and earned the highest distinction in the review that occurred in March. Mountain View was rated 4.0 out of 4.0 on all eleven indicators, and thus has earned the distinction of the AdvancED STEM Certification, which is valid for five years.

In their final assessment, the AdvancED judges concluded:

*"The AdvancED STEM Review team was very impressed by the work being done at Mountain View School. Every component of school operation is purposeful and deliberate. As plans are made, the school's current reality is assessed, and modifications which are deemed necessary are systematically planned, implemented, and assessed. It seems that the school operates with the STEM processes in mind. Nothing is random, and nothing is left to chance.*

*Classrooms at the school are models of effective instruction and high levels of student learning. Curriculum is rigorous, and involves all students in project based learning and inquiry activities. Students learn to apply the Engineering Design Process in their investigations. They learn how to monitor and assess their learning, and how to adjust their practice to better address the parameters of any task in which they are engaged.*

*Every student at Mountain View is a STEM (STEAM at Mountain View) student. This is worthy of mention because the school is truly a neighborhood school. It is not a specially designed STEM school, nor is STEM an add-on to an existing educational program. STEM strategies and activities are incorporated into every subject area, at every grade level, in every classroom. STEM is an accepted, expected, and valuable element of an extremely positive school culture. STEM is just a part of 'the way we do things around here.' Approximately 900 students are enrolled at Mountain View School. Of these, only 70 are 'open enrollment' students who do not live in close proximity to the school. There is no application process for school attendance. STEM is not a separate piece of the school's program which is restricted to only certain students. Every student at Mountain View is a STEM student. The instructional program provides STEM skills and strategies to every student. Building this capacity enables all students to become better learners, regardless of the content being studied or the particular task at hand. STEM is seamlessly integrated into every aspect of the school. **Mountain View School is a testament to the power of purposeful, deliberate planning and implementation to enhance learning for all students, all the time.***

### Arts

MVS students excelled in the arts as well this year. Eight middle school students were selected to sing in the Elementary District Honor Choir. They performed under the direction of Mrs. Featherstone at the district's first annual Festival of the Arts on April 20th. Thirty-two students also had their art work selected to be displayed at the Festival of the Arts in April.

### Upcoming Dates

**5/2** - PTA "Be Internet Awesome" workshop, 6-8pm in iExplore Lab  
**5/3** - Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast  
**5/7** - PTA General Meeting, 4pm, iExplore  
**5/8** - Governing Board Mtg, 6pm at District Office  
**5/8** - MVS Sports Banquet, 6pm in Cafe  
**5/9** - Spring Choir Concert, 6pm, in Cafe  
**5/10** - MVS Field Day, STEAM Celebration, and Barbecue  
**5/17** - Kinder Celebration of Learning, 1:30  
**5/20** - MVS 8th Grade Promotion, 3:30 pm at Shadow Ridge High School Auditorium  
**5/21** - Last day of school, 1:45 pm release

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

**623-876-7453**  
**Available 24/7**

Please email your child's teacher if you would like for homework to be sent home for your student who is absent.

### 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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Many MVS students had their artwork showcased on display at the White Tank Library, while three students won first, second, and third place in the district's Greeting Card competition. One of those students also designed the invitation to our STEAM Celebration/Field Day Barbecue that parents received in April.

## Athletics

Mountain View athletes once again competed in intra-district athletics. Two of the MVS teams made it to the first round of the district playoffs: MVS Girls' Softball had a great season a 6-4, while the Boys' Soccer team finished their exciting season at 7-3.

Students in 2nd through 8th grade participated in the District's first ever season of Cross Country. A number of Mountain View runners placed in the top three for their age group at each of the four meets.

While the rest of our teams did not make it into the playoffs for their respective sports, we are proud of the hard work and dedication each student athlete demonstrated this school year. Whether they had a winning season or were in a rebuilding one, our students never gave up and worked together to improve.

We know that we are sending many talented, amazing student athletes on to high school in the fall, and we look forward to seeing their successes.

We are proud of all of our students, and look forward to another amazing year with our community. We remind our students to be Lion Leaders:

Be Responsible

Be Respectful

Be Safe

Be a Learner

We wish all of our families a safe and happy summer. We'll see you again in August!

With thanks,

Gail Miller, M.Ed.  
Principal

Connie Wolford, M.Ed.  
Assistant Principal

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### Mountain View School SkillsUSA CTO Competitors

Mountain View Elementary School is the first K-8 school in the district to participate at the state level for SkillsUSA. The SkillsUSA Championships are competitive events showcasing the best career and technical education students in the state and nation. Eight MVS 7th and 8th grade students competed at the Arizona State competition in the following categories:

**Job Skill Demonstration:** Contestants demonstrate and explain an entry-level skill used in the occupational area for which they are training. Competitors must demonstrate a career objective in an occupational area that is included in one of the contest areas of the SkillsUSA Championships.

**Prepared Speech:** Contestants must deliver a five- to seven-minute speech on a common theme established by SkillsUSA for the current school year. Contestants are evaluated on their ability to present thoughts relating to the central theme clearly and effectively, and are rated on voice, mechanics, and platform deportment.

**Promotional Bulletin Board:** Contestants create bulletin board displays based on the annual SkillsUSA theme. The bulletin boards promote SkillsUSA, career and technical education, and related occupational information. Contestants also create an accompanying notebook that documents the development and construction of the bulletin board and give an oral presentation to explain the process, purpose, and educational value.

Maija Larson and Joshua Valenzuela earned gold medals in Job Skills Demonstration, while Skylar Nelson and Ryland Durham earned silver medals. Alan Rivera, Stephen Campbell, and Myron Jordan-Davis brought home gold for their Promotional Bulletin Board. And finally, Mark Tudor won gold for his prepared speech.

All the students who earned gold medals qualify to compete at the SkillsUSA National Championship that will be held this summer in Kentucky. The judges and state level representatives were highly impressed with our students and their skills. As advisors, Mrs. O'Donnell and Mrs. Lopez are beyond proud of their accomplishments.

Congratulations, SkillsUSA Team!



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**You are Invited!**  
**STEAM Celebration, Barbecue, and Field Day!**  
**Friday, May 10, 2019**  
**At Mountain View School**

You are invited to attend an amazing celebration of our STEAM certification and field day. Come for field day, stay for a cookout, or come for the cook-out and stay for field day!

<b>Grade</b>	<b>BBQ Lunch Schedule</b>	<b>Field Day Time</b>
Kindergarten	11:00-11:30 am	9:10-10:20 am
1st grade	11:10-11:40 am	9:10-10:20 am
2nd grade	11:20-11:50 am	9:10-10:20 am
3rd grade	10:20-10:50 am	12:30-1:45 pm
4th grade	10:30-11:00 am	12:30-1:45 pm
5th grade	11:50-12:20 pm	2:00-3:15 pm
6th grade	12:00-12:30 pm	2:00-3:15 pm
7th grade	12:30-1:00 pm	10:45-12:00 pm
8th grade	12:30-1:00 pm	10:45-12:00 pm

Cost for non-students will be \$3.25. There will be a cashier to take payment on the day.

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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!

### **PTA Corner**

May 2 - "Be Internet Awesome" event

Contact the PTA at [MountainViewSchoolPTA@gmail.com](mailto: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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