Dear Mountain View Families,

The month of November is an exciting time for us as we have so many things to look forward to and be THANKFUL for. At Mountain View, we have several special events that bring us together this time of year like our Veterans Day Celebration and Turkey Lunch day. Check out the school and PTA calendar for these exciting events and come celebrate with us.

Students are recognized in a variety of ways for their outstanding efforts in demonstrating positive character, leadership, and progressing on their academic goals. Teachers and staff are also appreciated and recognized for the amazing job they do on a daily basis. Please take time to give THANKS to a teacher or staff member. A program such as the Silver Apple Award, sponsored by News Channel 3, is just one way to recognize a teacher.

The staff at Mountain View truly appreciates and gives big THANKS for the support our families provide. The Gift donations and Tax Credit donations that we have already received have supported athletics, fine arts, and enrichment. Donations are greatly needed to support both the traditional programs and build on new student opportunities. Families that contribute via Tax Credits will receive the money back on their Arizona state taxes. Tax Credit donation forms can be found on the district and school web site.

Together the Mountain View students, families, volunteers, and staff make our school an amazing place. Our volunteers and community members are essential to their success of our events and programs. No matter how big or small, we appreciate the positive role everyone takes on making Mountain View so GREAT!

Mrs. Miller
Principal, M.Ed

Mrs. Wolford
Assistant Principal, M.Ed

Upcoming Dates

11/7 - Election Day
11/8 - Veterans Day Celebration, 2:30-3:30
11/8 - Governing Board Mtg, 6 pm @ District Office
11/10 - No School, Veterans Day observed
11/17 - Thanksgiving Lunch at MVS
11/22-11/26 - Thanksgiving Recess, No School

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

Cafeteria Visitor Rules
We are happy that parents come to eat lunch with their child(ren). According to page 8 of the Dysart Student & Parent Handbook 2017-2018, “parents who wish to eat lunch with their child at school will sit at a designated family table in the cafeteria, and will not be sitting with students at their class/grade table.”

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 skate boards 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.
Thanksgiving Meal at MVS  
Friday, November 17, 2017

**Special Thanksgiving Menu**
- Oven roasted sliced turkey
- Mashed potatoes & gravy, stuffing
- Buttered green beans, cranberry relish
- Warm Wheat Rolls
- For Dessert: Homemade Pumpkin Bar

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Lunch Schedule:
- 1st grade, 10:30-10:50 a.m.
- 3rd grade, 11:10-11:30 a.m.
- 5th grade, 11:50-12:10 p.m.
- 7th grade, 12:30-12:50 p.m.
- 2nd grade, 10:50-11:10 a.m.
- 4th grade, 11:30-11:50 a.m.
- 6th grade, 12:10-12:30 p.m.
- 8th grade, 12:50-1:10 p.m.

You can RSVP by letting your child’s teacher or the front office know that you will be coming. If you are interested in volunteering on this day, please let the office know and we will be happy to schedule you to help. We look forward to seeing you all!

**NJHS & Student Council Food Drive**

MVS NJHS and Student Council will be sponsoring a food drive benefiting St. Mary’s Food Bank in Surprise, Arizona beginning on November 6th through November 14th. Teachers, faculty and students are asked to bring in nonperishable food items such as canned, boxed, and prepackaged items. Marked collection boxes will be set up inside the Mountain View front office, cafeteria, the iExplore Lab, and faculty workroom where items can be placed. NJHS and Student Council members will begin collecting all items donated on Wednesday, November 15th to be prepared for donation to St. Mary’s Food Bank.

Thank you for helping Mountain View give back to our community!
**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.

**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.

**PTA Corner**
11/7 - PTA General Meeting, 4:15 p.m. in the iExplore Lab

11/15 - Family night at Macayo’s Restaurant (Bell & Reems)

11/17 - Thanksgiving Lunch day at MVS

12/11-12/15 - Kids Korner Holiday Shop during school

12/14 - Family Holiday Shop night, 4-6 p.m., in room 305

Contact us at MountainViewSchoolPTA@gmail.com

Visit our MVS PTA Facebook page!

Would you like to honor one of your child’s teachers as an Outstanding Arizona Teacher? You can nominate them for 3TV’s Silver Apple Award between now and March 1, 2018.

Yearbooks are on sale now! Order your yearbook from Grads Photography between now and March 16th. Remember - sales are online only, so don't wait too long!

**Office Reminders**
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.

**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.

**Stay Connected** - Visit our website!