Dear Students and Families,

As we head into November and prepare for Thanksgiving, we have much to be thankful for here at MVS.

Mrs. Loyd, our third grade teacher, was one of five finalists for the Arizona Teacher of the Year, and was named one of four Teacher Ambassadors for Excellence for 2019 in Arizona. We are proud to have her on our campus, demonstrating excellence in all aspects of teaching. She will be a spokesperson for teaching, advocating for excellence in the classroom by making presentations statewide to education, civic, government, and professional organizations.

Mrs. Lopez, our iExplore teacher, was awarded a $5,000 grant from the Fiesta Bowl Wishes for Teachers program, which she plans on using to purchase additional STEAM tools to expand students’ options for exploring the engineering design process and STEAM careers.

Mountain View’s STEAM day on October 12th was a huge success. Maricopa County Superintendent Steve Watson was impressed with the rigor and creativity displayed by all of our students in problem-solving, designing and improving their prototypes for their STEAM projects. We were excited to host both Mr. Watson and Dysart Superintendent Dr. Quinn Kellis on STEAM day.

Some of our students are competing at Grand Canyon University on Thursday, November 1st, in a STEM competition. Students have utilized the design engineering process to design a hydroponic greenhouse that could be used to grow fresh vegetables for our community. They are competing for the chance to win an $8,000 grant to carry out their STEM project.

We are proud to be able to announce our annual Veterans Day Celebration, which will be held on Thursday, November 8th. We invite all of our military families from grades 3 through 8 to attend and be recognized for your service. Our choir and a second grade class will be singing, two students will be reading their essays on “Why I Honor the American Flag,” and a special guest will be speaking to students and guests. Families are welcome to RSVP online or by speaking with or emailing Rachel in the office.

We are also looking forward to the annual Thanksgiving Lunch, provided by Dysart Nutrition. Families are invited to eat a traditional Thanksgiving lunch with their students at Mountain View on Friday, November 16, 2018. All visitors (all adults and students not enrolled at MVS) will be charged $3.25 to eat the lunch. The lunch schedule is posted on page 3 of this newsletter.

Our National Junior Honor Society announced that they will be hosting a holiday toy drive for children in the foster care system. The holiday drive will be held from November 19th through December 5th. Look for a flier that will be sent home in November to give you more information.

We are thankful for the teachers, staff, students, and parents that work together to make Mountain View not only a school of academic excellence, but a school where all of us are truly H.O.M.E.

With Gratitude,
Mrs. Miller
Principal, M.Ed

Mrs. Wolford
Assistant Principal, M.Ed

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Mrs. Loyd Named a 2019 AEF Teacher of the Year Ambassador for Excellence

Sheri Loyd, third grade teacher, was named one of four 2019 AEF Teacher of the Year Ambassadors for Excellence.

“Change starts with teachers. We need to change the way we teach by truly knowing our students. We need to teach our students to have a Growth Mindset to meet whatever challenges are set in front of them. We need to teach them how to collaborate and express themselves in an appropriate way. Each time they are gaining more experience and learning from their mistakes. My challenge is to educators and parents to teach their students that success is not about the end product, but about the journey you took to get there.”

“I became a teacher to try to make a difference in students’ lives. I love my students as many teachers do. I will stay awake all night researching engaging lessons strategies to make learning come alive for my students. Our students deserve the best education they can receive. They deserve teachers who are driven to continue to grow and create positive, nurturing learning environments. They deserve parents who invest in their education and set a positive tone about learning. They deserve a community that wants to support the future. I am not going to let my students down.”

Principal Miller says, “Mrs. Loyd builds positive relationships with all stakeholders: school and district personnel, parents, and students. She understands the importance of these partnerships in fostering student success. Mrs. Loyd is relentless in searching for ways to support her students. She historically has the highest assessment scores because of her dedication and perseverance to student achievement.”

Sheri Loyd has been a teacher for 13 years, two of which have been in her current position at MVS. She holds a K-8 Math Endorsement and is Nationally Board Certified in Middle School Math. She was recently named to the Arizona K-12 Center’s Teacher Solutions Team for the 2018-19 school year. Mrs. Loyd holds a Bachelor’s degree from ASU with endorsements for math and early childhood.

Congratulations, Mrs. Loyd!

Mrs. Lopez Awarded the Fiesta Bowl Charities Wishes for Teachers Grant

Roxanne Lopez, iExplore teacher at MVS, was named a recipient of the 2018 Fiesta Bowl Charities Wishes for Teachers grant. Created in 2016, this award grants classroom wishes to teachers across the state of Arizona. The Fiesta Bowl organization developed this program to aid teachers in enhancing their classroom experience, as a way to thank and honor Arizona educators. Each fall, teachers are invited to complete an online application detailing their school and classroom wish. Wishes are selected by a random drawing to receive a $5,000 grant. All wish recipients are invited to walk in the Fiesta Bowl Parade and will be recognized on-field at the Cheez-It® Bowl.

Mrs. Lopez plans on utilizing the $5,000 grant to provide additional STEAM resources and technologies for the iExplore Lab.

Congratulations, Mrs. Lopez!
Families are invited to attend the annual Thanksgiving Lunch at MVS on Friday, November 16th.

Visitors will pay at the door - $3.25 per person, cash (small bills, please) or check. Pre-sales are not possible.

Schedule:

- Kindergarten - 10:20 am
- 1st grade - 10:45 am
- 2nd grade - 11:05
- 3rd grade - 11:25
- 4th grade - 11:45
- 5th grade - 12:05
- 6th grade - 12:25
- 7th grade - 12:45
- 8th grade - 1:05

Volunteers are also welcome! If you would like to volunteer this day, please contact the front office at 876-7450.

You can RSVP by emailing Rachel.Ayers@dysart.org or by turning in the flyer that will be sent home.
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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**
11/6 - PTA General Meeting, 4:15-5pm in iExplore. Sherry Owens, from the Dysart Volunteer Coordinator’s Office, will be present. She will have fingerprinting equipment, so if you would like to become an official Dysart volunteer, please come!

11/8-11/10 - Carrabbas weekend at Carrabbas in Surprise

11/13 - Butter Braid orders are due

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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