Dear Mountain View Families:

We are extremely excited to announce that we have a variety of extracurricular learning opportunities for our students here at Mountain View. Our goal is to have about 50-60% of our students involved in extracurricular activities as there is a strong correlation between academic success and student involvement in other activities. It is important for Mountain View to offer a range of learning opportunities for students. Just a few examples that we offer this year include: Technology, STEAM/Makerspace, iEXPLORE Lab Extension, Rachel’s Challenge (FOR), NJHS, Student Council, 7-8th grade Athletics, Geography Team, Competition Robotics, Mathlets, Art Team, Choir, News Crew, and tutoring for ELA and Math.

Our teachers are passionate and dedicated to your child’s educational journey. Thank you teachers for supporting and providing these extracurricular opportunities for our students. As a parent or family member, you can support sustaining all of these amazing learning opportunities by your Tax Credit Donation. Community members can donate online or can bring their donation along with a completed AZ Tax Credit Contribution Form and to the school or district offices.

Our STEAM Night event that was held on September 21st was a huge success. A special thank you to both Shadow Ridge High School Engineering Department and students from the WestMEC teaching Coding. Our families were engaged in the STEAM Playground and an electronic scavenger hunt as they visited each grade level and their STEAM projects. We know that teaching Science, Technology, Arts, and Mathematics within the Engineering Process supports students in their educational journey in being College and Career ready.

We look forward to seeing you on Conference Week.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Miller  Mrs. Wolford
Principal, M.Ed  Assistant Principal, M.Ed

Upcoming Dates
10/9-10/13 - PTA Book Fair in Rm 305
10/10 - 4th-8th grade Award Assemblies
10/11 - Governing Board Mtg, 6pm @ District Office
10/11 - Fall Picture Retake Day
10/12-10/13 - Early Release (1:45 p.m.) for Parent-Teacher Conferences
10/16-10/20 - Fall Break, No School
10/23 - Superintendent’s Parent Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m., @ District Office
10/25 - Board Mtg, 6pm @ District Office
10/26 - Not MY Kid anti-bullying assembly during school, grades 5-8
10/27 - Be Kind Assembly during school, grades K-4

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.
Photos from MVS STEAM Night, September 21st
Second Grade Rockstars

Second grade is off to a great start!

In the pictures here, Mrs. Rose’s class is using Genius Time to enhance learning. Mrs. Carbajal’s class is using Front Row on the Chromebooks, and Mrs. Nietert’s class is using STEAM activities to enrich their reading story for the week.

We have all been busy having fun while learning!

We hope to show you more amazing things that we’re doing throughout the year.

Your second grade team,

Mrs. Rose
Mrs. Carbajal
Mrs. Nietert
Middle School Positive Pep Assembly

On Friday, September 8 middle school had its first positive pep assembly. 6th, 7th, and 8th graders with C’s or better and no referrals could attend this exciting and high energy activity.

The fabulous Mrs. Zinter, 7th grade language arts teacher, and Miss Abney, 6th grade language arts teacher, MC’d the event. Their enthusiasm and energy kept the students excited and engaged. Students participated in ‘Minute to Win It’ games competing against the grades. Have you ever tried to get a cookie from your forehead to your mouth without using your hands? The students had lots of fun!

Next was the dance off between the grades. Students were dancing, singing, and having a great time. Our pep assembly ended with cheering, which grade was the loudest? Which grade showed the most spirit? 7th grade won! Way to go 7th graders!

Our next middle school assembly will be Friday, October 6. Let’s keep up the grades and show our school spirit by being lion leaders so all students can participate.
Third Grade ROCKS!

3rd grade has been learning about rocks and minerals. We have been observing, analyzing, and classifying rocks.

Students learned how to break mock rocks apart so they could learn about a rock’s composition. We evaporated the water out of the sediment and observed the crystals that were left behind.

We conducted scratch tests on the rocks to determine the hardness of the rocks. We completed a lap and mineral book discussing layers of the earth, the three types of rocks, and properties of rocks.
Extracurriculars at MVS

Did you know that we have a wide variety of extracurricular activities for students throughout the year? Here's a brief look at activities being offered at MVS this term:

**Athletics/Fitness**
* Season 1 athletics (baseball and softball) ended in September. Congrats to our teams for making it to the semi-finals!
* Season 2 athletics (girls' and boys' soccer) are holding tryouts the first week of October!
* MVS Synergize! Students in grades 6-8 can learn how to stay fit and be part of MVS' first dance group with Mrs. Chamberlain

**STEAM Labs** - for students to explore STEAM in a variety of contexts
* Makerspace - grades 3-8
* SETech Team & Coding Lab - grades 3-8
* Robotics Lab Team - grades 3-8
* iExplore Lab Extension for grades 1-8

**Arts**
* MVS Choir
* Clay art group
* Yearbook

**Academic Groups**
* Science Olympiad - for students in grades 7-8
* Student Council
* Geographic Bee preparation

Middle School students may be invited to join the National Junior Honor Society, students can participate in their grade-level and school spelling bee in preparation for the Scripps National Spelling Bee, and many teachers are also providing after-school tutoring for reading, writing, and mathematics.
Fall Picture Retake Day
If your child missed picture day, Fall Retake take will be on October 11th.

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.

PTA Corner
10/9-10/13 - Book Fair Week!
***We will be open late on Thursday, 10/12, from 2-6 p.m.
10/10 - Pastries with Parents - complimentary breakfast with your child at the book fair from 8-8:45 a.m. in the iExplore Lab. RSVP is Required.

In celebration of Character Counts week and Anti-Bullying month, the PTA is bringing these programs to students on our campus:
10/26 - Not MY Kid Presentation - Anti-Bullying program for grades 5-8 during the school day
10/27 - The Be Kind Project, in-school assembly for grades K-5
10/27 - FALL Festival, 5:30-8:30 p.m. on the field
*Festival games, petting zoo, photo booth, costume contest, DJ, food trucks, vendor fair, Dino Crew. More information will come home soon!

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!

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
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.

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