



THE MUSTANG TIMES

MONTHLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Mustang Families,

Our first couple weeks of school were fantastic! The kids are so happy to be back on campus and I am wholeheartedly thankful to see their faces every day. This campus has come back to life. We have received so many calls and emails offering words of kindness and support. Thank you, we are diligently working on adjusting and modifying procedures so that we are safe, yet still provide an engaging and rigorous day.

We are using our outdoor space as much as possible. The weather is beautiful and we are making sure students have the opportunity to learn and play outside. When we closed in March, our outdoor renovation was put on hold. We are getting ready to start our outdoor classroom in the near future. We were able to provide some of our outdoor additions through our supportive PTO and through the partnership with the Lowe's grant. We are also thankful for our beautiful field that is green and full.

Our winter grass seed was provided by Fertizona. In addition, the Covenant Church donated a personal whiteboard and eraser for each student, along with some exercise equipment. We appreciate the community partnerships we have. You make such a difference in improving our school.

As you know, we are going to be sending devices home each day. Please make sure devices are properly cared for and brought back to school each day. We are using our devices for both on-site learning and for our asynchronous learning as well.

We are in need of some exercise equipment. Items include but are not limited to: basketballs, footballs, kickball, jump-ropes, hula-hoops, etc. We would like to give each class their own bag of equipment so that we are not sharing among cohorts. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Again, we are glad to be back in the saddle. We are on this journey together, and like all of you, we are learning each day. We love hearing ideas and constructive feedback from our families. Please feel free to email or call our school with your suggestions.

"Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress, working together is success." - Edward

Hale

Take care,
Jessica Quinones



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GRADE LEVEL HIGHLIGHTS

Kinder

This past month, our students successfully made the transition to in-person learning!! We are learning how to read simple words and sentences. Please take a few minutes to hear your child read every day. Also, remind your child about hand washing to this tune:

Wash, Wash Your Hands (Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)
Wash, wash, wash your hands, it's time to kill the germs.
Front and back, and in between, get them nice and clean.

Thank you,

Mrs. Leija, Mrs. Schimmel, Mrs. Stone & Ms. Macias

1st Grade

learning! We have been working hard on our daily routines and classroom procedures to ensure that our community is a safe and positive environment for everyone. We encourage you to work with your child on high frequency words each week and do 20 minutes of reading daily. A huge thank you for any donations made to our team and all the support!

2nd Grade

We are so happy to have everyone back on campus. We have been working hard and learning a lot. For November we are going to be working on writing "How-to" pieces, place value, and we will be reading about animals in fables and about their different habitats. Please continue to send your student with their device daily and bottled water. Thank you for being wonderful 2nd grade families.

4TH GRADE

With our first week back on campus we have been excited to be working with our students in person. We will be working on poetry in English and up to three digit multiplication in Mathematics. Thank you for all your support in helping us get back into the classroom.

3RD GRADE

Third Grade is up and running with in-person learning. Woo-hoo!! Please remember to have students bring their laptops, water bottles and masks to school everyday. Students have homework every day except Friday. Please sign that they have completed it on their homework sheet. Thank you for sharing your child with us and having patience as we learn new policies and procedures. As always if you have any questions or concerns please contact your child's teacher. We are looking forward to a great in-person year.

5th Grade

It's so great to see everyone's faces in person! Please make sure that if your child isn't feeling well, that they stay home. We would greatly appreciate any sports equipment such as balls, jump ropes, or chalk. We are also in need of tissues, hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes or spray, and water bottles. Be on the lookout for the next book project. Also, make sure that your child is doing 15 minutes a night of iReady and ST Math along with 30 minutes of reading and choice board.

NURSE'S CORNER



Flu Season is Near- Protect Yourself with the Flu Vaccine

As the winter months approach, flu activity is increasing. If you have not gotten the flu vaccine yet, the CDC recommends getting it as soon as possible. Everyone that is 6 months or older is able to receive the flu vaccine. This year, especially, it is important to protect yourself from the flu as many of the people at risk for the flu are at risk for COVID-19 illness as well. Although there are other ways to protect yourself from the flu, such as washing your hands, sneezing/coughing into elbows, staying home when sick, and getting plenty of rest and water, the flu vaccine is still a great way to prevent the flu. You can get the flu vaccine at many locations like your primary care doctor's office, Pinal County Health Department Clinic, and several pharmacies like Walgreens or CVS. Below are some of the benefits of getting a flu vaccine for your child and yourself:

- Keeps you from getting sick. When vaccine viruses and circulating viruses are matched, flu vaccine reduces the risk of getting sick by about half.
- Keeps you from being hospitalized from the flu. The flu vaccine reduces children's risk of flu-related pediatric intensive care unit admission by 74%.
- Prevents you from dying from the flu. The flu vaccine reduces the risk of flu-associated deaths by half among children with high risk medical conditions and by nearly two-thirds among children without medical conditions.
- Flu vaccination may make your illness milder if you do get sick.
- Protects others who may be more vulnerable to serious flu illness, like babies and young children, older people, and people with long-term health problems.

S.E.L.

Howdy Partner! This is Mrs. Andres, your counselor. I am super excited to start doing SEL Specials in your classrooms because I can see you in-person! Throughout the year, we will be learning about the CASEL 5 Competencies: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. Each month we have a SEL theme. November's SEL is Social Awareness. Learning these different skills will help you develop to be the best person you can be now and as you get older. Students, if you need to talk to me anytime through the year, please let your teacher or parent know, so they can reach out to me. I am here to support you and build lasting, safe relationships. Come to school, so I can see you in your classrooms!



SPECIALS SPOTLIGHT

SEL Tips

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Students returning back to school can be a major change for many and students may have a hard time expressing their feelings. I want to share with you a section of an eBook by Naomi Moore called, *Through My Window*: “Everybody has their own window on the world! I spend a lot of time looking through my window at the world outside. Especially when I want to go out and can’t. It is a very familiar view. I can’t remember not seeing it, but I don’t always see it the same. Sometimes when things change in the world, it changes the way you see things. What has changed in your world?” This can be a starting conversation with your child as they continue to grow and see changes in their world. Have a peaceful day.

The SEL Theme for November and December is Social Awareness. Social Awareness is the ability to understand the thoughts, feelings, emotions, and behaviors of others. It is the ability to: Take the perspective of and empathize with others, including those from diverse backgrounds and cultures. Understand social and ethical norms for behavior. Recognize family, school, and community resources.

ONE PERSON
CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE,
AND EVERYONE
SHOULD TRY.

-JOHN F KENNEDY-

OFFICE UPDATES

Hello Mustangs!

We are so happy to see all your smiling faces back on campus! Parents, please let the office know when you are making a change to how your student will be getting home, not the teacher. Office staff will notify the teachers. As a reminder, please do not drop off your student before 7:15am. Students, please remember to keep a spare mask in your backpack at all times.

PTO NEWS

Please make sure to join our PTO email list by emailing mccartneypto@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook @mcrpto to stay up-to-date on ways to support our school and any upcoming activities!



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