



THE MARYLAND ROADRUNNER

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MARYLAND SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT:

Succeed Today – Excel Tomorrow
We believe all students are capable of success. No exceptions!

Calendar of Events

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| Oct. 28-30 | PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES – EARLY RELEASE |
| | Kdgs.- 2 – 12:20 p.m. |
| | 3 – 8 – 1:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 4 | EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAY |
| | Kdgs.- 2 – 12:20 p.m. |
| | 3 – 8 – 1:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 6 | Cookie Dough Sale Begins |
| Nov. 10 | 5:30-7:00 p.m. – Chill Dinner |
| Nov. 11 | NO SCHOOL – VETERANS DAY |
| Nov. 12 | 7:00 p.m. – Governing Board Meeting, Administrative Center |
| Nov. 18 | EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAY |
| | Kdgs.- 2 – 12:20 p.m. |
| | 3 – 8 – 1:00 p.m. |
| Nov. 26 & 27 | 8:00 a.m.-noon – Turkey Trot |
| | NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING RECESS |



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Russell

The first quarter has ended, and it's time for **Parent/Teacher Conferences**. This is such an important event of the school year. This is a time to communicate with your student's teacher and to let your child know that his or her educational progress is important to you. Conferences are next week. Please make every effort to attend at your scheduled time. We have set a goal of meeting with every family!

While at conferences, we encourage you to take a few moments to complete a **parent satisfaction survey** to let us know what you feel is going well at Maryland and where we need to improve. Your input is vital to us.

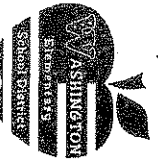
Early Release Wednesdays/ASIP

What have the teachers been doing during the Early Release Wednesdays so far this school year? This is valuable professional development training and data analysis time for teachers. We have spent much time working on our **Arizona School Improvement Plan (ASIP)**. The staff, along with the Site Council, completed a Needs Assessment wherein we

prioritized our needs at Maryland, and we developed action plans to meet those needs. Our ASIP continues to focus on improving student achievement in reading, writing and math. We've added a new component of parent involvement. Research has shown that student achievement increases greatly when parents are involved in the school. We are presently forming a **Family Involvement Action Team (FIAT)** composed of teachers, parents and community members to assist us in planning activities to encourage more parent involvement with the school. You'll be hearing more about the new FIAT and about the activities they will be sponsoring. We're very excited about this new program and goal. Other PLC Wednesday time has been spent on student data analysis to help us prepare lessons that give students help where they need it most. OWeus Bully Prevention Program training was given last week wherein we reviewed student survey results, which help us in keeping our campus a safer place.

PTO

We appreciate the efforts of our PTO President Mr. Ross Callese and his new officers. They are working hard to help us raise money to purchase needed things for our school. Ross has created a new



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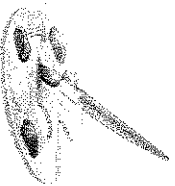
Maryland PTO Web site that contains interesting information about the school. You can visit it at www.marylandschool.net.

Meal Application Forms

We are pleased to report that we have received meal application forms back from approximately 85% of our students. We are hoping for 100% because this determines our funding for Title I. If you have not filled one out yet, please do so ASAP.

Site Council

Our Site Council is a decision-making council for our school. We are in need of more parents to participate on this council. We meet once a month on the third Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. If you are interested, please call the office. No prior experience is necessary.

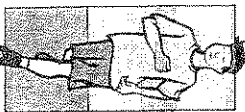


From the Art Department

The art room has been very busy this year. Grade 6 created snow flake ornaments for the Christmas tree in front of the White House! Grades 7 and 8 have been creating water color fish and rolled tube masks. Both projects are sensational.

Twenty-three young artists from Grades 7 and 8 have donated their fish and mask art to a special auction of children's art hosted by the Washington Education Foundation on November 6 at the Sheraton Four Points, 10220 North Metro Pkwy East at 7 p.m. The silent auction is open to the public, and the proceeds are used to fund programs throughout the District.

Absolutely beautiful renditions of Vincent Van Gogh's Starry Night were completed by Grade 4, and Grade 5 is having fun with Dia de los Muertos projects after completing fall leaf compositions. Grade 2 students will be bringing home shortly big spook houses made from grocery bags that are really great! Also, be on the lookout for some flying bats and pumpkins, too. The art room has a special welcome for all the refugee students now at Maryland who are contributing lovely art in all classes.



Cross Country Meets

11/5 4:00 p.m. @ Washington
11/12 4:00 p.m. @ Sunset
11/19 4:00 p.m. @ Manzanita

EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL WITH BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

- Clip Box Tops.
 - Send Box Tops to School.
 - Our School Earns Cash.
- Make a difference for Maryland School every time you buy groceries. Look for box tops on General Mills, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Kleenex, Cottonelle and Ziploc products.



Boys Basketball Schedules

| 5 th & 6 th Grade | | | |
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| Date | Time | Vs. | Home/Away |
| 11/2 | 3:30 p.m. | Sahuaro | Home |
| 11/3 | 3:45 p.m. | Arroyo | Home |
| 11/9 | 3:30 p.m. | Sunnyslope | Away |
| 11/16 | 3:30 p.m. | Ironwood | Home |
| 11/19 | 3:15 p.m. | RE Miller | Away |
| 11/23 | 3:15 p.m. | Orangewood | Away |
| 11/24 | 3:30 p.m. | John Jacobs | Home |

| 7 th & 8 th Grade | | | |
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| Date | Time | Vs. | Home/Away |
| 11/10 | 4:00 p.m. | Sunnyslope | TBD |
| 11/12 | 4:00 p.m. | Orangewood | Home |
| 11/17 | 4:00 p.m. | Orangewood | Away |
| 11/19 | 4:00 p.m. | Mtn. View | Away |
| 11/24 | 4:00 p.m. | Sweetwater | Away |



Thank you to the Assistance League of Phoenix Operation School Bell for its very generous donation of children's clothing.

Attendance is Mandatory

Parents please help us out by calling in your student's absence on a daily basis. All excused absences must be reported within **48 hours**; otherwise the absence will be recorded as unexcused. Following the fifth unexcused absence or tenth unexcused tardy the school will complete and submit a truancy referral notice to the truancy prevention unit. **Please report absences to 602-347-2321.** This line is available 24 hours a day.

Upon receipt of the referral, a member of the truancy prevention unit will make contact with the student's parent/legal guardian. Once a student has been referred to the truancy prevention unit, the students' attendance will be monitored for further occurrences of truancy or tardies. When a student reaches his or her 15th

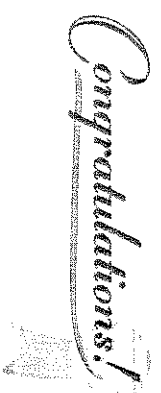


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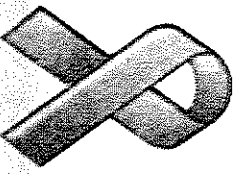
September Students of the Month

absence or 20th unexcused tardy, he or she will be identified as being habitually truant. Under these procedures, a member of the truancy prevention unit will visit the parents/guardians and make them aware that the student is being cited into a District-level hearing. At the hearing the child's attendance record will be discussed and consequences could be imposed on the student.

Failure to comply with penalties imposed by the Hearing Office/Teen Court and continued truanancies/tardies may result in the case being referred to a local Justice Court for further disposition. Failure by a parent/guardian to comply with ARS §15-802 and ensure ongoing attendance of a child between the ages of 6 and 16 will be referred by the truancy prevention unit to the local Justice Courts for disposition.



Reminder...Give Bullies the Chill... Chili Night will be on Tuesday, November 10 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Come and join us for a good time with food, fun and friends.



Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated from October 26-30. During this week, students will be engaged in different activities to show their commitment to live a drug-free life. In addition to the learning activities, students are encouraged to become united for this cause by wearing similar items of clothing. On Monday (10/26), wear a red shirt to kick off the week. On Tuesday (10/27), "give drugs the slip" by wearing slippers. On Wednesday (10/28), wear a team jersey/shirt to "team up against drugs." On Thursday (10/29), "sock it to alcohol, tobacco and other drugs" by wearing red socks. On Friday (10/30), a contest will be held for the class that wears the most red. Be creative to show your support of Red Ribbon Week.

Kindergarten

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| Bridwell | Stephanie Ruiz Juarez |
| Riffenburg | Emilie Rodriguez Pineda |
| Tripp | Marc Medina |
| Venable | Tony Bustos-Angle |

1st Grade

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| Burns | Rachel Garcia |
| Eastwood | Brian Zarate |
| Rolfes | Ivan Vazquez Pineda |
| Scrom | Keaira Jones |

2nd Grade

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| Campbell | Karla Salguero Leon |
| Davis | Michelle Icedo Granillo |
| Reid | Joseph Griego |

3rd Grade

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| Frost | Trevor Southey |
| Keller | Daniela Gutierrez Perdomo |
| Soule | Willow Williams |

4th Grade

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| Kraushaar | Cynthia Penaloza -- Palafox |
| Lapabe | Melissa Bulljbasic |
| Neumann | Ayesha Belcher |

5th Grade

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| Koestner | Yazzmine Poowegup |
| Singh | Karina Bejarano |
| Walters | Andy Truong |

6th Grade

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| Shurbet | Cynthia Meza Solana |
| Slantia | Maria Valencia Sanchez |
| Horan | Karla Amaro Collin |

7th Grade

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| 8 th Grade | Madina Faramuzova |
| | Matthew Fust |

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