

# PROSPECTOR PRESS

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## Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you everyone for your help with this challenging year. We have learned so much about ourselves this past year. I am hopeful in looking back on this year we will find that we all had something positive we gained from having experienced this pandemic.

Please welcome our new and returning PTG board members for 2021-22 school year. I look forward to their leadership as we hopefully enter a more normal year.

*President* – Erin McDonald

*Vice President* – Christina Vaaler

*Treasurer* – Jake White

*Fundraising Director and Co-chair* – Kelly Christiano and Heather Wozny

*Events Director and Co-chair* – Karen Stine and Stephanie Howard

*Communications Director* – Kayla Essert

*Parent-Teacher Liaison* – Christina Selden

We just had a lovely 6<sup>th</sup> grade promotion where we honored and thanked our 6<sup>th</sup> graders for their years at Mercury Mine. They had an abrupt ending to their 5<sup>th</sup> grade year and an altered 6<sup>th</sup> grade experience. We wish them the very best as they move on to the next chapter of their lives in middle school. We will miss them.

We gave a special congratulations to our President's Education Award winners for earning an "A" average in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades: Jacob Alden, Josephine Datta, Audrey Gebhart, Hudson Green, Brooke Hernandez, Griffin Hicks, Andrew Krempski, Makenzie Lovo, Ian Nagy, Noah Paquette, Alexia Ross, Cash Sua, and Diane Vannest. They will receive a certificate signed by President Biden and a pin. It is a big achievement and takes a lot of hard work.

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## SUMMER

### May

**26:** MMES Office Closes for Summer

### June

**1-24:** MMES Summer School

**3:** PV Schools Governing Board meeting, 5:00 p.m., 15002 N. 32<sup>nd</sup> St.

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### July

**6-22:** MMES Summer classes

**19:** MMES Office reopens for summer, 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday

**28-29:** Kindergarten screenings

### August

**5:** PV Schools Governing Board meeting, 5:00 p.m., 15002 N. 32<sup>nd</sup> St.

**10:** First day of school

## Welcome Kindergarteners!

We are excited to meet our incoming Kindergarten class! Ms. Moore will contact you to schedule a screening in July. If you have any questions, please email [kelmoore@pvschools.net](mailto:kelmoore@pvschools.net).

## Principal's Message (continued)

We will have a small amount of staff changes for next year. We are saying goodbye to Karen McVey. She is retiring. She taught 21 years at Mercury Mine. We will miss her. Yvonne Pilling will be moving to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Rodney Ramos, our EL teacher, will be teaching full time at Hidden Hills next year.

I wish all of you a relaxing and fun summer as many of us begin to travel and get back to normal. Enjoy!!

Our first day of school will be Tuesday, August 10, 2021.

Sincerely,

*Donna Alley*

Principal

### ATTENTION 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS GOING TO SHEA MIDDLE SCHOOL

We want to invite you to Shea Compass camp on August 2 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Meet other classmates, get to know some of our 8th grade leaders, walk your schedule, and get prepared for the new year! More information coming in July!

Incoming Shea Parents – see what Shea is all about and how you can be involved: <https://www.smores.com/a58yu>  
Shea will host a 50-year celebration on October 23.

*Scott Lawrence*, Principal, Shea Middle School

## School Council

The MMES School Council is an advisory group to Principal Donna Alley. The group is comprised of the principal, three teacher representatives, one education support professional, three parents, and one community member. School Council meets monthly throughout the school year. Thank you to Heidi MacFarlane who has served as a parent representative for the past two years, and to Jody Taylor, who has served as community representative for the past two years. We are currently seeking one Kindergarten, 1st grade or 2nd grade parent to serve on School Council for the next two years. If you are interested, please contact MMES at 602-449-3700.

## GOOD TO KNOW

Hello Families,

This last minute resource rolled out on May 12, 2021!

Please feel free to check into this [Emergency Broadband Benefit Program](#) that provides:

- Discount on monthly internet service and equipment
- One time discount on laptop, iPad or desktop computer

Contact

<https://getemergencybroadband.org>  
before the money runs out! In the meantime, enjoy the outdoors before the heat sets in!

The City of Phoenix is offering FREE summer in-person and virtual classes! Pass this on to any student/parent or family that might want to know:

<https://www.phoenix.gov/parks/classes-and-programs>

*Cindy Schmidt*, LMSW

Social Emotional Learning Social Worker

Mercury Mine Elementary  
602-449-3709



## LOOK UNDER YOUR BED AND IN THE TRUNK!

Remember to return library books, textbooks, reading books, laptops with their chargers, iPads, and hotspots – any technology or materials that belong to MMES or PVUSD. We must inventory all technology this summer and older technology will be replaced but only if we have it! The MMES office is open until May 26 and during summer school.

# PTG News

Thank you everyone for helping us turn lemons into lemonade this year. Between participation in virtual bingo and the talent show; staff appreciation signups; family dine out attendance and fundraising; we have been blown away with our community coming together. We look forward to seeing what is possible down the road. Please never hesitate to participate with anything for the PTG, no matter how big or small. You do not have to be on the board to get involved! We are just an email away if you have any questions.

Please keep your eyes out for emails and social media posts to stay in the loop with PTG! We hope to have a couple of family dine-outs/ice cream dine outs this summer and we can only communicate these by email and social media when school isn't in session.

Thank you for a great year!

We want to give a huge thank you to our outgoing board members:

*President* – Emily Grieff

*Vice President* – Erin McDonald

*Treasurer* – Jake White

*Fundraising Director* – Kelly Christiano and Christina Vaaler

*Events Director* – Karen Stine, Stephanie Howard and Lisa Stein

*Communications Director* – Katie Wynn

*Parent-Teacher Liaison* – Kara Zenk and Christina Selden

And we want to welcome our new and returning board members:

*President* – Erin McDonald

*Vice President* – Christina Vaaler

*Treasurer* – Jake White

*Fundraising Director and Co-chair* – Kelly Christiano and Heather Wozny

*Events Director and Co-chair* – Karen Stine and Stephanie Howard

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**Match That!** Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match any charitable contributions made by their employees. MMES PTG is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit. Our Tax ID is 86-0529372.

## STAY CONNECTED

- **SAY WHAT? NOT getting PTG emails?** Visit [mercurymineptg.ptboard.com](http://mercurymineptg.ptboard.com) to sign up or email us at [mercurymineptg@gmail.com](mailto:mercurymineptg@gmail.com) and say, "I need to be on your email list!" to be added today!
- **Feeling like you missed something and can't find it in your email?** At any time you can view our previous emails at [www.mercurymineptg.ptboard.com](http://www.mercurymineptg.ptboard.com) under "Announcements."
- **Need access to the directory?** You must create a login on PTBoard. Go to [www.ptboard.com/nlg/register](http://www.ptboard.com/nlg/register) and use code R55UTH.
- Our Facebook page is a great way to stay updated about events and check our pictures from last year! Search for Mercury Mine PTG and prepare to be entertained by our witty group of Facebook contributors. But wait! There's more! We now have Instagram! Search for us using the same name – Mercury Mine PTG.



Shutterfly.

**Did you know?** Shutterfly will donate 8% to our PTG! Shop through our Shutterfly Storefront to create photo books, keepsakes, gifts, home décor and more!

Visit

<http://mmesptg.shutterflystorefront.com/>

Happy Shopping!

**Did you see how cool the yearbooks are and wish you had ordered?**

New this year with TreeRing - you can order a yearbook with this code at anytime! The school order deadline has passed, but you can still order a yearbook with a shipping fee and it will ship directly to your home.

<https://www.treering.com/validate?PassCode=1016008740733911>



We've partnered with Tuft & Needle to raise money for our students.

When you purchase a mattress on [tn.com/givesback](https://www.tuftandneedle.com/givesback) and select our school, Tuft & Needle will donate 25% of the purchase price to our students.

[TN.COM/GIVESBACK](https://www.tuftandneedle.com/givesback)

**Back-to-School Supply Kits**

Mercury Mine PTG is offering back-to-school supply kits for purchase through <https://schoolkitz.com/> once we get the updated supply lists at the end of May. The program is free to our school, optional to parents, and there's no minimum order quantity! Details to come, but you will only hear about this if you receive PTG's emails or follow us on social media.



Needing to refresh some rooms in your home? American Furniture Warehouse donates 2% and up to 4% to PTG, depending on the purchase! Just mention Mercury Mine Elementary.

Also, Tuft & Needle donates 25% of mattress purchases back to our school! Head to <https://www.tuftandneedle.com/givesback/> and select Mercury Mine Elementary from the dropdown menu.



See you back at school on Tuesday, August 10

# Student Council News

Congratulations to the 2021-22 Student Council Officers:

## Presidents

Hannah Sheehan, Maliya Townsley, Summer Cerchero

## Vice Presidents

Khloe Zenk, Hazel Roth

## Treasurers

Mariah Mata, Addison Christiano

## Secretaries

Reagan Lensch, Alanna Elder



## From Paradise Valley Community Food Bank:

A tremendous **thank you** to everyone at your school who planned, organized, motivated, managed, and collected 903 pounds of food! Thank you to the families who made the very generous donations! Your donation made an **impact** on the availability of food at the food bank! We are so grateful for your hard work and your team coordination. It was a pleasure working with you! Such a nice job! Stay healthy and thank you, thank you, thank you!

*- PV Community Food Bank*

## Gardens and Desert Education Area

During the past year, a few of our volunteers have continued to maintain the gardens and desert education areas. Thank you to Jen Borzone, Kirby Ligons, Lois Leader, Emily Grieff, and Eli Grieff for all your hard work this past year.

A very big thank you to the Patchett family--Lisa, Scott, Gregory and David--for all their help this year and over the past several years in our gardens and desert education area. The Patchett family has planted, harvested, pruned, hauled, built and rebuilt many areas in our gardens and deserts. They are always here when the planter boxes need to be turned over and when the desert area needs maintenance. We wish them all the best as David moves on to middle school. David was a member of our Desert Dudes group and has put in a lot of hours helping out early in the morning and on weekends, too. We are grateful for all they have done for MMES.

In the fall, we'll be looking for new volunteers to manage and care for our garden beds, and perennial and herb gardens, along with the desert education area.



## CONGRATULATIONS WORD MILLIONAIRES



Congratulations Word Millionaires! This month Truman Hatch (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) Courtney Schaezner (3<sup>rd</sup> grade), and Hunter Green (6<sup>th</sup> grade) reached 1 million words read! All of our Word Millionaires will receive a special medal to commemorate their achievement this year in reading. We are so proud of all of our readers this year. Our school has read almost 90 million words this year!

Don't forget to read every day over summer. Our Summer Reading Calendar was sent home last week and is also included in this newsletter and on our website. Keep track of your minutes read and turn in your calendar to your teacher next year! We will celebrate participation the first week of school.

## *From Nurse Clark...*

### Parents of incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders:

Arizona law requires all children who are 11 years of age or older AND who are in the 6th grade to have the Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and acellular pertussis) and the Meningococcal (MV) vaccines to attend school. We are providing this information now so you have time to make an appointment with your healthcare provider or attend an immunization clinic before the start of school in August for your child to receive these immunizations.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, please contact Nurse Sue Clark [suclark@pvschools.net](mailto:suclark@pvschools.net)

# Recognizing Excellence – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Honor Roll

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Principal's List (All As)

Bailey Barron  
Eli Budzien  
Ryan Coleman  
Abigail Dahl  
Margaretha Dainat  
Diego Escobedo  
Gillian Gay  
Grant Lieske  
Claire MacFarlane  
Chelsea Owen  
Claire Sichi  
Elayna Starnicky  
Cru Sua  
Brayden Taylor  
Austin Trimaloff  
Maximilian White  
Harper Wilson

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Roll (As and Bs)

Nikolaj Araiza  
Liam Atherton  
Sawyer Birks  
Hayley Boll  
Wyatt Brown  
Sammy Cauthern  
Ian Curry  
Katriel Diaz-Fahl  
Serena Dupps  
Brett Fitzgerald  
Elizabeth Fryer  
Joshua Graham  
Evelyn Grieff  
Ragan Grossmiller  
Charles Harkison-Weaver  
Finley Harnisch  
Brie Hernandez  
Eli Hornbeak  
Jonathan Joiner  
C.J. Lasslett  
Sadie LeMaster  
Reagan Lensch  
Dayden O'Connell

Avery Ostapczuk  
Luke Schultz  
Ally Spurlin  
Mackenzie Still  
Ben Stokes  
Noah Strickland  
Zane Stump  
Carli Sweely  
Aubrey Trosclair  
Jamen Underwood  
Chevy Vega  
Davis Watkins

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Principal's List (All As)

Lorelei Abajian  
Everett Alexander  
Summer Cerchero  
Zoe Einwiller  
Alanna Elder  
Dylan Hatch  
Liam Hooker  
Tyler Jacenko  
Luke Krempski  
Beckett McRae  
Jackson Pierzchala  
Hazel Roth  
Hannah Sheehan  
Lucy Stein  
Milla Sweeney  
Alexander Vaaler  
Cooper Williams  
Khloe Zenk

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Roll (As and Bs)

Levon Baltajian  
Kalin Caviar  
Addie Christiano  
Drake Clayton  
Trinity Flinn  
Charlotte Frame  
Claire Haralson  
Emma Herring  
Donovan Hill  
Desmond Kim

Madison Legler  
Mariah Mata  
Talia McCartney  
Maggie McDonald  
Joshua Pierce  
Trinity Piwarchuck  
Jacob Ramirez  
Jude Santefort  
Jessica Scerbo  
Bekken Shashaguay  
Bode Sheehan  
Jett Sheehan  
Ava Silver  
Logan Simmons  
Cooper Ver Steeg  
Jax Vowers  
Emma Weed

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Principal's List (All As)

Josephine Datta  
Sofia Furnari  
Brooke Hernandez  
Griffin Hicks  
Andrew Krempski  
Gavin Lieske  
Ian Nagy  
Noah Paquette  
Alexia Ross

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Honor Roll (As and Bs)

Jacob Alden  
Madden Brandemuehl  
Brady Fitzgerald  
Audrey Gebhart  
Liam Gloeckner  
Jaiden Hill  
Lucy LeMaster  
Makenzie Lovo  
Eli O'Connor  
Maya Park  
Jimmy Parke  
Dexter Prante  
Aislinn Sakalauski  
Cash Sua



Henry Swenson  
Gabriella Tizzano  
Diane Vannest  
Emily Whalon