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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are just finishing up **Parent Conference Week**. Thank you for meeting with your child's teachers. It means a lot to your child and to the teachers. This year we are asking parents to partner with us like no other year in order to get our students caught up. Students nationwide lost ground last year, especially in math. Our district and state have data that shows we need to fill in gaps. I ask that you help us to motivate and assure our students that they can do this hard work, but it will take effort and extra time.

We are using Reflex Math, 1st through 6th grade, to help students become more fluent with the basic facts they need at each grade level. We are tying our Math Magicians to this program and would like as many students as possible to earn Math Magician. We already have 18 students from grades 3-6. The teachers try to give them 5-10 minutes each day, but if they could also do that amount of time each day at home, they would memorize their facts much more quickly.

Virtual Bingo Night was great fun. It was done by a company and it was virtual. There was bingo, scavenger hunts, costume contests, dance parties, and trivia contests. It was fun to see all the families that participated. I know our family had a blast. Thank you PTG.

Wonderful decorated pumpkins were brought in on Monday, October 25, and we had a big turnout of participants. The students did an amazing job. They are so fun to see. Thank you to the PTG and all the families that made this fun project possible.

We just recently practiced our October fire drill. Each year as part of our **Emergency Response Preparedness Plan**, we practice monthly evacuation drills, and at least 2/3 lockdown practices each year. Mercury Mine has an ERP team that meets quarterly to discuss and make plans, participate in table top exercises and prepare for emergencies.

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NOVEMBER

- 3:** Student Council meeting, 8:00 a.m., Room 14A
- 3-7:** Uptown Jungle fundraiser sponsored by Student Council
- 4:** PV Schools Governing Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., 15002 N. 32nd St.
- 5:** Spirit Day (wear MMES apparel or school colors)
- 8-19:** Food Drive for PV Community Food Bank sponsored by Student Council
- 9:** 6th grade registration assembly by Shea Middle School, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
- 11-12:** Veterans Day Recess
- 15:** School Council Meeting, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- 17:** United Parent Council Meeting, 9:00-10:45 a.m., virtual
- 18:** PV Schools Governing Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., 15002 N. 32nd St.
- 19:** PTG Fun Day
- 24-26:** Thanksgiving Recess
- 30:** PTG meeting, 6:00 p.m., virtual

Upcoming in December:

- 1:** Student Council meeting, 8:00 a.m., Room 14A
- 2:** PV Schools Governing Board meeting, 7:00 p.m., 15002 N. 32nd St.
- 3:** Spirit Day (wear MMES apparel or school colors)

Principal's Message (continued)

Every staff member watches numerous video trainings each year on what to do in case of emergencies. For your part, please make sure your basic information and emergency contacts are updated each and every year.

I am looking forward to spending Thanksgiving with all of my loved ones and having a few days to relax and enjoy each other's company. I have so much to be grateful for. I hope you and your loved ones also get to spend time together. We appreciate all of you and hope you have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Yours Gratefully,

Donna Alley

Principal

Open Enrollment

2022-23 Open Enrollment applications for PVSchools are currently being accepted. The Early Bird Round is NOT first-come, first served. Everyone applying between September 1 and December 1 has the same opportunity for acceptance. Students currently enrolled in a PVSchool under Open Enrollment do not need to reapply if they are remaining in the same school or continuing in the current feeder system. All early bird applications will be processed and parents/guardians notified via email prior to winter break. More information and Open Enrollment applications are available at pvschools.net/open.



The Yearbook Committee would like to congratulate Jaxon Sguardo from Mr. Beatty's class on winning

our first ever yearbook cover contest. Special thanks to our guest judge, local mural artist Taylor Victoria. Don't forget to buy your yearbook so you can see ALL the yearbook cover contest entries! SAVE 5% by purchasing by October 31.

To Purchase and customize your yearbook

1. Visit www.treering.com/validate
2. Enter your school's passcode:
1016008740733911

Art Donations Needed

Mrs. Kirsch is looking for donations of **plastic table covers** (the cheap dollar store ones are fine) for upcoming painting projects in Art class!



THANKS TO THE PARADISE VALLEY ROTARY CLUB'S DICTIONARY PROJECT

The 3rd grade classes would like to thank the Paradise Valley Rotary Club for their community service project: The Dictionary Project. For 17 years they have been donating dictionaries to 3rd graders in the Paradise Valley School District. Our 3rd grade classes appreciate the donation of the dictionaries.

Capture Your Memories in This Year's
Mercury Mine Elementary School PTG
Yearbook

5% OFF
purchase by
October 31



Purchase by October 31st to get 5% OFF

Customize Your 2 Free Pages

- Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.
- Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.
- The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$0.99.

To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

- 1 Go to www.treering.com/validate
 - 2 Enter your school's passcode:
1016008740733911
- Regular Price: \$22.25
*Does not include sales tax if applicable.

TreeRing

PTG News

NOVEMBER MEANS FUN DAY FUNDRAISING!

“Fun Day” (formerly known as the Fun Run) will be held **Thursday, November 18 and Friday, November 19** during school hours. This is our single largest fundraising event and the kids LOVE IT! There will be obstacle courses and different stations set up throughout the course for maximum fun! Sixth graders can once again work towards raising money to earn a wild and fun color run.

NEW THIS YEAR!



SLIME A TEACHER! The class who raises the most money will get to choose which teacher they would like to pour a bucket of slime on from a list of willing teachers! We will video the sliming and share with the whole school!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST – The class who has the most registered users on the Pledgestar fundraising platform will receive a free pancake breakfast donated by OverEasy!

Look for pledge details to come home starting November 5. WE will be utilizing the online collection platform Pledgestar again this year for easy and secure fundraising.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS



KENDRA
SCOTT

December 1-2 – Kendra Scott Gives Back Shopping Event. This will be a virtual event on www.kendrascott.com and LIVE in-store event on December 2 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Scottsdale Quarter.

Please keep your eye out for emails and social media posts to stay in the loop with PTG! We encourage all parents and guardians at MMES to get involved as much or as little as they are able.

Sincerely, your 2021-22 PTG Executive Board:

President:	Erin McDonald
Vice President:	Christina Vaaler
Treasurer:	Jake White
Fundraising:	Kelly Christiano and Heather Wozny
Events:	Karen Stine and Stephanie Howard
Communications:	Kayla Essert
Parent-Teacher Liaison:	Christina Selden
Board Member:	Lisa Stein

STAY CONNECTED

- **NOT getting PTG emails? NOT getting PTG emails?** You **must** allow us to email you by registering with our PTG platform. This is the **ONLY** way we can get your information. Parents or school members, go to www.mercurymineptg.ptboard.com:
 - Log in
 - On “Join School” pop-up screen, enter school code **J6TM6N**If you’d like to fill out the profile information for your child and teacher for the directory. This is super helpful for playdates and connecting with other parents.



Are You Signed Up?

- 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.



GOOD TO KNOW



Hello Families!

As we round the first quarter and tuck away our Halloween costumes we quickly move into the season of giving and appreciation. I want to share a few ideas to supplement our November / December SEL themes of Gratitude and Generosity.

Generosity and gratitude are tied to better physical health, happiness, social support, less depression, improved sleep and greater empathy! Almost magic! It can be instilled as young as toddlers - adulthood. Here's a few ideas:

Generosity is not simply giving, but giving more than what's expected in a particular situation. By noticing and thanking others (even your own kiddos) for going beyond what's expected, they feel good and you do too! It's contagious!

Pay attention to your tailwinds. It can be easy to forget how others have helped us get to where we are. We don't live in a bubble and by thanking them, or acknowledging their support, it can be key to recognizing our connection to each other.

Play gratitude games: Roll a dice or pick a number 1-6, and have kids name that many things they are grateful for. Or pick a letter and find something you are thankful for.

Keep a family gratitude book, created by your family, it is filled with photos, notes, and mementos of anything you appreciate. Keep it visible and add to it frequently.

Try not to incentivize kids when they practice generosity! Acknowledge their action, but studies show that those who are rewarded are less apt to help again.

Finally, interesting note: Research shows that young kids shared more often with each other when reading books that featured human characters being generous vs animal characters!

We are grateful for your involvement in your child's education at Mercury Mine. Feel free to reach out anytime should you have any needs or questions.

Cindy Schmidt, LMSW

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Student Council News

November 3 – Student Council Meeting 8:00 a.m. with Mrs. Pilling and Ms. Jeras

November 5 – Spirit Day – wear your MMES apparel or blue and gold

November 8-19 – Food Drive for PV Community Food Bank

Most Needed Food Drive Items:

Below are the items most in demand by needy individuals and families:

- Boxed **cereal**
- Canned **fruit, vegetables and beans**
- Boxed or bagged **rice and pasta**
- Canned **pasta sauce**
- Canned **soup and chili**
- Canned **tuna, chicken or other meat**
- Plastic containers of **peanut butter and jelly/jam**
- **Diapers** for children and adults, any size

Reminder: Boxed, canned or plastic containers are good. Items in glass containers cannot be accepted (they break too easily). Bottled water, badly dented cans and outdated food products cannot be distributed.



Recognizing Excellence – 1st Quarter Honor Roll

4th Grade Principal's List

(All As)

Odella Baker
Vincent Gallagher
Liam Gaumnitz
Sam Gay
Brianna Gray
Truman Hatch
Landon Kim
Madilynn Norwood
Camden Ross
Courtney Schaenzer
Lily Stein
Sienna Stine
Phoebe Swenson
Reese Williams

4th Grade Honor Roll

(As and Bs)

Lily Agersea
Kellen Blanton
Hunter Brown
Zander Camacho
Miles Carstens
Nalia Ensign
David Escobedo Flores
Morgan French
Ace Furnari
Evelyn Hahn
Claire Harkison-Weaver
Cami Hornbeak
Ella Johnson
Kylee Magrogan
Lauren McClintock
C.J. Melendez
Nico Moran
Lane Mosca
Ian Mostoller
Grace Nollette
Doc Pavoni
Lewis Peterson
Eric Pinedo
Jordyn Preudhomme
Cora Ramos
Xavier Roth
Jordan Rubens
Vincent Ruggiero

Micah Scholfield
Henry Vergin
Aiden Weed
Amelia Wise

5th Grade Principal's List

(All As)

Bailey Barron
Ryan Coleman
Margaretha Dainat
Diego Escobedo Flores
Luke Schultz
Claire Sichi
Elayna Starnicky
Brayden Taylor
Austin Trimaloff

5th Grade Honor Roll

(As and Bs)

Liam Atherton
Hayley Boll
Rey Brooks
Zia Brooks
Eli Budzien
Samuel Cauthern
Brett Fitzgerald
Elizabeth Fryer
Micah Harkison-Weaver
Finley Harnisch
Brie Hernandez
Kamryn Hicks
Sadie LeMaster
Addisynn Levi
Grant Lieske
Claire MacFarlane
Dayden O'Connell
Avery Ostapczuk
Max Prante
Ally Spurlin
Mackenzie Still
Ben Stokes
Noah Strickland
Cru Sua
Aubrey Trosclair
Chevy Vega
Maximilian White
Harper Wilson

6th Grade Principal's List

(All As)

Levon Baltajian
Lorenzo Bonanni
Summer Cerchero
Zoe Einwiller
Dylan Hatch
Liam Hooker
Tyler Jacenko
Luke Krempski
Mariah Mata
Beckett McRae
Jessica Scerbo
Bode Sheehan
Hannah Sheehan
Logan Simmons
Milla Sweeney
Cooper Williams
Khloe Zenk



6th Grade Honor Roll

(As and Bs)

Lorelei Abajian
Everett Alexander
Joshua Branch
Krisia Burgos Zuniga
Thomas Carrick
Kalin Caviar
Drake Clayton
Jaxon Dyekman
Alanna Elder
Makayla Happ
Claire Haralson
Emma Herring
Talia McCartney
Kalleigh Morris
Reid Petry
Ailyn Ramos
Hazel Roth
Jett Sheehan
Ava Silver
Lucy Stein
Alexander Vaaler
Jax Vowers