

Mountain Sky Junior High School

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Every Student Deserves a Team!!

This is the time of year where we need to reflect on the things we are thankful for and when possible give back to our communities. Unfortunately, tragedies happen and unexpected life events. That is when the community needs to come together and lift each other up. We are making many positive changes at Mountain Sky. I am thankful for the support from the community, staff, parents and students. I know there is still work to be done to make Mountain Sky the place to be, but I know together we can make it happen!! Happy holidays and enjoy the time with family and friends.

Kindness and inclusive:

I recognize that not all students will be friends. However, we can guide and help our students to be kind and inclusive. This is a time where students view their peers as the most important. If we can help them keep in the back of their head they never know what another student is going through and spin a mean situation into a reflection on how they would feel if that situation happened to them. Empathy is something we have to model and think out loud for students at this age to grasp. Mountain Sky should be a safe and inclusive environment.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. Thank you for the support!

Always,
Christina Lee
Principal



WESD TEACHER INTERVIEW FAIR
Saturday, January 11, 2025
8:30 – 11:00 a.m.

District Administrative Center
4650 W. Sweetwater
Glendale, AZ 85304

Call 602-347-2622
to Pre-Schedule an interview.
Walk-ins welcome!

TEACHER SALARIES: \$53,000 – \$84,950 with performance pay



\$140/day substitute pay
\$185/day long-term substitute pay

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JANUARY

Dates to Remember!

- Jan. 7—Site Council 5:30 p.m.
PTO Meeting 7 p.m.
- Jan. 9—WESD Governing Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- Jan. 10—Q2 SOAR Event
- Jan. 13—WESD Governing Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- Jan. 20—MLK Day—No School
- Jan. 21—Girls Basketball RP@MS 4:45 p.m.
- Jan. 23—Girls Basketball MS@PV 4:45 p.m.
- Look ahead to February—Save the Date!
- Spring Conferences—Tues. Feb. 4
- Early Release Feb. 4—7
- President's Day Feb. 17—No School

Key Findings:

- Academic Preparation: 89% of parents felt their child was prepared for the next grade level
- Student Support: 87% of families reported their child knows they can seek academic help from adults. 80% of parents stated their child is excited about school. Perceptions of school leadership responsiveness improved to last year.
- Parent Engagement: Across categories like communication of grades, events, and accessibility of teachers, responses were slightly more favorable to the previous year.
- Safety, Behavior, and Climate: 87% of parents agreed their child feels comfortable on campus. Reports of bullying declines. School cleanliness, safety and maintenance received approval ratings.
- School Operations: Satisfaction with meal quality increase, with 73% of parents stating their child has enough to eat.
- District Climate: 75% of parents found district communication valuable. District letter grades improved.
- Parent Recommendation: Among 625 qualitative responses, most were neutral. Suggestions emphasized enhancing communication consistency and clarity between schools and families.



Summary of Progress:

Overall, the survey revealed improvement in most areas compared to the previous school year, which included academic, operational, and communication standards. But there were areas for growth including addressing bullying and fostering greater parental engagement.

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For your windshield insurance claim when you
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December
Students of the Month!
7A: Sydney M. and Gilbert D.
7B: Jayon G. and Brooklyn P.
8A: Ryan M. and Zyanne B.
8B: Ashlynn P. and Falen F.

TAX CREDIT DONATION

Support Our Students with a Tax Credit Donation

The season of giving is here, and if you're looking for a way to support our students, please consider making a tax credit do-nation to our school! A tax credit not only allows you to directly impact our students' education, but also reduces your state tax liability (up to \$200 filing single or \$400 filing jointly). Your donation also provides our students with opportunities to participate in field trips, and succeed in extracurricular activities by funding items such as uniform replacements, equipment, and stipends for coaches and sponsors. Donating is simple! You can either visit our school office to complete a tax credit form or scan the QR code to complete online.

Thank you for your support!



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

TIME: ARRIVE WHEN CONVENIENT FOR YOU - NO SCHEDULED APPT NECESSARY.

DATE:
4 FEBRUARY 2025 @3:30-7PM
5 FEBRUARY 2025 @3:30-5:30PM

We invite you to the parent-teacher meeting, where we will share insights about your child's growth and explore ways to foster their development

JOIN US NOW



MSJH team finish in the Top 10 of the Fall Stock Market Game! The Queen Bees earned second place by turning \$100,00 (virtual) into \$144,610 in just 12 weeks through their investment decisions and strategies.

The Consumer Econ/Personal Finance classes participated in the Fall Stock Market Game and competed with other middle school teams across the state. We had six teams finishing in the top 10!



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SOAR Matrix

	Classroom	Hallways	Office/ Health Office	Bathroom	Cafeteria	Field
Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Control your body, voice, and objects Use technology items as intended for the class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking with a purpose Control your body, voice, and objects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain school security Control your body, voice, and objects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wait your turn Control your body, voice, and objects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay in seat until dismissed Control your body, voice, and objects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay in designated areas Be aware of activities around you Control your body, voice, and objects
Organized	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have materials out and prepared for class Student planner is filled out 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan and follow your route Keep walkways clear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel to and from your destination right away Be prepared: Wear ID and have pass visible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete sign-out procedures Clean up after yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collect trash and throw it away Follows lines and times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep belongings where you can see them Put equipment away
Accountable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correctly use materials and classroom property Be an active student 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Go to your destination right away Be prepared: Wear ID and have pass visible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be aware of people around you Be honest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flush, wash, dry, goodbye Quickly return to your previous location 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wear ID's Clean up after yourself and your area 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Own your mistakes Clean up after yourself
Respectful	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use appropriate and kind language Listen to others without interrupting and disrupting Accept different opinions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use appropriate and kind language Honor the space and wishes of others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to others without interrupting or disrupting Only share information that is yours Enter quietly and patiently wait your turn 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep your hands, eyes, and phones to yourself Honor the space Use appropriate and kind language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Listen to directions Take care of your cafeteria space Use appropriate and kind language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Play fair Follow directions Use appropriate and kind language



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