

Mountain Sky Junior High School

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Principal's Message— Every Student Deserves a Team!

With testing wrapped up, teachers are jumping back into their lessons that will be a combination of review, new skills and even a preview of skills that students will see next year. This time of year is very busy for both families, students and staff. Graduations, promotions and other end-of-the-year celebrations are taking place. Please remind your students that attendance is still a priority and that their best efforts are needed inside and outside the classroom.

I pulled our data on fights and physical altercations and compared to where we are at this year compared to last year. We have reduced the number of fights/physical altercations by 53%. This is huge and I know we are making strides in the right direction to create a safe and fun environment for our middle schoolers. We all need to look out for each other and do our part by reporting our concerns directly to the school and police if necessary.

Please discuss with your child the importance of being kind and not pointing out differences that students have. A reminder that bullying is also a repeated occurrence by the same individual or group over time. It is not a single event or isolated event. It is important to report the isolated events in the case it continues. We then have the documentation to follow the bullying protocol which goes beyond just an isolated event. Encourage your child that when they see someone who looks or dresses differently that sometimes ignoring it and not asking questions about why they look a certain way is the kinder approach. Even as adults we do not always realize that our curiosity and questions may come across as rude or hurtful.

Always,

Christina Lee, Principal

Coming Soon: New School-to-Home Communication Tool, ParentSquare

We are excited to announce that the WESD will be using a new platform for school-to-home communication called ParentSquare. This unified communications platform is designed to keep parents and guardians informed and encourage greater engagement and connection with WESD and your child's/children's school(s). It provides a safe way for District administrators, school principals, teachers, staff and parents to:

- Send and receive school and class information
- Share pictures and files
- See calendar items
- Sign up to volunteer
- Schedule parent/guardian/teacher conferences
- and much more . . . all in one centralized place!

Be sure to watch for more information about how to activate your account, download the app and resources for using ParentSquare!



Dates to Remember!

- May 1—Footloose Musical Performance 7 p.m.
- May 2—Footloose Musical Performance 7 p.m.
- May 3—Footloose Musical Performance 7 p.m.
- May 4—Footloose Musical Performance Noon & 7p.m.
- May 5-9 Spirit Week and Campus Appreciation Week
- May 6—Site Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- May 6—PTO Meeting 7 p.m.
- May 7—MSHS Special Election Meeting 8 a.m.
- May 8—WESD Governing Board Meeting 6:15 p.m.
- May 13—STUCO Meeting and End of Year fun 8 a.m.
- May 13—MSHS End of Year fun 4 p.m.
- May 13—End of Year Band Concert 6 p.m.
- May 16—Promotion
- May 20—Last Day of School *Early Release 2:30 p.m.
- May 22—WESD Governing Board Meeting 6:15 p.m.
- May 26—Memorial Day *School Closed

PROMOTION 8TH GRADE GRAD

Friday, May 16, 2025

- 9:45 a.m. ceremony—Team B Teachers (student's HR teacher)
- 12:30 p.m. Team A Teachers (student's HR)
- Students need to be here 30 minutes prior ceremony start time.
- Each student will be issued four tickets to attend ceremony—handed out May 15 to students.
- Ceremony rehearsal and end-of-year celebration on Thursday, May 15.
- Eagle Clothing Closet assistance available for family members attending ceremony—sign up [here!](#)
- Parking available in front lot, bus bay and behind the school—please do not park in neighborhoods.
- No gifts/balloons allowed in gym for ceremony.
- Ceremonies will be live streamed, link will be available on school website.

Have a great



Last day of school is
Tuesday, May 20—
*Early Release 2:30 p.m.!

VaCation!

Office Hours: 7:30-3:30 p.m. May 27—June 3.
Office closed for summer break June 4—July 16
Registration Center open year round—
3200 W. Cholla St. Phoenix, AZ 85029

EASY 1 STEP PROCESS TO REGISTER

Contact your local GUHSD high school
Counseling Department with any question
bit.ly/GUHSD2025summeracademy

MANDATORY PARENT MEETING

May 27 at MVHS



SUMMER ACADEMY
MONDAY - THURSDAY

**MOUNTAIN SKY
SUMMER VOLLEYBALL
SUMMER CAMPS 2025**



WHERE: Mt. Sky Jr. High Gym

QUESTIONS: Contact Coach Oddo at Brittany.Oddo@wesdschools.org

SPACE IS LIMITED—REGISTER TODAY!



Two session times with morning and/ or afternoon times to choose from. \$130 fee

Jumpstart 2025 for all incoming seventh grade students—Sign up today! FREE & Transportation provided.

Now Enrolling for the 2025-2026 School Year

Your child's/children's path to success begins here! Whether it is free, full-day kindergarten, premiere special education and gifted services, art, music, PE, STEM or online learning, the WESD has a program to meet the individual needs of your child/children! With multiple A+ Schools of Excellence, a National Blue Ribbon and a National Title I Distinguished School, the WESD is also a Top 20 school district in the country in student growth. Additionally, 78% of WESD schools are an "A" or "B"!

We are currently enrolling kindergarten through eighth grade students for the 2025-2026 school year! To start the enrollment process, please stop by the WESD Welcome and Registration Center, located at 3200 W. Cholla St., or enroll [online](#).



April Students of the Month!
7A: Sean S. and Brooke J.
7B: Glen H. and Nicole S.
8A: Berrette S. and Leyla G.
8B: Alexa T. and Alexis G.

Congratulations to our ACEE State Championships



Second place - Personal Finance Quiz Bowl: Maroon Finance
•(Paisley K., Claire A., Kamakshi D., Braedyn H.)

Second Place - Economics Quiz Bow: Mountain Sky Maroon
•(Tristan S., Ryland M., Molly C., Kate B.)

And, check out ABC15 interview with Tiveya A. – scan QR code above!



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 	<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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