

June 20, 2017

Principal Update

More information for you!

- **The AZMerit** – 4th – 8th Parent Reports have been delivered to the school and will be available for pick-up next week.
- **Junior Elementary** will also welcome back Ms. Maieta as the wonderful and creative Outdoor Environment Teacher.
- **Ms. Corbin** is excited to take on additional responsibilities with the school. She is now the Vice Principal, In Actu. Her first priority is TEACHING in Senior Elementary - the students and classroom. She will work year round and extended hours to learn and practice the duties of the VP position. She will continue to teach, so NO worries that she is leaving the classroom. She has completed her Master's in Educational Leadership and well-prepared to use her additional skills and help me out!
- **Ms. Ashley** is also expanding her responsibilities and following her passion. In addition to being an assistant in Junior Elementary and Co-coordinating SMART Camp, she will be the Assistant to our Special Education Director. She is excited to use her skills with all special education students!
- The **Advisory Council and public participants** met on Saturday, June 17th to begin the Strategic Plan process. They completed a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats) Analysis and brainstormed on the major categories of the strategic plan (Marketing, Financial, Educational, Organizational, and Facility). The minutes of the meeting can be found on our website. <http://montessoriacademyaz.org/board/2016-2017/>. The next AC meeting will be on Wednesday, June 28th at 5:30pm in Room 6.
- We have a **new level of security** for checking students in and out of our tuition-based programs. Parents of Toddler, Early Education, and/or Before or After School students must stop by the office to scan their fingerprint into our new system. If additional people are authorized to pick up your child(ren), please have them stop by before the beginning the school year. Thanks.
- **The Uniform Store is OPEN until July 14 for Fall orders and free delivery.** If you order during this time there is no shipping cost and your items will be delivered to the school and available for pick-up on Parent Orientation, August 8th. **Note: Our new Mountain Lion spirit wear t-shirts are available in the uniform store. Students can wear them on the first three days of school and every Friday.** <http://www.montessoriacademyaz.epluno.com/>
- **As a reminder:**
 - **Summer Homework** for K-8 has been posted on the website. It is required to be completed by the first day of school, August 9th or if in Middle School, by the goal setting meeting before school starts. Our Middle School students, as part of their homework, are required to raise money toward their first Land Lab (\$180). If you have any job opportunities for them, please let us know and we will pass along the information. The

- teachers will be checking Moby Max online. They may also be calling the students, so be prepared! <http://montessoriacademyaz.org/classroom.html>
- **Middle School Students** will be leaving on their **first Land Lab to Prescott on August 9th – THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**. It is extremely important that they all attend. They participate in many community building activities, set their goals and commitments as a class, and start their Middle School Journey. Permission slips (3) and a packing list can be found on the website. Please either email me the completed forms or drop them off in the office by July 31st. <http://montessoriacademyaz.org/classroom.html> (lower right margin, Middle School section)
 - **The supply lists** for Program Levels are also on our website. <http://montessoriacademyaz.org/classroom.html> (right margin)
- **Senior Elementary** is planning their Camping Trip. They will be leaving Wednesday, September 6th and return on the 8th. The permission slips are on the website: <http://montessoriacademyaz.org/classroom.html> (lower right margin, Middle School section) and will also be available at Parent Orientation. If you are interested in being a chaperone, contact Andrea.Corbin@montessoriacademyaz.org to add your name to the potential chaperone list.
 - Mark your calendar for the **MANDATORY Parent Orientation**, Tuesday, August 8th from 3:00-5:00. It is for BOTH returning and new parents. There will be an hour meeting at the Town Hall and an hour meeting in the classrooms. You will also be able to register for after school programs; such as Chess Club, Swimming, Archery, Dance, Gymnastics, Art, and more. Detailed information can be [found on the website HERE](#).
 - **Sign up to be a Room Parent** now. Classroom lists will be available at the office on June 30th. Let me know if you are interested in continuing to be the Room Parent, or are interested in becoming a Room Parent. Co-Room Parents have been popular. The Room Parents work closely with the Lead Teacher, the Principal, and our Community Liaison. We are having a Room Parent Breakfast Saturday, July 8th from 9:00am – 10:30 at Juli Newman’s home. Evites have been sent to all interested Room Parents. If you didn’t get one, come anyway!
 - **If you signed up to volunteer for the Hometown Fair Committee**, you were sent an evite to our first meeting, July 8th at 9:00 (same as the Room Parent Meeting). If you didn’t get an evite and would like to volunteer, please call the office for details and join us!
 - **More Information:** Look for more information about the upcoming year and teacher welcome letters around the middle of July. Until then, please review our online presence as follows:
 - Website <http://www.montessoriacademyaz.org>
 - Official School Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/MontessoriAcademyAZ/>
 - Parent’s Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/260872724349336/>

Thank you,
Juli Newman, Principal ([Email Juli](#))