



KEY DATES:

FEBRUARY 26TH
Literary Figures Day

FEBRUARY 28TH
PSO's Special Person Dance
for Kinder-4th Grade

MARCH 3-7TH
Scholastic Book Fair Week

MARCH 5TH
Kinder Athletic Field Day

MARCH 7TH
Coffee with the Counselors
Spirit Wear with \$1.00

MARCH 10-14TH
Spring Break

MARCH 21ST
Early Release Day &
Annual Spring Fiesta

A message from Headmaster Cruz...

I hope you had a great three day weekend. We only have three weeks left of this third quarter. While there is just a short while left of this school year, there is much opportunity still for student growth and parent engagement.

Please use the resources provided to stay on top of your child's needs and in communication with teachers to help close any gaps. K-6 teachers have and will continue to send out deficiency notices if a student is dropping below a C or in some cases if they are getting close. Our portal has grades refreshed and posted every Monday. Please review these thoroughly and reach out to teachers for any additional detail. Connect with your students on those grades as well and encourage, celebrate, or push for improvement where needed. The resources provided at Family Partnership Night should also be used to guide and prepare for what is ahead. In March, we will begin sharing testing resources.

As we consider how to ensure you have the information and resources you need, we often look to survey data and feedback you have provided. You should have received the invitation to participate in our annual parent satisfaction survey this week. Thank you to those of you who have already done so. We are aiming for greater participation this year than last year so please spend a few minutes completing this. We review it thoroughly and this is a great opportunity to reflect and make your voice heard or to celebrate any impact you are grateful for.

We look forward to seeing you at the many upcoming events to close out the school year!



LITERARY FIGURES DAY

Next week is Literary Figures Day! This special day will be celebrated next **Wednesday, February 26th**.

Students have the option to come to school dressed as their favorite classical literary character, scientist, or historical figure.

Costumes need not come directly from the grade level curriculum, though they must be classically aligned. Additionally, costumes should allow students to engage in regular school day activities such as recess, and lunch, and shouldn't impede their instruction. Violent images or weapons or drug/alcohol paraphernalia of any kind will not be permitted. Full face coverings/masks are also not allowed. Additionally, students may bring their favorite blanket and a book they love from home to sit on and read. It is sure to be a full, fun day celebrating the beautiful enjoyment reading brings!

Costume slips were due on Tuesday, February 18th.

POWERSCHOOL PUBLIC PORTAL FOR EVALUATIONS

It's mid quarter! If your child is deficient, you should expect an email or phone call from the teacher soon. Thereafter you will receive notification if they become deficient as we inch closer to close of this grading period.



The portal to review progress can be accessed at: <https://greatheartsaz.powerschool.com/public/home.html>.

THEMATIC GOAL UPDATE: TURNING PAGES TOGETHER

Make sure your child is reading at least 20 minutes per day and be sure to ask about any class or grade level reading competitions. We look forward to celebrating Literary Figures Day next week and hope this will also spark more interest in and love for reading as books come to life across campus!

LOCKDOWN DRILL

On **Friday, February 28th**, we will have a lockdown drill. Due to the sensitivity of these drills, we continue to inform parents so you can partner alongside us in preparing your children ahead of time.

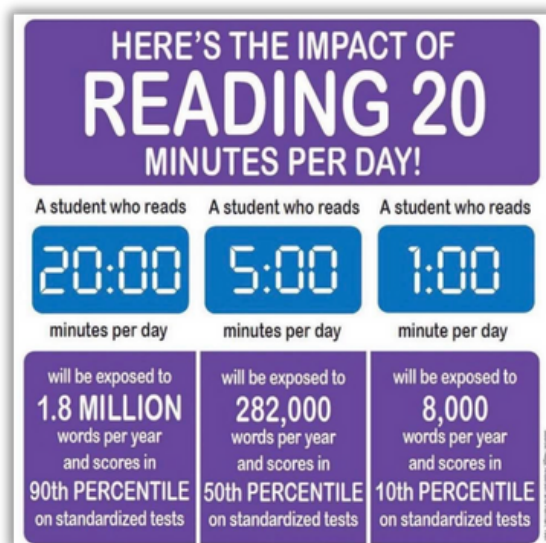
KINDERGARTEN ATHLETIC FIELD DAY

Save the date for our Kinder Athletic Field Day on **Wednesday, March 5th**. More details forthcoming in the next newsletter.

PARENT SURVEY

If you have not yet opened the email from Brandon Crowe, entitle Maryvale Prep Family Survey, please do so and take a few minutes to complete this so that we have valuable feedback. We only have a 14% response rate between all K-12 families. One of our GH campuses already has 29%. Let's show Great Hearts our Maryvale Prep Matador Pride and be the school with the most responses. While having the accolade of the most responses would be awesome, what we really want is solid feedback so that we can celebrate and improve! Each year, we find ways to be better and much of that is due to your feedback. Additionally, we share all of the celebrations you note with our teachers and that really brings them joy!

You can access the survey by clicking [here](#) or via the QR Code :



COMING-UP FIELD TRIPS

DATE	GRADE	DESTINATION
Feb 28th	1st	Arizona Science Center
Mar 7th	3rd	Musical Instruments Museum
Mar 7th	2nd	Pioneer Living History Museum
Apr 4th	Kinder	Tolmachoff Farms

Field trips have a fee to help cover transportation and venue fees. Payment and electronic permission slip must be completed by parent/guardian in **Configio**. Payment can be processed two weeks ahead, the notify me feature can send you a reminder. Please make sure you select the correct participant for the field trip and their grade.

If selected as a field trip chaperone, you need to have clearance through Raptor before the field trip. Raptor clearance must be renewed annually, if you were cleared last year, you must complete the clearance process again for the 2024-25 school year. The cost is \$6 and it only takes a few minutes. [Click here to start the process](#)

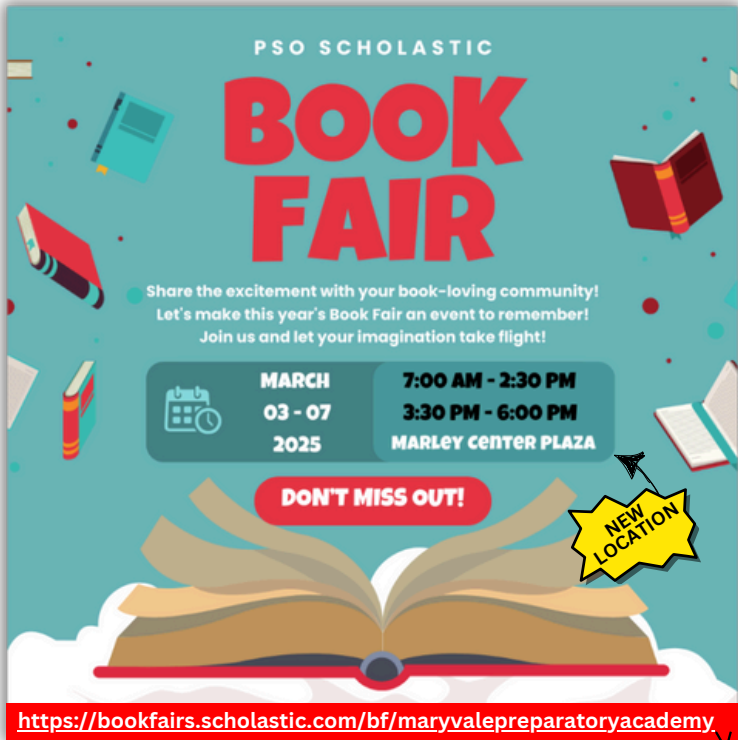


SPECIAL PERSON DANCE

Special Person Dance for students from Kinder to 4th grade with one adult.

Tickets can be purchased now on Configio. Tickets are \$10 and it includes admission for one student and one adult. Online ticket sale has been extended to February 26th.

Concessions will be open, card and cash accepted.



STUDENT SPIRIT WEAR

Our next Spirit Wear Day is **Friday, March 7th**. Students and faculty who would like to participate pay \$1.00 to PSO to raise funds for school.

Students can wear Matador spirit top/sweatshirt/hoodie, non ripped or frayed jeans, any closed toe athletic shoes.



COFFEE WITH THE COUNSELORS

Join our School Counselors and other parents another informative Workshop on **Parenting Skills** presented by Friendly House

Friday, March 7th
at 8:00 AM

in the Prep MPR

(Please park by the Prep Building and check in at the Prep Office)



SPORTS

The Mini Matadors Spring Season has started; participants meet after school on early release Wednesdays until 1:45pm. For more details and to register, visit Configio.

Additional information on sports can be found on our Spring Newsletter and website.

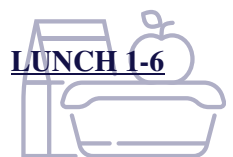
FEBRUARY MEAL MENUS

BREAKFAST

LUNCH K

LUNCH 1-6

Online Menus



SPRING FIESTA

On **Friday, March 21st**, PSO will host our annual Spring Fiesta. Keep an eye out for ways that you can support this event or reach out to our PSO at ps0@maryvaleprep.org. We are looking for sponsors, vendors, and volunteers to make this event successful.

Annual Spring Fiesta at Maryvale Prep

Celebrate the Maryvale Prep community
at our Annual Spring Fiesta!

Friday, March 21, 2025

5:00pm-8pm

Enjoy games, bounce houses, prizes,
food trucks, and more!

Located at Maryvale Preparatory Academy
4825 W. Camelback Road, Phoenix, AZ 85031

**RSVP
HERE**



FOR VENDOR AND FOODTRUCK OPPORTUNITIES

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TRAFFIC SAFETY UPDATE

The **westbound lane on Camelback Road is scheduled to be limited with cones to one lane.**

We ask all families to exit campus to the east (RIGHT TURNS ONLY) and this street project will make left turns even more dangerous and will slow your exit. Please exit going east towards 47th Avenue and use Indian School as an alternative.

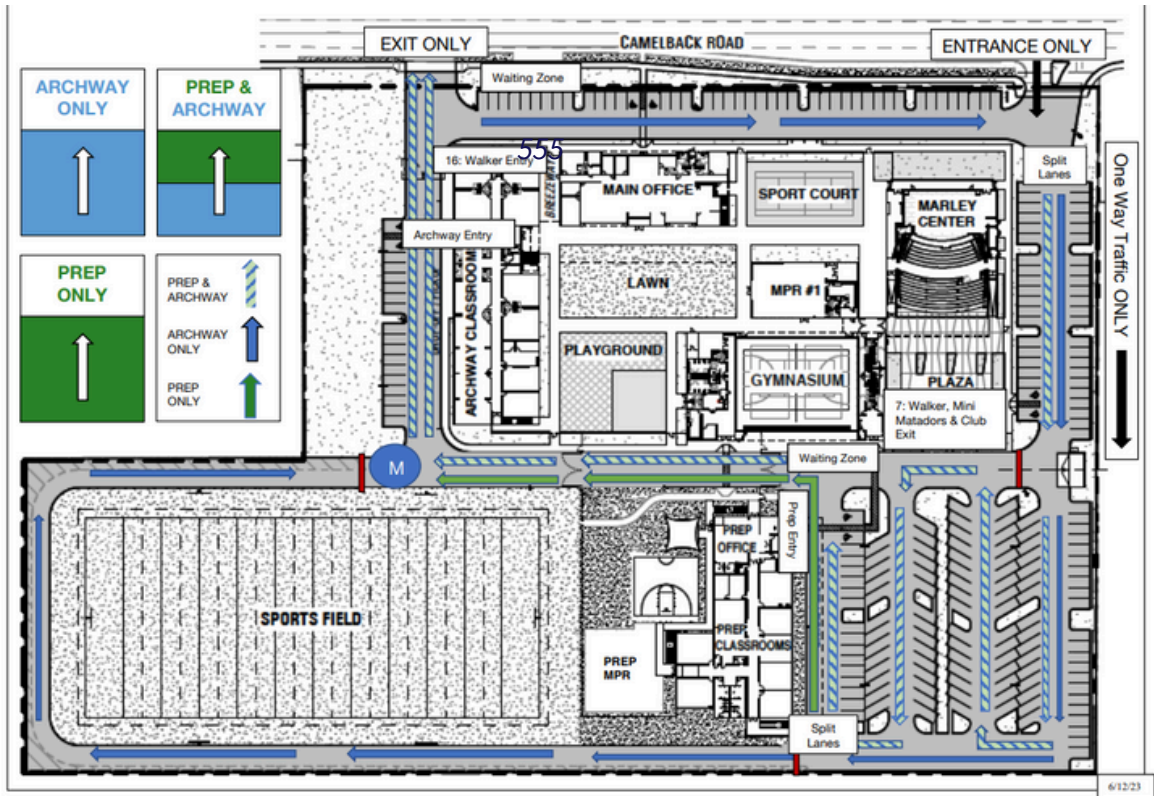


STUDENT DROPOFF

Students should not be dropped off on the side of Camelback Road near or by the campus. This is extremely unsafe and does not follow our student drop off guidelines. The drop-off guideline is to use carline to safely drop off students or park near the school property and walk to school using the sidewalk. Please refer to our family handbook listed in our website for additional information on our guidelines.

CARLINE PICKUP

- The earliest you can enter into carline is 2:30pm on Full Days and at 12:15pm on Early Release Days. This will allow our students & faculty to have a cleared parking lot in the event EMS needs access.
- Have your placard ready for scanning; roll down your window when approaching a staff member that can scan your placard, they will not scan if window is up as this causes delays with window barrier.
- Please keep the East Entrance merge point cleared at all times. Wait to enter until all traffic is cleared.
- Archway only: follow blue signs and circle around the Sport Field.
- Archway & Prep: follow blue/green signs and snake through faculty parking lot.
- Maintain safe parking lot speed of 5 mph.
- Merge point will utilize a zipper merge (1 car per lane).
- The use of cell phones while on carline has slowed us down, and its ultimately unsafe.
- DO NOT record or take pictures of students outside your family.



HANDICAP PARKING SPACES

Do not park in a handicap parking space if you or your passenger do not hold a permit. Parking in a handicap spot without the proper authorization is in violation of [ARS 28-884](#). Even if you are in a rush or your visit to the office will take a few minutes, these spots are reserved for our students, parents and visitors with a disability. Violations should be reported

CAMPUS SAFETY

Our campus is equipped with security gates that are armed and required to be closed at all times. These gates are for both vehicles and pedestrians. Access is limited to our Front Office only and we ask that all visits are conducted through these doors and at no times should pedestrian gates be used to exit campus. To ensure carline efficiency and safety, please plan to exit campus with Right Turns only. Camelback Road is very dangerous when making left turns.

Students are allowed onto campus at 7am and all of entrance gates will be opened at this time. Student walkers should adjust their time on campus to reflect the timing of the campus gate openings.

SCHOOL POLICIES

ATTENDANCE

A student that is absent more than ten percent (18 days) of the required number of school days per year is considered to have "excessive absences" whether the absence is excused or unexcused.

This year, we are introducing CUTS LITE Service (Court Unified Truancy Suppression Limited Intervention To Educate). We will follow the following timeline:

- 5 Absences: You will receive the 1st warning letter
- CUTS Lite Conference
- 9-11 Absences: 2nd warning letter
- CUTS Hearing
- Parent Conference/School Intervention



TARDIES

Any student here beyond 7:57 a.m. is considered tardy and **must be signed in by a parent in the front office**. Please avoid any consequences for multiple tardies by arriving on time.

EARLY STUDENT PICK UP

Students who need to be picked up early for appointments must be picked up in the main office **no later than 2:45pm on full days and 12:30pm on half days, NO EXCEPTIONS**. The current Placard with student's name or a valid identification with photo is required when picking up through the office. The student must be signed out with a reason for leaving.

PLACARD FOR CARLINE PICK UP

Placards can be accessed on the Parent Portal at <https://greathearts.schoolaxis.com/> Log in, on main page PICK UP PLACARDS, Select Maryvale Prep Academy, Download and Print, if you cannot locate the placard on your Parent Portal Account, please contact the Front Office. Please note, we will not accept phone images of the placard for student pick up, parents must have the current paper copy of the placard for safety and fast process.

LATE PICK UP

Students picked up after 3:45pm (1:30pm early release), will incur late pick up fees beginning with the second occurrence of late pick-up, families will be assessed a late pick-up fee according to the following fee schedule:

- Up until 4:00pm (1:30 pm early release) = \$5.00 per student
- 4:01 – 4:30pm (1:46-2:15pm early release) = \$5.00 per student + \$1.00 per student, per minute
- After 4:30pm (2:15pm early release) = same fee structure as above + Department of Child Safety phone call

STUDENT WALKERS

If you would like to add your child to the walker list, you will need to do so at least 12 hours in advance of when you want them to begin walking. If you do not receive confirmation, they have not been added and will have to wait until then to be dismissed as walkers. Please note, once on the walker list they must walk daily until they are removed. If you want your child to be on the walker list, please email enrollment@maryvaleprep.org. The same applies if you want them removed. Parents meeting their student walkers must park off campus.

1. Walkers will be dismissed at 12:50 pm on early release days and at 3:20 pm on full days from Gates 6 and 7.
2. On full days, Prep students can wait for their Archway siblings until they are released at 3:20 pm and they can head out to Gate 4 to walk home or meet families together.
3. On Early Release Days, Archway students can wait for their Prep siblings until they are released at 1:00 pm and they can head out to Gate 4 to walk home or meet families together.
4. Students not waiting for siblings as noted, must exit campus immediately.
5. Kindergarten students without 1st through 12th grade siblings must be met by their parent/guardian or authorized pick up personnel right outside of Gate 4.

Students will walk along the sidewalk adjacent to the Marley Center and out Gate 4 to meet their parents. Please refrain from walking through Gate 4 onto campus or crowding up that area to ensure the flow of traffic continues and students do not get lost amongst waiting families.

Please note that signing your child up as a walker is a liability you are taking as they are not supervised or delivered directly to parents. We ask that as parents, you calculate the best option for your family as you consider safety and convenience. Student walkers will be allowed to take their phones out to connect with parents/guardians once they have exited Gates 6 and 7.

DISMISSAL

Due to our school day in sessions and safety precautions arrival for end of day pick up will not begin until 2:30 pm. If you arrive prior to that, please note that you will be asked to exit campus and return after 2:30 pm. Emergency and office business vehicles cannot get onto campus if the school is blocked with waiters.

SCHOOL HOURS

Regular Days:
8:00 AM - 3:15 PM
(campus opens at 7AM)

Early Release Days:
8:00 AM - 12:45 PM
(campus opens at 7AM)

Main Office Phone Number: (623) 247-6095
Attendance Line: (623) 247-6095 Option 0
(leave a detailed voicemail to report absences)

Attendance Email:
attendance@maryvaleprep.org

www.maryvaleprep.org



OFFICE HOURS

Regular School Days:
7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Early Release Days:
7:00 AM - 1:30 PM