



KEY DATES:

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
\$1.00 Spirit Wear

MARCH 10-14TH

Spring Break

MARCH 21ST

Early Release Day &
Annual Spring Fiesta

A message from Headmaster Cruz...

I hope this finds all of you doing well. I have enjoyed reading the feedback from your family survey responses thus far. I am so thankful to those of you who have taken a few minutes to share what you love most about our school and ways you wish we could serve your children better. We are reading these as they come and already celebrating what you love and brainstorming the things you would like to see done better. Where able, we will tweak for this year or plan to adjust for next school year. Of course, some of the requests are outside of our control or just not financially feasible (e.g. creating more space or buying more land). Nonetheless, we want all of the feedback because it helps us plan even further down the road.

What has really been a pleasure to read are the faculty shout outs. I have been able to share them with faculty and staff as they come and the joy your comments bring is immense. Keep those coming. Words have power and carry so much weight and there is no better way to make your child's teachers and school staff feel appreciated.

We have until March 4th to continue gathering responses so if you have not completed the survey yet, please do. We only had 14% of you responding across K-12 on Friday so we hope to see a large surge of responses this week! Parents can access the survey by clicking [here](#). Additionally, prior to the deadline, your child's teacher will choose a day where their only homework will be to have you complete this survey if you have not done so. If you have students in Archway and Prep, please complete for both schools.

While AASA statewide testing for 3rd through 6th grade does not begin until the end of March, we want to equip you with ways you can help your scholar start preparing at home. Please see all of the resources and test dates included within the newsletter. There are many helpful links and practice tools. If you have not already, make note of your child's test dates and make a plan for them to be here!

Thank you always for the ways you invest and engage. We appreciate you and we love serving your children!



LOCKDOWN DRILL

Tomorrow, **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.

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. Thereafter you will receive notification if they become deficient as we are closer to the end of this grading period.



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

KINDERGARTEN ATHLETIC FIELD DAY

Save the date for our Kinder Athletic Field Day on **Wednesday, March 5th**. Parents may come to watch and follow their child's team around from 8:15 to 10:40 am. Check in at the main office and you will be escorted to the Archway lawn.

Non-school aged siblings may attend with their parents but current Archway students of upper grades must stay in class.

Students may wear any athletic clothing and are encouraged to wear their team color (e.g. solid shirts, jerseys, shorts, leggings and athletic shoes). Check your child's classroom newsletter for team colors. Students should not bring backpacks or other items that day other than lunch if they bring from home plus a water bottle and snack.

FAMILY PARTNERSHIP ATTENDANCE UPDATES

Thanks again to those of you who attended Family Partnership Night. We had 44% of K-6 families attend. This is quite shy of attendance last year so if you have feedback, please email that to Mrs. Kennedy at ssidoti@maryvaleprep.org. We do want to honor our grade levels and classrooms with the highest attendance. Congratulations to Kindergarten grade level as they had the highest rate of attendance as a team. Congratulations to Mrs. Wright (1A) and Mr. Sylva (2D) as they tied for highest classroom attendance with 18 parents attending.

MESSAGE FROM HEALTH OFFICE

Every child should start the school day with a healthy breakfast. When students miss a healthy morning meal, they go to class hungry. At Maryvale Prep, we offer free breakfast from 7:00 am - 7:45 am for all students. If students, arrive to school outside of these times or do not like what is served, please pack a snack for your scholar to eat on the way to school.

Students who eat breakfast consistently show improvement in verbal fluency, arithmetic, tests of attention, memory, creativity, physical endurance, and general tests of academic achievement and cognitive functioning. A Tufts University study showed elementary school students who eat breakfast listen better and have better spatial memory and short-term memory than students who skip breakfast.

Source: *No Kid Hungry*

PARENT SURVEY

If you have not completed your family satisfaction survey please do so **before March 4th**. We are at 22% for K-12 family responses and have the least amount of responses in the network. We need your feedback to celebrate and improve. Thanks to all of you who have completed this!

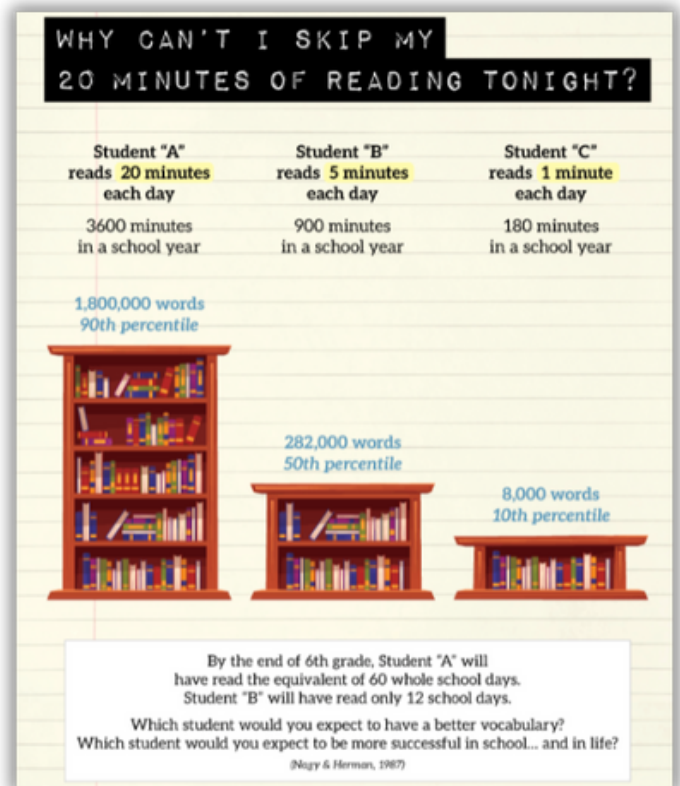
Your feedback has been wonderful. Let's show Great Hearts our Maryvale Prep Matador Pride and be the school with the most responses. While having the accolade of the most responses would be awesome, what we really want is solid feedback so that we can celebrate and improve!

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 :

THEMATIC GOAL UPDATE: TURNING PAGES TOGETHER

Below is another great graphic that highlights the important of reading daily! Make sure to discuss this with your children and provide the time and space for them to read.



WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK!



PSO'S SPECIAL PERSON DANCE



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

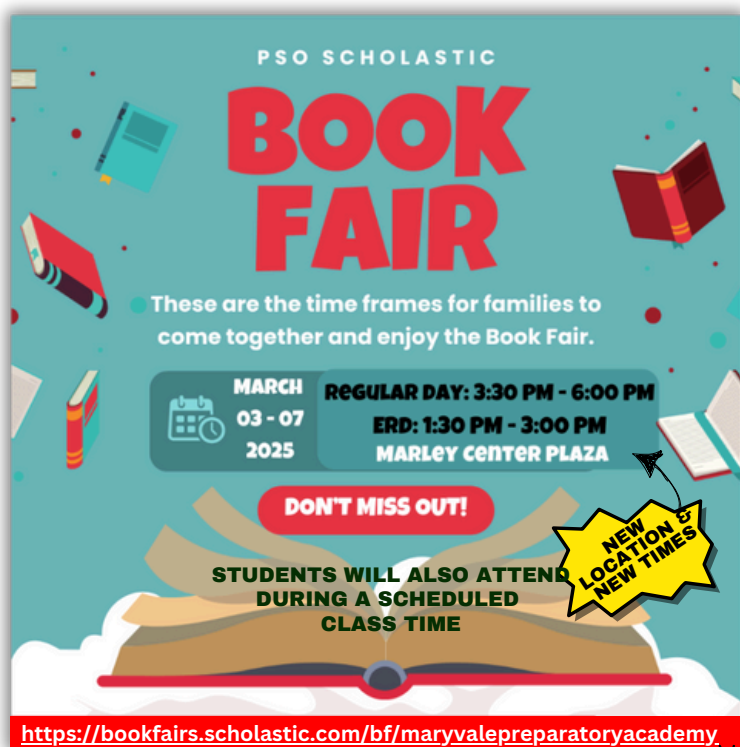
Field trips have a fee to help cover transportation and venue fees. Payment and electronic permission slip must be completed by parent/guardian in **Configio**. Payment can be processed two weeks ahead, the notify me feature can send you a reminder. Please make sure you select the correct participant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

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



RE-ENROLLMENT STARTS MONDAY, MARCH 3RD

ALL Maryvale Prep families **need** to complete the Annual Re-Enrollment for every student enrolled. If your child is not returning next school year, please complete to inform us of the intent of withdrawing at the end of the school year.

This is the time to review and update parents/guardian contact information and provide a new proof of address, review academy policies in the family handbook.

OPENS MONDAY!



NEW UNIFORM VENDOR

Lands End is a new school uniform provider and they are offering a Great Hearts Fit Event for parents to view product and take measurements for new uniforms. Click the link in the image if interested and to reserve a spot:



ATTENTION PARENTS:
Not sure what size uniform your student needs?

Sign up below
for a private Great Hearts School fit event.

March 8 - 10, 2025

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
The Marriott Hotel

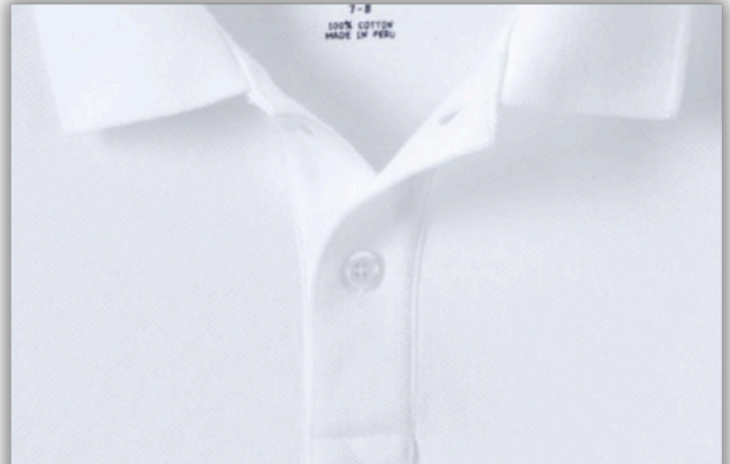
1101 N. 44th St. Phoenix AZ 85008

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B4AACAB2BAAFB6-54904324-fitevent/>

A full-size run of products will be available for try-on • Staff will be available to assist with questions and sizing

LANDS' END
SCHOOL

800-469-2222 • landsend.com/school



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Sign up below
for a private Great Hearts School fit event.

March 12 - 14, 2025

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
The Windmill Suites

12545 W Bell Rd Surprise AZ 85378

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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 21st, 2025
5:00pm-8:00pm

Location at **Maryvale Preparatory Academy**
4825 W Camelback Rd Phoenix, AZ 85031

Enjoy games, bounce houses, petting zoo,
prizes, food trucks, and more



For sponsorship opportunities message us at
PSOPresident@maryvaleprep.org

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TEST PREP SCHEDULE AND RESOURCES FOR 3-6 FAMILIES

What will be expected of my student during testing?

- Your student will take a series of tests during the end of March into the month of April. This will include:
 - Writing Test
 - ELA Test (2 parts)
 - Math Test (2 parts)
 - Science Test (5th grade only)
 - Reading Fluency Test (3rd grade only)

How can I help my student prepare for these tests?

- Students can prepare at home using test prep features on MobyMax or IXL.
 - MobyMax (3rd-4th): Log in and click on the icon that says “Test Prep and Review.”
 - IXL (5th-6th): Log in and click Learning, then click Skill Plans. Choose skills for your grade level under the Arizona Assessments icon.
- Students can walk through sample tests and practice test features using the Student Readiness Tool by clicking on the “Mic Check and Sample Tests” link at az.testnav.com.
 - Here is a direct [link](#) to the student readiness video walkthrough.
- Save the dates for when your student will be testing and make sure they get a good night’s sleep (start getting used to the recommended bedtimes below early on), get a good breakfast and maintain proper nutrition (see this [link](#) for best brain foods), and are on time and ready to go (review some of these [fun things](#) you can incorporate at home or on the way to school before and after tests to ease anxiety and have them ready!)
- Have conversations about the importance of doing your best!

GreatHearts How much sleep does your child need?

Wake-Up Time:							
Age	6:00am	6:15am	6:30am	6:45am	7:00am	7:15am	7:30am
Bedtime:							
3*	6:30pm	6:45pm	7:00pm	7:15pm	7:30pm	7:45pm	8:00pm
4*	7:00pm	7:15pm	7:30pm	7:45pm	8:00pm	8:15pm	8:30pm
5	6:45pm	7:00pm	7:15pm	7:30pm	7:45pm	8:00pm	8:15pm
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10	8:00pm	8:15pm	8:30pm	8:45pm	9:00pm	9:15pm	9:30pm
11	8:15pm	8:30pm	8:45pm	9:00pm	9:15pm	9:30pm	9:45pm
12	8:30pm	8:45pm	9:00pm	9:15pm	9:30pm	9:45pm	10:00pm

*Plus a buffer for school 1 and 2 hours

Testing Dates:

March/April 2025
AASA:
AM: 8:15-10:15
PM: After Lunch

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 23	24	25	26	March 27	March 28	29
				5 th Grade AzSci AM: Part 1 PM: Part 2	5 th Grade AzSci AM: Part 3	
March 30	March 31	April 1	2	3	4	5
	AM: 3 rd Grade Writing PM: AzSci Make-Ups	AM: 4 th Grade Writing PM: 3A ORF	AM: 5 th Grade Writing	AM: 6 th Grade Writing PM: 3B ORF	AM: 3 rd ELA Pt 1 PM: 3C ORF	
April 6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	AM: 4 th ELA Pt 1 PM: 3D ORF	AM: 5 th ELA Pt 1 PM: Writing Make-Ups ORF Make-Ups	AM: 6 th ELA Pt 1	AM: 3 rd ELA Pt 2 PM: 5 th ELA Pt 2	AM: 4 th ELA Pt 2 PM: 6 th ELA Pt 2	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	AM: 5 th Math Pt. 1 PM: ELA Make-Ups	AM: 4 th Math Pt 1 PM: 3 rd Math Pt 1	AM: 6 th Math Pt 1	AM: 3 rd Math Pt 2 PM: 4 th Math Pt 2	No School	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	No School	AM: 5 th Math Pt 2 PM: 6 th Math Pt 2	AM: AASA Make-Ups	AM: AASA Make-Ups	Slam Dunk Celebration!	

How will we motivate students at school?

- We love a good theme and this year our theme is: This test will be a slam dunk!
 - We will be doing fun things ahead of the tests like pep rallies where we hope to bring the excitement, ensuring they feel confident and ready to persevere (like Michael Jordan)
 - We will be giving Mamba Mentality (Kobe Bryant reference) raffle tickets during testing as we see students taking it seriously, showing their work, focusing and not distracting others, taking their time, etc. Students can turn their earned tickets in at the end of testing to win cool raffle prizes (on theme of course).
- We are taking any donations that would motivate our students and celebrate them. If you would like to donate things such as basketballs, cool sneakers, basketball jerseys, Gatorades, basketball draw string bags, etc. please drop them by the Archway Office.
 - Thank you to those of you who wrote letters to your child at Family Partnership Night to encourage them. If you need a template to do so, please reach out to your child’s teacher.
 - We will end the testing window with an on theme party complete with Dunkin’ Donuts and lots of fun and a day to wear their favorite basketball jersey’s or team shirts and sneakers!

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.

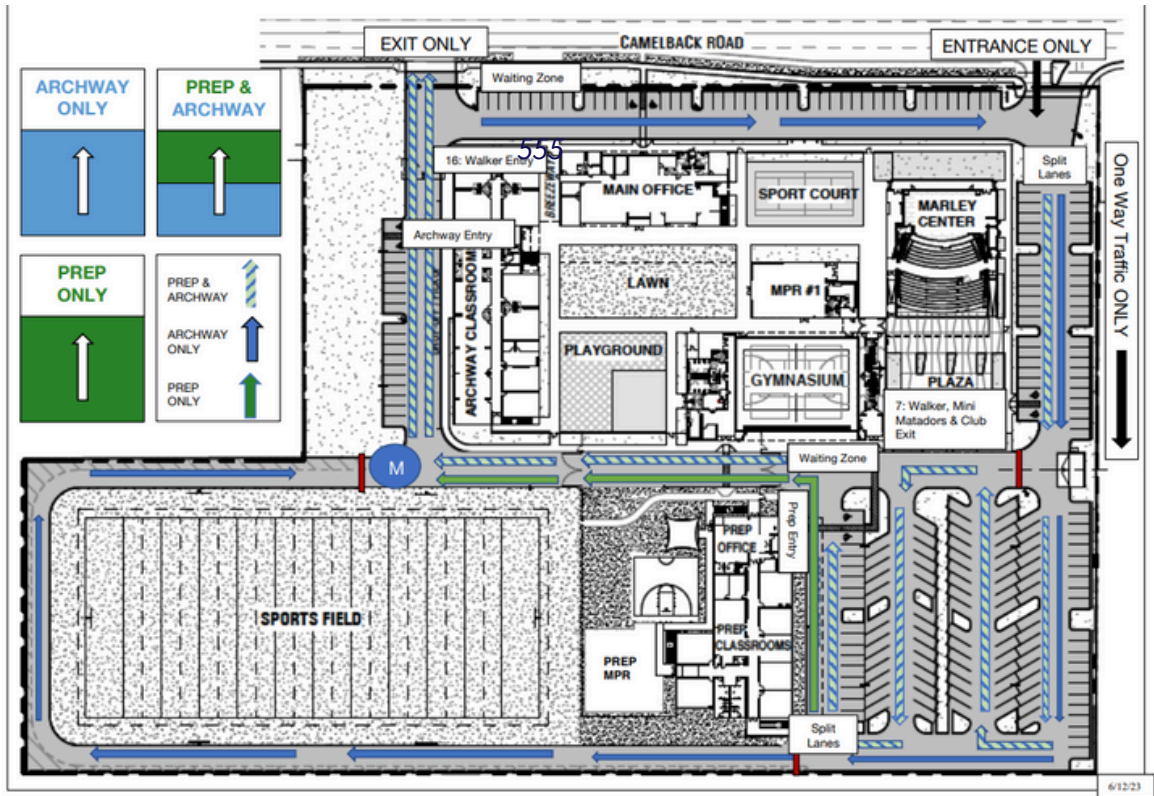


STUDENT DROPOFF

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