



MESA ACADEMY FOR ADVANCED STUDIES

PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Greetings, Academy families, and welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! The PTO has a [new website](#), a [Facebook page](#), and an [Instagram](#) account! Be sure to bookmark and follow each for easy access to information about all things PTO! We will be sending out a newsletter every other week - you can also find these on the website.

Mark your calendars!



PTO 2018-2019 YEAR

Back to School Pool Party Friday, August 10 th 6:30-8:30 PM	Come enjoy a pool party to celebrate the start of the new school year at Shepherd Pool. Some highlights include: swimming, volleyball, water slide, and water feature. Bring your own food and drinks. \$2 per person at the gate.
Gold Canyon Candles + Cash Donation Drive August 16 th -August 29 th	Help us achieve our goal to create an innovation lab for all students to enjoy in their computer tech class. Order candles for yourself or as gift, sell candles, and/or send in a cash donation to participate.
Spirit Shirt Sales September 4 th -14 th	This year, you may wear a spirit shirt every Friday. Standard khaki rules still apply. Gray spirit shirts can be worn to dress out for PE. Funds generated from shirt sales will help supply the PE department with equipment and games.
MAAS Culture Club September-October Meet twice a week Specific Dates TBD	4 th & 5 th graders are invited to join the after school Culture Club to learn about the Polynesian culture from the Arizona Aloha Festival. Teachings will include hula, ukulele, history, language and more. The Club will conclude with a performance at MAAS PTO's International Festival. Space is limited; watch for sign-up instructions
4th Annual International Festival Friday, November 2 nd 6:00-8:30 PM	The Festival is a multi-cultural event which helps to further the IB mission of intercultural understanding and respect. Students, families, and teachers enjoy a catered dinner and participate in activities and games from countries around the world. Then attendees will be entertained by cultural acts performed by the MAAS Culture Club and various local cultural groups.
Harkins Loyalty Program November 5 th -19 th	Are you a regular movie goer? Are your family & friends? Allow the PTO to order and pick-up your Harkins loyalty products (cups, gift cards, etc) and we'll receive a percentage of the proceeds.
7th/8th Grade Dance Friday, December 7 th 6:30-8:30 PM	This casual dance, organized by the PTO, is for our junior high students only. Theme to be determined. A student club will also organize a dressy-casual spring dance for the 7 th /8 th graders.
Munchies with Misters Friday, January 11 th 7:15-7:50 AM	Dads, Grandpas, Uncles, and other father figures - come enjoy breakfast with your MAAS student at school.
Family Movie Night Friday, March 1 st 6:00-8:30 PM	Located at school. Food truck will be available from 6:00-7:00, show time is at 6:30. Feature movie will be determined by the home room class with the 2 nd highest participation in the Gold Canyon Candle/cash donation drive.
8th Grade Graduation Dance Friday, May 17 th 6:30-8:30 PM	This is the last chance for 8 th graders to celebrate before they part ways. The theme of the dance is "Lights, Camera, Party!" (Hollywood/Red Carpet theme) and dress is semi-formal. Sponsored by PTO.
Eating for Education Every Month	MAAS will be partnering with area restaurants all year long to share in their profits. Just take your family out to the participating restaurant on the appropriate date and mention MAAS when you pay. Dates and locations to be determined and advertised online, in the calendar, in the PTO newsletter, and sent home as a flyer with students.
PTO Board Meetings 3 rd Monday of Every Month 6:30-7:30 PM	All are welcome. Come to get involved or to simply learn more.

Pool Party!

Please join us Friday for our back to school pool party.

Remember to bring your own food and drinks.



Volunteers Needed

At Mesa Academy, parents play a vital role. Parent volunteers are needed every day to assist the staff in various positions. We hope for a semester's commitment, either weekly or bi-weekly. Currently we are seeking to fill the following:

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NEEDS VOLUNTEERS



**CURRENT
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Lunch Support Needed:

Wednesday 10:45 am to 12:20 pm

Structured Activity Volunteers Needed:

Every Other Monday - 12:30 pm to 1:45 pm

Substitute Volunteers:

Need more flexibility? Add your name to a substitute list and fill in when you can.

Contact Cassie Fynes at
cassiefynes@yahoo.com to volunteer today!



PTO Fundraising Goal:
AN INNOVATION LAB



After using the same laptops at MAAS for the last 10 years, the District has provided us with 480 new ones for our students to utilize in their various classes. Now that we have new tech in the building the PTO is supporting the faculty, staff, and students with a new goal: a true Innovation Lab for our computer tech classroom. This lab will provide a more functional and flexible learning environment that allows our students to work individually or collaboratively on

technological, STEM, and design thinking projects.



How can you help achieve the objective of creating an Innovation Lab? Order candles for yourself or as gifts, accept orders for others and/or send in a cash donation. Check for the fundraising packet in your child's backpack on **Wednesday, August 15th** for more information.



Spirit Wear!

This year students are allowed to wear a spirit shirt every Friday. All other uniform/khaki rules still apply. Students will have an opportunity to purchase a 2018-2019 spirit shirt in September.

Save the Date!

SAVE THE DATE for the Fourth Annual International Festival which will take place on Friday, November 2, 6:00-8:30pm. The Festival is a multi-cultural event which helps to further the IB mission of intercultural understanding and respect. Students participate in activities from countries around the world and perform traditional cultural dances learned during Culture Club.



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