



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY  
WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER  
MAY 12, 2017

## A WORD FROM THE HEADMASTER...

Dear Maryvale Prep Parents,

Our Spring Concert was truly something special. I am so proud of our Handchime Ensemble, 7B Class, and our Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade scholars. Their performances were so impressive and demonstrated again the power of music to lift and enlighten our souls. Thank you for making the time to be with us last night.

As we head into our last two weeks of the year, I want to emphasize the importance of your children attending every remaining day of school. It is during our last days of each quarter that our final culminating lessons, assessments, semester exams (middle school only... be on the lookout for an email from me with more information), projects, and presentations take place. Your kids need to be here for all of it. Hold off on starting those vacations until Friday, May 26 1:00 p.m.!

With Devotion,  
Mac Esau

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MARYVALE PREP NEWS

## Key Dates

**Early Release Every Thursday 12:30pm (K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) and 1:00pm (3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

**Schoolwide Testing Begins**

**May 15**

**Family Skate Night**

**Thursday, May 18**

**Sports Recognition Night at 5pm**

**Friday, May 19**

**Back-to-Back Early Release Day**

**Thursday & Friday, May 25-26**

**Fingerprint Clearance On-Site**

**Friday, May 26**

**Last Day of School & Kindergarten Promotion**

**Friday, May 26**

## HELPING CHILDREN BE SUCCESSFUL DURING THEIR TESTS

Preparing your children for school is a daily priority but on testing weeks it is important to double check that your children are physically and mentally prepared to have great testing days. Please read and practice the following tips during these critical days.

### [Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast](#)

Nationwide many educators report that students who don't do well on tests haven't gotten enough sleep and haven't eaten breakfast on the mornings when they test. Doing both of these things will ensure that your child is working at full capacity and focused.

### [Make sure your child is prepared](#)

As a school we supply the tools your child needs for the test, such as pencils, an eraser, paper, etc. Check with your child's teacher to see if the class needs any materials. Also, check to see whether your child will be able to make up the test if he/she is sick on test day the day after or take it a day prior. Please schedule all doctor appointments if possible for the afternoon as all testing will take place in the mornings. Students that arrive late might not be allowed in the classroom until their testing session is complete. They will have to wait in the office.

### [Remain positive](#)

Staying calm will help your child stay calm. If he/she gets nervous about the test or is likely to experience anxiety during the test, help him/her practice some relaxation techniques that he/she can try once he/she is taking the test. Encourage your children at home to give their best effort! Reassure them that a test is just an assessment intended to measure their knowledge and evaluate what areas they may need to improve and/or need more practice.

## KINDERGARTEN PROMOTION PLANNING MEETING

Kindergarten Promotion is coming and Kindergarten parents are gathering again this **Tuesday, May 16** to continue reception planning in room 202 at 4:15pm. Please be on the lookout for communications from Mr. & Mrs. Gill who have volunteered to help lead the preparations and coordinate volunteers to host the Kindergarten Promotion Reception. Mrs. Gill can be reached via at [Getstyledwithjax@gmail.com](mailto:Getstyledwithjax@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## SPRING CONCERT ON DVD

Our Spring Concert for grades Kindergarten thru 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 7B was beautiful. Everyone was so excited and happy to be on campus for this annual special event. If you didn't get the opportunity to purchase a DVD yet you can still [order your copy](#).

## YEARBOOK ORDERS

Please note that if you purchased a yearbook for your children they will receive it on the last day of school. If you did not purchase a yearbook but would still like to purchase one please let us know starting June 1<sup>st</sup>. If any extra copies are received they will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis for a total cost of \$35. Early requests for an extra copy will not be accepted.

## FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE

Parents and family members that would like to volunteer and help our children must have fingerprint clearance to maximize their volunteering at our school. **May 26 from 11:30am-1:30 pm our Great Hearts Team will be on campus at the School Office doing fingerprint clearance at no cost.** If your badge is expired or if you have never done it please do it. Even if you just want to help by chaperoning a field trip once a year we ask that you get it done. Thank you for helping us keep our campus and children safe. **Please bring your ID.**

## SUMMER SCHOOL AT MARYVALE PREP

We will once again be hosting a summer school program on our campus to provide students in need with more instruction and practice in reading and mathematics. We will be capping class sizes to 20 students to allow for more individualized support time in each room. The 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of enrollment is in effect and remaining spots are available for all Maryvale Prep students on a first-come, first-served basis. At this time there is an average of 10 seats available per grade level and as seats get secured the class enrollment is closing.

[Download the registration form and program details](#)

## GREAT HEARTS SUMMER ACADEMY

Great Hearts has been working all year designing fresh, exciting summer camps for our young scholars. The four weeks of summer camps will feature fun and enriching activities for kids K-6, with each week focused around a unique "theme." Students will experience hands-on, engaging activities in fine arts, reading, writing, crafts, science, math, and history – all designed to inspire creativity and keep skills sharp over the summer. Sports camps, Kindergarten camps, and "Prep for Prep" camps are also available. Weekly camps begin June 5th! Click [here](#) to learn more and register. Please note these camps are not being offered at Maryvale Prep since we will be running our 4 week academic summer program exclusively for Maryvale Prep and Teleos Prep students only. See information above.

## 2017-18 CLASSIC TO KEEP: BOOK LIST

As you begin to prepare for next school year, we are pleased to announce that we have completed our annual review of our [Classics to Keep Reading List](#) and the finalized lists are now available. We want to thank you again for investing in purchasing your children's literature books every year. As you know, we carefully select the books that your children read each year. We believe that just like good food nourishes the body, good books nourish the soul. And a major part of acquiring this nourishment, comes from carefully reading and annotating (taking notes in) the books. Because of that, it is critical that each of your children have their own set of Classics to Keep as they move through their 13-year journey at Maryvale Prep. To help with spreading out the cost, you will see that we once again noted the date by which each book needs to be in students' hands. I am excited to see our students once again dive into great stories such as *Little Bear*, *Frog & Toad*, *Charlotte's Web*, *The Trumpet of the Swan*, *The Wizard of Oz*, A

*Wrinkle in Time, Treasure Island, and Julius Caesar.* Thank you again for partnering with us to provide your children everything they need to be successful!

## 2017-18 SCHOOL CALENDAR

The [2017-2018 school calendar](#) is now available and has since the first release been revised. See all of the key dates so you can begin to plan those family trips and events! The school hours will be the same next year, with 8<sup>th</sup> grade taking on the same hours as Kindergarten, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade. We will begin the school year like in the past few years on a Wednesday, as we believe starting the first week midweek provides a stronger start to our scholars.

**Please note that there will now be four Thursdays in the 2017-18 school year that will be full school days, September 28, November 2, February 8, and April 5.**

## 2017-18 UNIFORM VENDOR

We are happy to announce that Maryvale Prep will be partnering with Dennis Uniforms for the 2017-18 school year. Dennis Uniforms is promising us quality uniforms and great customer service at their local store and online. Since, 1920 this family-owned company has provided top schools nationwide with high-quality uniforms.

**Their store is located at:** *3645 E Indian School Rd #1, Phoenix, AZ 85018*

For online purchases starting May 15 please visit the [Dennis uniforms website](#) **School Code: QMV**

Dennis Uniforms offers extended summer hours and flash sales. For sales and promotions, [sign up](#) and receive email notifications.

Our uniform look and requirements will remain the same but you will no longer be able to acquire them from Anton Uniforms as of May 26, 2017.

## UNIFORM DRIVE

As we finish up the school year we ask that you please donate gently used approved uniform items to Maryvale Prep so that we can begin launching the **PSO Uniform Exchange Program**. If we collect enough gently used uniforms we would like to begin the program for the 2017-18 school year.

As an incentive anyone who makes a donation between **May 22-June 30** will get a raffle ticket to enter the drawing for a \$50.00 gift card. Let's make it happen!

## SCHOOL MEALS

[May Breakfast and Lunch Menus](#) are now available so you can plan your child's meals in advance.

You can download the menus monthly from our school website or a copy can always be picked up from the school office too.

**Note:** For an afterschool meal menu please stop by the school office to pick up a copy. All afterschool meals provided to students in homework club are free to all Maryvale Prep students thanks to the Kids Café Program.

## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

### GREAT HEARTS SUMMER SPECIALS AT THE CHASE FIELD

Thank you to all the families who were able to represent Maryvale Prep at the Great Hearts Family Day at the Chase Field. Over 800 people within the Great Hearts community attended the game on April 23th. The Chase Field is extending an exciting offer to everyone within the Great Hearts community. **They are offering discounted tickets**

**across most sections of the Chase Field for every game between May 10th-July 26th.** This will give all Great Hearts Families the chance to attend games while school is out for summer vacation. [Visit the Maryvale website](#) to learn more about these specials.

### FREE DENTAL CLINIC FOR CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 IN JUNE

The Rio Salado Dental Clinic will host a free clinic for children and young adults ages 17 and younger on Saturday, June 24, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Services include exams, X-rays, cleaning, and a fluoride varnish. Please RSVP in advance for guaranteed service by calling 480-377-4100 or emailing [dental.hygiene@riosalado.edu](mailto:dental.hygiene@riosalado.edu). Walk-ins are welcome and will be accommodated if time and space permit. The clinic is located at 2250 W. 14th Street in Tempe. For more information, please contact the Rio Salado Dental Clinic.

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND VOLUNTEERING

Guarded Hope Organization Needs your help this year! They need water and ice donations for the summer water drive. The drive begins June 4<sup>th</sup>. They typically go through 168 cases of water and 160-170 bags of ice per summer. They are looking to expand the areas they serve. Along with water they will be passing out food, clothes and hygiene products as donated throughout the summer. The group meets at the station every Sunday at 12pm to prep the food and load the vehicles. They also need financial help as well to continue to purchase food, help volunteers with gas and provide lunch for those helping in the heat.

If you would like to make a financial contribution this year please contact Ms. Amanda Teis to make sure you receive a receipt for tax purposes 623-297-8350.

#### **Drop Off Locations:**

Support District Radio  
3726 W Roanoke Ave #8  
Phoenix AZ 85009

Zigma Cuts  
6409 W Glendale Ave, # B  
Glendale, AZ

Respect The Underground  
6832 N. 24th Dr.  
Phoenix AZ

## **PSO BLAST**

### FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

Join your Maryvale Prep family at Great Skate 10054 N 43rd Ave, Glendale, AZ 85302 for Family Skate Night **Thursday, May 18** from 5:30pm-8:00pm. Please be on the lookout for flyers going home with coupons. Skate fee will be \$5 and Great Skate will donate a percentage from their sales to Maryvale Prep.

### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

This is a friendly reminder to bring in your Box Tops to Maryvale Prep for the last submission of this school year. This year we have already raised **\$466.60**. Our goal is to earn \$500 for the rest of this school year and together we can meet or even exceed this amount.

### AMAZON SMILE AND SUPPORT

When you shop at [AmazonSmile](#), Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Maryvale Preparatory Academy. Support us every time you shop.

With Devotion,

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**Office Hours:** 7:30am-4:30pm, Thursdays 7:00am-1:30pm



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