



MARYVALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY WEEKLY COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER APRIL 13, 2018

A WORD FROM OUR HEADMASTER...

Dear Maryvale Prep Parents,

Please go online to www.maryvaleprep.com/support to give your Tax Credit before Monday, April 16th. Please contact Sabrina Barwick, Annual Campaign Coordinator, if you have any questions or concerns, at (602) 438-7045 x488 or sbarwick@maryvaleprep.org.



Field trips like this one are crucial to the education we provide here at Maryvale Prep. You can help us continue to provide exciting and enriching learning opportunities outside of the classroom through our Tax Credit drive.

We are only a few days away from the deadline for contributions, April 15th. We are **so close** to reaching our goal, will you be one of the final few to help us past the finish line?

Our 7th graders had a great time watching a performance of *Henry IV, Part I* at the Mesa Arts Center a few weeks ago. They had the opportunity to speak with the actors after the performance and meet students at our sister school, Scottsdale Prep.

On another important note, time is moving quickly here at Maryvale Prep. Our students are giving their best effort as we continue to administer AzMerit Testing. Excitement and joy levels are high and it seems like just yesterday we had a tremendous Spring Fiesta! Thank you all for helping make it an outstanding evening for our community. Teachers getting dunked by their students, dancing on the turf, and devoured cotton candy, popcorn, and snow cones everywhere

is not something I will forget soon, a special thank you to the Maryvale Prep Fiesta Planning Committee along with members of the PSO. Everyone did a great job organizing the event. Thank you, thank you!

Our next few weeks are filled with more fun and exciting planning and events. I want to personally invite you and highlight our upcoming Headmaster Coffee & Chat Meetings this Monday. Kindergarten Orientation (New Families Only) this Wednesday, and our Spring Canvassing Day this upcoming Thursday please click the links below for details. Hope to see you soon!

- [Headmaster Coffee & Chat: Kindergarten Promotion Planning](#)
- [Headmaster Coffee & Chat: 8th Grade Promotion Planning](#)
- [New Kindergarten Families Only: 2018-19 Kindergarten Orientation](#)
- [Spring Canvassing Day](#)

With Devotion,

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Headmaster

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MARYVALE PREP NEWS

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AzMerit Testing (Grades 3-8)	April Month Different Dates By Grade Level
Last Day to Contribute to the 2017-18 Tax Credit Campaign	Monday, April 16
Headmaster Coffee Chats Topic 1: Kindergarten Promotion Topic 2: 8th Grade Promotion	Monday, April 16 3:15pm Room 101 5:00pm Cafeteria
2018-19 Kindergarten Orientation (event for new kindergarten families next school year)	Wednesday, April 18
<u>Family Skate Night</u>	Wednesday, April 18
4B Virtue Assembly at 12:30pm	Thursday, April 19

New Campus Spring Canvassing Day	Thursday, April 19
School Closed- Family Day	Friday, April 20
Great Hearts Family Day with the Diamondbacks	Sunday, April 22
New Student Enrollment Info Night	Wednesday, April 25
K-5 Academic Field Day	Thursday, May 3
Teacher Appreciation Luncheon	Please Drop-off Goodies 7am-1:15pm Thursday, May 3
Spring Drama Performance	Wednesday, May 9
Spring Concert: K-2nd Grade, 7B, & 8B	Thursday, May 10
Teacher Appreciation Day- School Closed	Friday, May 11
Sports Recognition Night	May 16
8th Grade Celebration Dinner	May 18
Consecutive Early Release Days K-2 nd grade: 12:30pm 3rd-8 th grade: 1:00pm	Wednesday, May 23 Thursday, May 24 Friday, May 25
Last Day of School: Early Release Day	Friday, May 25
Maryvale Prep Summer School Program	June 4-June 29

4TH QUARTER DEFICIENCY NOTICES

Please note that April 23-27 teachers are once again calling parents of students who have a deficient grade or are deficient in a grading category (K-2/Specials). These Deficiency Notices are intended to allow teachers and parents to discuss the ways to help your children improve their effort and performance as we close out the quarter.

Please ensure to report if you have any contact information changes to our school office on a regular basis. Parents are always welcome to request progress reports directly from teachers if you have any questions about your child's progress. The best way is to setup a meeting via email in-person or via a phone call with the teacher. The front office will always be happy to help you setup meetings as well on a need basis.

2018 SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM 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. Enrollment will take place in two phases and classes will be filled on a first-come, first served basis. Summer school at Maryvale Prep will be held at our current campus on 63rd Ave and Indian School Rd. from June 4 to June 29.

Phase 1 is now in progress and ends April 27, only students that are recommended for summer school will be permitted to enroll. Click [here](https://maryvaleprep.configio.com/pd/444/2018-summer-school-program?returncom=productlist&source=search) to download the information and registration or simply pay and register at: <https://maryvaleprep.configio.com/pd/444/2018-summer-school-program?returncom=productlist&source=search>

Phase 2 begins April 30 and ends May 18, any remaining spots in classes will be made available to our full student body.

Please note that **Phase 1 invitations for summer school have been sent and will continue to be emailed as our faculty continues to evaluate student academic data.**

We deeply apologize if you received an email titled “Maryvale Prep: Invitation Sent in Error.” There was a glitch in the Phase 1 distribution list which caused invitations to be sent to the entire student body. If you did not receive an email 4/12/2018 approximately at 2:32pm titled “Maryvale Prep: Invitation Sent in Error” it means your child was recommended to attend summer school. Please contact Ms. Soto at jsoto@Maryvaleprep.org if you have any questions regarding the invitations you received. If you would like to receive further details on why your child was recommended to summer school please contact their homeroom teacher or faculty advisor (middle school students only).

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.

ACADEMIC FIELD DAY

We are so excited for our sixth annual K-5 Academic Field Day on Thursday May 3rd! Academic Field Day is not only a joyful and fun day for Maryvale Prep but it is also a day for our students to join together and celebrate their learning! The students will be competing in multi-grade level teams and participating in a variety of different games. We look forward to seeing our students recap what they have learned so far and extend that learning outside of the classroom. Students do not need to bring anything to school. We will also be serving lunch at the normal time, as well as a snack during the morning. We are also looking for any parent volunteers to help out during the day. If you would like to volunteer, please email Mrs. Horne (ahorne@maryvaleprep.org) or Mrs. Scofield (cgardner@maryvaleprep.org) by Wednesday, April 25th. Thank you!

ATHENAEUM AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

After-School Athenaeum is a tuition-based extension of the school day starting next school year. It will feature dedicated homework time and high-quality enrichment opportunities. Our activities and lessons are aimed at improving

students' scholastic performance by reinforcing the lessons, virtues and curriculum of the classroom. But it's not all academics! Athenaeum scholars also enjoy time for recreation, games, socializing and just plain fun. Athenaeum is open to grades K-9 and runs daily from the dismissal bell (even on Early Release Days) until 6:00pm.

Early-Bird Registration is now available!

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN NOW & BEGIN A PAYMENT PLAN](#)

[CLICK HERE LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAM AND ITS SUCCESS AT OUR SISTER ACADEMIES](#)

PSO BLAST

SOCIALS & EVENTS

Please note that over the next few weeks you will receive email from our PSO President in regards to upcoming student socials & events. Our PSO committees will also be reaching out regarding upcoming volunteer opportunities for our end of the year activities and celebrations like the Kindergarten and 8th grade promotion.

[4/18 - Skate Night 10054 N 43rd Ave, Glendale, AZ 85302](#)

5/16 – Peter Piper Family Night (End of the Year Celebration/Fundraiser) 4024 N 67th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85033

5/16 - Sports Recognition Night for Middle School Athletes

5/18 - Middle School Promotion Celebration

5/25 – Kindergarten Promotion Celebration

FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARDS

You can donate money to our school without it coming out of your budget. Through your everyday shopping at Fry's with the Fry's Community Rewards Program. Fry's will donate a percentage of your total groceries bill to Maryvale Prep. Thank you to all the supporters (57 households) who shopped at **Frys** between **12-1-2017** and **2-28-2018**. As a result your everyday shopping contributed **\$297.11** to our school this quarter! If you have any questions, please email FrysCommunityRewards@frysfood.com or visit the website at www.fryscommunityrewards.com. Thank you for your continued support!

GREAT HEARTS FAMILY DAY AT THE DIAMONDBACKS

Join us at Chase Field on April 22nd to watch the Arizona Diamondbacks take on the San Diego Padres for **Great Hearts Family Day**. Visit www.Groupmatics.events/Groupmatics to purchase your tickets.

All students who participate in this offer will be entered for a chance to enjoy VIP exclusives, like watching batting practice from the dugout, and running out with the D'backs as they take the field. [Click here to download the flyer.](#)

New 2018 Experiences, everyone who purchases a ticket will also be entered to win the following:

- Each ticket will have \$5 of D-bucks included in which can be used on concessions, merchandise or in the team shop!
- On-field batting practice viewing for four (4)
- Upgraded tickets behind Home Plate
- One (1) Autographed item
- One (1) Promotional item
- Hot Dog Derby featured on the DBTV
- Steal-A-Base featured on the DBTV

TEACHER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

The PSO is inviting families to host another faculty luncheon for our teachers Thursday, May 3rd. Please drop off goodies at the front office anytime between 7am-1:30pm. Click [here](#) to sign up to bring a dish! ☺

MEAL MENU

Click [here](#) for the April Menu.

2018-19 SCHOOL INFORMATION

The excitement for next year continues to build! [Click here for the 2018-19 School Year Calendar and school hours.](#) See below for video and document links that provide a wealth of information of what we are pursuing in this great mission to prepare every child for college, a virtuous life, and leadership in the community.

5th & 6th Grade Info Night Videos

1. [Intro to 5th/6th Grade Info Night \(partial\)](#)
2. [Academics, Athletics, Moral Formation, & Building Habits of the Mind](#)

High School Preview Night Videos

1. [Intro to HS Preview Night](#)
2. [The Maryvale Prep Graduate](#)
3. [Academic Experience \(1/2\)](#)
4. [Academic Experience \(2/2\)](#)
5. [Social & Athletic Experience](#)
6. [College Counseling](#)
7. [Q&A with Seniors from other Great Heart Academies](#)

Other Links

- [2018-19 School Year Frequently Asked Questions \(Bilingual\)](#)
- [New Campus Construction Update](#)
- [Great Hearts Academies College Timeline for Students \(Bilingual\)](#)
- [College Counseling Powerpoint Presentation](#)

MARYVALE PREP ATHLETICS: MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Please visit www.maryvaleprepathletics.org to view game results and learn more about our middle school athletics program or email Coach Rea-Clark at mreaclark@maryvaleprep.org. Support the teams and join in the games! Save the date for our Sports Recognition Night, May 16!

With Devotion,

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