



POINTES OF PRIDE

A Mountain Pointe High School Communication



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Dear Pride Families,

It has been a wonderful year here at Mountain Pointe! It is with great enthusiasm that I write to you from the office of Principal of this amazing school and community. I will be stepping in this year as the Interim Principal of Mountain Pointe and I am excited to lead with "pride". I hope that your summer is off to a great start with planned time for family, fun, and relaxation.

The 2017-2018 school year saw our students and staff again recognized for outstanding achievement. Many accolades were earned throughout the year. Mountain Pointe was awarded the A+ award of excellence for the third time in our schools history. Mr. Joe Dominguez, Ms. Beatrice Williams, and Mrs. Melissa Wendell were all Tempe Diablos winners this past year. Mrs. Lorie Warnock and Mr. Eric Lauer were recognized as Tempe Diablo nominees. We also had nine students graduate in 2018 that earned their Associate of Arts degrees from Rio Salado Community College. These students took advantage of the Dual Enrollment Program during high school and got a jump start on their college studies. The class of 2018 saw nearly \$26 million of scholarship offers and over 90% of the graduating class is moving on to post-secondary education. These are just a few of the many accomplishments this year by the Pride.

Just as important as the continued high level of academic achievement, is the tradition of giving back and serving the community that our students have established. The class of 2018 immersed themselves in the attitude of helping others. Among the charities benefitting from our students involvement were March of Dimes, St. Vincent de Paul, American Cancer Society, Christmas Angels, Phoenix Rescue Mission, United Blood Services, Arizona Humane Society, and the Phoenix Child Crisis Center. All of our clubs and athletic teams are involved in activities that give back to the community. The staff at Mountain Pointe High School is extremely proud of all of our students and their hard work.

As we transition to a new school year, we will have a few changes administratively that I would like to share with you. Mr. Joe Dominguez will be the Interim Assistant Principal of Academics and Mr. Aaron Frana will be serving as the Interim Assistant Principal of Activities; Mr. Michael Griffith will continue to serve MP as the Assistant Principal of Athletics. As we go to print on the newsletter, we have not hired our Dean of Students yet. I will send out an email once that selection is made.

Welcome class of 2022 and to all of those transferring to Mountain Pointe! When you enter Mountain Pointe High School you will feel the tradition of "purpose, pride, and performance". Those that have walked the halls before have set a standard of excellence. As members of the Pride, it is your responsibility to raise that level even higher. Reach for success, we are here to help you. I look forward to building a positive relationship with all of our students and families.

The Mountain Pointe front office will be experiencing renovation during the summer months and we anticipate it being complete by the end of the summer. We will be servicing families from the Guidance area and will have directional signs on campus that will assist you in finding the location to the temporary front office.

Please read through the newsletter in its entirety as it contains information to provide for a smooth transition back into the school year. School begins August 6th and learning takes place the first day of class. See you all then. Remember, my door is always open.

Sincerely,

Tomika Banks,
Interim Principal

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School Administration

Tomika Banks
Principal




- ◆ School vision & direction
- ◆ Liaison to:
 - English Department
 - World Languages Department
- ◆ Parent information dissemination

Mike Griffith
Athletics



- ◆ Athletics and Coaches
- ◆ Leads school safety and preparedness team
- ◆ Liaison to:
 - CTE department
 - Physical Education department
 - Social Studies department
 - Maintenance
 - Security
- ◆ 3rd point of contact for the areas above after working with the teacher and Department Chair
- ◆ Major Discipline issues for:
 - All Sophomores
 - Juniors with last names P–Z

Joe Dominguez
Academics




- ◆ Registration and class scheduling
- ◆ Graduation
- ◆ Liaison to:
 - Math department
 - Guidance department
 - IEP Services department
 - Office Staff
- ◆ 3rd point of contact for the areas above after working with the teacher and Department Chair
- ◆ Major Discipline issue for:
 - All Seniors
 - Juniors with last names G–O

TBD
Dean of Students




- ◆ MINOR conflict and discipline issues with all students
- ◆ 2nd point of contact for behavior and student conflicts

Aaron Frana
Activities



- ◆ Extra Curricular Activities
- ◆ Freshman Year Experience Program
- ◆ Liaison to:
 - Visual & Performing Arts department
 - Science department
 - Booster organizations
 - Facility reservations
 - Parking
 - Bookstore
- ◆ 3rd point of contact for the areas above after working with the teacher and Department Chair
- ◆ Major Discipline issues with:
 - All Freshmen
 - Juniors with last names A–F

Department Chairs
Academic Support



- ◆ 2nd level of contact for classroom concerns
- ◆ Contact these individuals only after working directly with your teen's teacher:

CTE	Tamara Reichert
English	Don Meyer
IEP Services	Jennifer Murphy
Mathematics	Jenn Zoldan
Performing Arts	Leo Werner
Physical Education/Health	Andrea Fazz
Science.....	Meredith Morrissey
Social Studies.....	Natasha Alston
Visual Arts.....	Steve Adams
World Languages.....	Donna Sampanes

Book Distribution For ALL students!

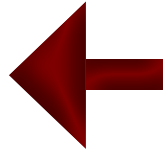
Monday, July 23 – Tuesday, July 31

7:30 am – 12:00 pm



Book Distribution for the **2018-2019** school year will be held in the bookstore as listed below.

ATTEND ON SCHEDULED DATE		
LAST NAME	DAY	DATE
A – Ca	Monday	July 23
Ce – F	Tuesday	July 24
G – H	Wednesday	July 25
I – Ma	Thursday	July 26
Mc – Po	Friday	July 27
Pr – Sq	Monday	July 30
St – Z	Tuesday	July 31



**Students,
please
attend!**

All students should attend on their scheduled day.

- ▶ An equal number of students has been scheduled on each day in an attempt to reduce wait times. Please make every attempt to arrive on your scheduled day.
- ▶ **Students arriving on an unscheduled day can expect longer wait times.**



ID Cards - Photo will be taken!

Students will receive a **new ID card for FREE** during book distribution. (See *ID policy on page 4*.)

- ▶ Every student **MUST** take a **new ID photo**.
- ▶ Students must wear their new ID during the school day.
- ▶ ID cards from previous school years are no longer valid.
- ▶ Lanyards will be available for purchase

Fees

During book distribution, students may also pay for fees as listed below. The bookstore accepts cash, checks, debit and credit cards (*MasterCard, Discover and Visa only. American Express not accepted*).

COURSE & ACTIVITY FEES		
FEE	PRICE	NOTE
Course Fees	See next page	
Activity / Athletics	\$50	per activity/sport
Yearbook	\$65	increases after Sept. 1
Parking Permit	\$100	per year

ATHLETIC PASSES – *New, lower prices!*

PASS	PRICE DATES	PRICE	ADMISSION
Student	July 23 - August 10	\$20	1 student
Student	after August 10	\$25	1 student
Adult	All year	\$35	1 adult
Family	July 23 - August 10	\$100	2 adults + 2 students
Family	after August 10	\$120	2 adults + 2 students
Add-on	All year	\$20	1 student

NOTE: Athletic passes are valid for **regular season home** athletic events **only**.

Outstanding Debts

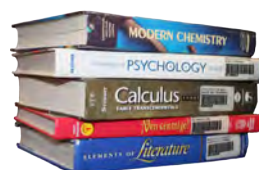
Returning students should **pay all remaining debts** during book distribution. **Last year's textbooks must be returned at this time.**

Fees as of time published. Subject to change.

Frequently Asked Questions about Book Distribution

- Q.** I can't find my ID. Do I need it to receive my books?
A. **No.** All Students **MUST** get a **NEW ID** (at no cost). IDs from previous school years are no longer valid.
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- Q.** Can I use my old ID if I still have it?
A. **No.** ALL students **MUST** take a new photo and obtain a new ID. Students will wear IDs every day while on campus.
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- Q.** I am a working parent. Do I need to accompany my student for book distribution?
A. **No.** Students do not need to have a parent with them. However, parents should send a signed check with their student for purchases unless paying with cash, debit card or credit card (Visa, Discover and MasterCard only).

- Q.** Should I arrive at 7:30 am in order to get to all stations?
A. **No.** An equal number of students have been scheduled each day. If all arrive at 7:30 am, there will be lines.
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- Q.** We will be out of town during the book distribution dates. Can a friend pick up my books?
A. **No.** Students are responsible for their books and have to sign for them. If you absolutely cannot make your scheduled date, you may come on another scheduled day, but only one line will be available to service those students.



**Don't start out the
school year behind;
Attend Book Distribution!**

Course & Activity Fee Schedule • 2018–2019

Student Activity Fees

To help offset the Maintenance & Operations expense of providing extra-curricular student activities in the Tempe Union High School District, a \$50 participation fee will be charged for the activities listed below:

- Activities and athletics for which a sponsor or coach is paid a stipend.
- Fees are \$50 per activity with a maximum of \$150 for any one student. There is no family maximum.
- If financial assistance is requested, the school principal will determine if/when it is needed. Financial Assistance forms are available in the Administration Office.
- Students must pay their activity fee in the bookstore prior to official participation in any activity. **Fees for class related activities must be paid during book and schedule distribution.**
- Refunds are approved by site administration only.
- Activity fees are eligible for tax credit, therefore retain your receipt. If you plan to also make a tax credit donation, reduce your donation by the amount you expect to pay for activity fees as there is a limit (see page 8).

ACTIVITY FEES ELIGIBLE FOR TAX CREDIT		
Badminton	Flagline	Special Olympics
Band	Football	Speech & Debate
Baseball	Golf	Spiritline
Basketball	Guitar	Student Council
Chess Team	Literary Magazine	Swim & Dive
Choir	Journalism	Tennis
Cross Country	Orchestra	Track
Dance	Percussion	Volleyball
Digital Communications (Yearbook)	Soccer	Wrestling
Drama	Softball	

School ID Policy

All students must get a new ID card!

ALL students and staff are required to WEAR their Mountain Pointe ID card displayed on a lanyard around their neck during the school day.

- ▶ Lanyards can be purchased at the Bookstore for \$1.00 or students may provide their own, school appropriate lanyard.
- ▶ A current MP ID **must be shown** in order to ride any TUHSD bus or to gain entrance to all extracurricular activities including school dances.
- ▶ If an ID card is lost during the school year, a replacement may be purchased from the bookstore for \$5.00.

Course Fees

Fees as of time published.
Subject to change.

BUSINESS / CTE

Accounting: 1-2, 3-4, Honors 1-2, 3-4	\$15
Honors Business Management	\$10
Advanced Business Management	\$25
Marketing, Honors Marketing	25
Adv. Business Marketing, Hnrs. Adv. Business Marketing	\$25
Business Law	\$10
Film & TV Production 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8	\$25
Finance for Business Management	\$10
Sports & Entertainment Marketing	\$10
Hospitality & Tourism Marketing	\$10
Business Technology Applications 1-2, 3-4	\$10

FAMILY & CULINARY ARTS

Culinary Arts 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8	\$50
Early Childhood 1-2	\$30
Early Childhood 3-4	\$35
Early Childhood 5-6, 7-8	\$50

FINE ARTS – VISUAL

Art & Design	\$30
Honors Art 1-2, 3-4, 5-6	\$50
Ceramics 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8	\$35
2-D Graphic Art 1-2, 3-4, 5-6	\$25
Introduction to Computer Graphic Art	\$25
Drawing & Painting 1-2, 3-4, 5-6	\$35
Photography 1-2	\$40
Photography 3-4, 5-6	\$50

FINE ARTS – PERFORMING

AP Music Theory	\$15
Band: Marching, Intermediate, JV, Varsity	\$30
Choir 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8	\$30
Film Study I, II	\$10
Guitar 1-2, 3-4, 5-6	\$30
Honors Music Exploration & Performance	\$30
Jazz Ensemble	\$30
Orchestra: Chamber, Concert String, Symphony	\$30
Piano 1-2, 3-4, 5-6	\$20
Percussion Class	\$30
Theatre 1-2, 3-4, 5-6	\$15
Technical Theatre 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8	\$50
Honors Technical Theatre Exploration & Performance	\$50

Music and band courses may assess additional fees to offset costs specific to the program.

FINE ARTS – DANCE

Intermediate, Advanced Dance, Dance Performance	\$10
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ROTC

Cadet PE t-shirt and shorts	\$20
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SCIENCE

Honors Biotechnology 1-2, 3-4	\$50
Engineering 1-2	30
Engineering 3-4, 5-6	\$50

Students who cannot afford these fees may be provided financial assistance according to district criteria. No student will be denied access to a course due to lack of ability to pay.

Mountain Pointe High School

FRESHMAN 1ST DAY

Readiness Camp

All incoming freshmen are required to attend Readiness Camp.

Friday, August 3rd
7:50 AM – 2:42 PM

- Team Building Activities
- Assemblies
- Campus Tour
- Follow Schedule
- Respect Workshop
- Time Management
- Technology Training
- Note Taking Strategies
- And much more!

Lunch will be provided for all freshmen.



Buses will run following the 2018-2019 schedule. Find schedules at www.tempeunion.org
 → Departments → Transportation

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

Grades 10, 11 & 12

For upperclassmen who are attending Mountain Pointe for the FIRST time.

Friday, August 3rd
7:50 AM - 2:42 PM

- Attend welcome assembly
- Meet other new students
- Get familiar with campus
- Receive information about Athletics, clubs & activities



Lunch will be provided.

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Did you know.... ?

You can read Principal Banks' weekly email updates online! Visit mphspride.com and find "Principal's Weekly Update" by scrolling down just past the gold menu bar.

Stay informed!

MOUNTAIN POINTE SPECIAL EDUCATION 2ND ANNUAL PARENT PRIDE COUNCIL



Meet & Greet / Book Distribution
Thursday, August 2
5:00 – 7:00 PM ◆ **MP Cafeteria**



The MP Special Education Parent PRIDE Council invites you to join our 2nd annual Meet & Greet/Book Distribution for parents of students with special needs who attend our school!

Please join us for food, meet other parents, and complete the book distribution process that is sensory-friendly.

RSVP by July 30 to Ron Denne, Jr., School Psychologist, at rdenne@tempeunion.org.

AUGUST 2

Academic Services

JOE • DOMINGUEZ

Parents and Students –

Please carefully read the following information before attending Book Distribution.

- **A list of student's classes** will be handed out during Book Distribution (see page 3 for dates and times). Keep in mind that **this is not an official schedule**.
- **Schedules – Students MUST BRING their SCHEDULE on the FIRST DAY of school or have it accessible on their phone via StudentVUE.**

Schedules will be available for viewing on ParentVUE and Student VUE on Friday, August 3rd.

Freshmen will receive initial schedules during Freshman Prep. Readiness Camp. **Please note:** these schedules may change before the first day of school. Check StudentVUE and/or ParentVUE on the Sunday before school starts for any last-minute changes.

Schedules must be shown to each of your teachers on the first day of school. Students will not be allowed to attend classes without a schedule.

- **Seniors** – If your credit check reflects that you are deficient more than six credits, see your assigned counselor with your plan for graduation. Seniors will not be placed on the marching list for graduation if all testing out grades, online course transcripts or transcripts from any other accredited high school are not posted with the records specialist **by May 1st of senior year**. There will be no exceptions to this timeline!



Schedule Change Requests for the 2018-2019 school year will NOT be accepted after June 30th.

Schedule changes will be made ONLY for the following reasons:

1. We have failed to update your schedule after Summer School.
2. We have failed to update your schedule due to receiving a D/F in a course last semester.
3. There is a clerical error such as:
 - a) a hole in your schedule;
 - b) you have the same class listed twice;
 - c) you are missing a lunch.

If any of these special circumstances apply, see Mr. Dominguez.

Students must show their schedule on the 1st day of school!

Keep Up-to Date with MP News & Announcements

www.mphspride.com

Parents will receive **weekly e-mails** from Principal Banks with current issues and important events at Mountain Pointe and in the Tempe Union High School District. Please take the time to read through these informative emails, and notify the front office staff when you have an email address change.

Weekly updates can also be found on the Mountain Pointe homepage. We encourage you to check the MP home page on a regular basis.

Academic Lab Assists in Student Achievement

“AcLab” goes hand in hand with our high learning expectations and provides an increase in the amount of time for mastering concepts and receiving extra help. **Once a week for a 35 minute period**, all staff will focus their efforts and attention in support of student achievement.

AcLab will

- begin right after 2nd period
- last 35 minutes (9:29 - 10:04)
- be held on Wednesdays



Rules during AcLab

- Students must be in designated areas at all times.
- Bathroom breaks will NOT be allowed during AcLab.
- Sweep will be in place and Sweep policies will be followed.
- Appropriate bells will be set up so students will know when to be in designated labs. Bells apply to ALL students.
- Phones and other prohibited electronic devices will NOT be allowed during AcLab.
- Make-up tests should be made available to students before or after school or during AcLab. Make-up testing cannot be limited strictly to AcLab time.
- **Off campus passes will NOT be issued during AcLab.** (Since students travel during AcLab, **parents please consider AcLab time when making outside appointments.**)

Have You Moved?

Report your new address and phone number!

It is important that you keep all contact information **current** with the MP Attendance Office. Please **update your address, email and phone numbers** by filling out a Change of Information form from the Attendance Office. The Post Office will not forward school or district mail.



Attendance Procedure

The following is a summary of the Mountain Pointe Attendance procedure:

Reporting an Absence

Only the parent/legal guardian of the student can notify the school of an absence or request an off-campus pass. When a parent/legal guardian calls to excuse their student, the absence is listed as excused and the reason given is documented.

Parent or legal guardian **must call on the same day** of the absence **before 3:00 p.m.** to be excused for that day. If a parent does not call, an automated message will be made to inform the parent of the unexcused absence. You can place a call to the attendance line after hours and it will be excused the following day.

Off Campus Pass – Call in Advance & Save Time!

To leave campus a student's parent/guardian must call the attendance hotline (see article on right) on the day of and **at least 30 minutes prior to the time of the departure** to receive an off-campus pass and be excused. Parents should allow time for security to bring a pass to the student.

Parents wishing to pick up students during lunch should arrange for their student to meet them in the front office at a pre-arranged time. Passes cannot be delivered to students who are on lunch.

Students **will not** receive off-campus passes to leave for academic lab or lunch.

Returning to Campus with an Off-Campus Pass

Upon returning after using an Off-Campus Pass, students **MUST** sign in at the front desk **with their pass** or they will be marked absent for the remainder of the day. If the student does not return with their Off-Campus Pass, a parent/guardian must sign them in.

Leaving Campus Due to Illness

Students who are ill must report to the Health Office. The nurse will make arrangements with the parent/guardian with regard to how the student will get home.

What if My Student is Late to School?

If your student will be late to class, the parent/guardian will need to sign the student in at the front office upon arrival. If the student is late due to a doctor's appointment, s/he can show a doctor's note in lieu of a parent/guardian signature. Without a note or signature, the student will report to Sweep for the remainder of the class period.

PLEASE NOTE

A student is allowed **no more than 10 absences**, excused or unexcused, per class, per semester. The eleventh (11th) total absence will result in loss of credit for the class, unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Extenuating circumstances could include, but are not limited to, hospitalization, personal/health issues, family issues, college visits, runaways, substance abuse rehabilitation, or parental decision

How to Report an Absence or Request an Off-campus Pass

- Dial (480) 388.8989
- Enter
 - 1 – for an off-campus pass
(kindly call 30 minutes prior to time of departure)
 - 2 – to report an absence for grades 9 or 10
 - 3 – to report an absence for grades 11 or 12

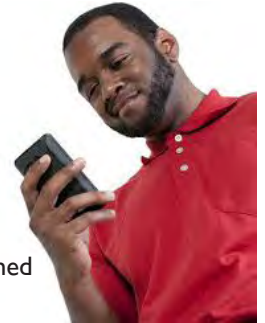
After message and tone, please verbally state the following information:

- Spell the student's last name, then give the first name
- ID Number
- Date of absence
- Periods missed
- The reason for the absence
- Your relationship to the student
- Phone number where you can be reached

Helpful Hint:

To expedite **student pick-up** during the school day, parents may call and request an off-campus pass **prior** to coming to school.

This will cut down on wait time while your student is called to the office. **Also see "Attendance Procedure" on left.**



MP is a Closed Campus

Mountain Pointe requires all students to remain on campus throughout the day including during lunches.

Students who have an **early release schedule** are required to show security their current school ID with an early release sticker to obtain permission to leave campus. Early release stickers can be obtained from the Academics Assistant in the front office.

All other students needing to leave campus during the school day must have a parent-approved off campus pass from the front office before they will be permitted to leave campus. See Attendance Procedure article (on left) for more information about obtaining an off-campus pass and reporting an absence.



Open House: A Chance to Meet the Faculty of MPHS

Monday, August 20th • 6:30 pm • MP Gymnasium

Welcome Pride Family!

Open House will be held on **Monday, August 20th** starting at **6:30 p.m.** in the MPHS Gymnasium.

Following a brief opening, parents will spend 10 minutes with each of your son/daughter's teachers. Each teacher will share vital information with you about the classroom procedures, objectives and the "keys to success" in their class. Important contact information will be given as well.

Please ask your student for a copy of their schedule and the information sheet they will be given. Due to time restrictions, we ask that you email or call the teacher at a later time with specific questions you might have regarding your child's individual progress or academic standing.

The administration and staff of Mountain Pointe look forward to sharing the great things happening in our classrooms each day. It is vital to get acquainted and work together to benefit your student.

Visitor Information

Visitors to Mountain Pointe are welcome during regular business hours. All visitors must report to the main office immediately upon arrival on campus and show their photo ID to obtain a visitor badge.

Requiring photo ID is a safety measure that assists our office staff in knowing who is in the building should an emergency occur. This check of ID requires visitors to exit through the front office. Thank you for your cooperation.



No Student Deliveries Accepted

MP will NOT accept items for student delivery such as:

- food / drinks
- money
- flowers
- personal items
- balloons
- phone messages

Additionally, to minimize class time disruptions:

- Students will not be called out of class to pick up deliveries.
- Students may not order food to be delivered to campus.
- Phone messages will not be delivered, except in case of an emergency. Transportation changes between student and parent are not considered an emergency. Telephones are provided for student use at Mountain Pointe when necessary.

MP Site Council Seeks Parents/Community Members

The Site Council is a shared decision-making body for the entire campus composed of parents, teachers, students, administrators, and community members. Major campus decisions are reviewed by this body.

The MP Site Council is currently seeking parents and community members to serve for a two-year term beginning this fall. The commitment is simply to attend every meeting and occasional outside research. Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 4:00–5:00 pm in room G-109A (unless otherwise posted).

If you are interested in serving on Site Council, please contact Bea Williams at bwilliams@tempeunion.org.

Parent Volunteer Round-Up

Volunteers are important 'cogs in the wheel' that help keep things moving smoothly at Mountain Pointe High School. It is also a great way to get involved at your child's school and meet other parents and community members.

Possible areas to volunteer:

- Copy Room
- Guidance Office
- Health Office
- Athletic Department
- Activities Office
- Classrooms
- Front Office (special projects)



If you would like to volunteer at Mountain Pointe, please sign up at <http://www.tempeunion.org/domain/683>.

Support Your Student's Club/Activity With a Tax Credit Donation



Give a Mountain Pointe extracurricular activity up to \$400 and receive a state tax credit for the full amount!

The Arizona Tax Credit Program (A.R.S. 43-1089.01) allows any Arizona taxpayer to donate up to \$400* to a school of their choice in support of extracurricular programs and get their entire donation back in the form of a tax credit. Taxpayers who donate by April 15 can choose which calendar year they want to apply the credits.

File online at www.tempeunion.org > Community > Tax Credit

*Individuals and couples filing jointly may take advantage of this tax credit. A maximum of \$200 can be deducted per individual tax return; couples filing a joint return may deduct a maximum of \$400.

Online Tools for Parents & Students to Help Navigate Through High School

Parents

ParentVUE helps parents stay informed and connected by providing access to classroom information as well as attendance, discipline, conference visits, health office visits, immunization compliance, transcripts, graduation status and access to view your child's classes in Canvas, the district learning management system (LMS).



Canvas is a leading edge online classroom tool that provides teachers a universal approach to engage students by providing materials, calendars, assignments, communication, quizzes and tests for classes in one place available online from school or home.

As the district moves to a more widespread use of Canvas, many teachers may be conducting many of their classroom activities in Canvas. Teachers will be communicating to students and parents at the beginning of the school year as to how they will be using Canvas on a day-to-day basis.

Find detailed information about Canvas at:

<http://parentvue.tuhsd.k12.az.us>

Accessing ParentVUE & Canvas

Parents will access Canvas through ParentVUE at:

<http://parentvue.tuhsd.k12.az.us>

- ▶ **Parents new to the district** will need to set up a ParentVUE account for TUHSD. You will receive an Activation Key to create your account upon completion of your student's registration.
- ▶ **Parents of incoming freshmen** also need to set up a ParentVUE account for TUHSD. Activation Keys will be distributed at Book Distribution (for dates and times, see page 3). If you cannot attend Book Distribution with your student, activation keys will be available for pickup at Open House on Monday, August 21st
- ▶ **Parents of returning students** continue to use their existing accounts.
- ▶ **Parents** with students from the **Kyrene and Tempe Elementary** districts will need a separate TUHSD ParentVUE account as it is not connected to other Districts.

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<http://studentvue.tuhsd.k12.az.us>

Canvas can be accessed by students via this direct link:

<https://tempeunion.instructure.com/>

- ▶ **Incoming Freshman** will set up their StudentVUE and Canvas accounts during Freshman Prep on August 4th.
- ▶ **New students to TUHSD** will set up these accounts with the Library staff during their first week of school and/or when registering throughout the year.
- ▶ **Returning students** will continue to use their existing accounts for StudentVUE and Canvas.

Available Apps

Now available for iOS and Android devices.

District URL for mobile apps:

<http://parentvue.tuhsd.k12.az.us>



Additional Support

- ▶ **More information** can be found at www.tempeunion.org
- ▶ **Canvas training guides** can be found at: <http://guides.instructure.com/>
- ▶ **Email questions or concerns:** canvasparents@tempeunion.org

Mountain Pointe High School 2018-2019 Bell Schedules

M / T / TH / F & Non-Early Release Wednesdays		
Warning Bell	7:45	
1	7:50 - 8:49	59
2	8:54 - 9:53	59
3	9:58 - 10:57	59
4 - 1 st Lunch	10:57 - 11:30	33
5	11:35 - 12:34	59
OR		
4	11:02 - 12:01	59
5 - 2 nd Lunch	12:01 - 12:34	33
6	12:39 - 1:38	59
7	1:43 - 2:42	59

Split Assembly		
August 31 + September 21 + February 1 + April 26		
Warning Bell	7:45	
1	7:50 - 8:40	50
2A	Assembly	8:45 - 9:26 41
	Travel to class	9:26 - 9:31 5
	Video	9:31 - 9:42 11
	Class	9:42 - 10:32 50
OR		
2B	Class	8:45 - 9:35 50
	Video	9:35 - 9:46 11
	Travel to gym	9:46 - 9:51 5
	Assembly	9:51 - 10:32 41
3	10:37 - 11:27	50
4 - 1 st Lunch	11:27 - 11:57	50
5	12:02 - 12:52	30
OR		
4	11:32 - 12:22	50
5 - 2 nd Lunch	12:22 - 12:52	30
6	12:57 - 1:47	50
7	1:52 - 2:42	50

Wednesday AcLab & Early Release		
August 8 - 15 - 22 - 29	January 9 - 16 - 23 - 30	
September 5 - 12 - 26	February 13 - 20 - 27	
October 3 - 17 - 31	March 6 - 20 - 27	
November 7 - 14 - 21 - 28	April 3 - 10 - 17 - 24	
December 5 - 12	May 1 - 8 - 15	
Warning Bell	7:45	
1	7:50 - 8:32	42
2	8:37 - 9:19	42
2 - Extended	9:19 - 9:24	05
Students remain in 2nd hour for announcements & AcLab prep		
AcLab	9:29 - 10:04	35
3	10:09 - 10:51	42
4 - 1 st Lunch	10:51 - 11:21	30
5	11:26 - 12:08	42
OR		
4	10:56 - 11:38	42
5 - 2 nd Lunch	11:38 - 12:08	30
6	12:13 - 12:55	42
7	1:00 - 1:42	42

Half Day		
September 19 + February 6		
Warning Bell	7:45	
1	7:50 - 8:25	35
2	8:30 - 9:05	35
3	9:10 - 9:45	35
4 / 5	9:50 - 10:25	35
6	10:30 - 11:05	35
7	11:10 - 11:45	35

Exams				
December 18-19-20 + May 20-21-22				
Dec. 18	Dec. 19	Dec. 20	May exams dates for Grades 9-10-11 only	
May 20	May 21	May 22		
Warning Bell	Warning Bell	Warning Bell	7:45	
1	3	6	7:50 - 9:20	90
Break	Break	Break	9:20 - 9:40	20
2	4 / 5	7	9:45 - 11:15	90

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Student Planner Serve as Valuable Resources

Students will receive a Student Planner and review select policies during **AcLab on Wednesday, August 8th**. The information, rules and policies covered in these documents will help your student to have a clear understanding of the policies and expectations at Mountain Pointe and Tempe Union High School District. **It is important for students and parents to read the information in both the Student Handbook and the District Policy Handbook** carefully as many areas undergo changes from year to year. Please carefully review the dress code, sweep, cell phones & electronic/digital devices sections.

The Student Planner **calendar** can help students to stay organized, and also allow parents to check on their student's organization and daily homework.

The **District Handbook** gives parents and students the chance to review information about student discipline, grading, technology use, and Governing Board policies that directly affect the students.

Review all materials with your student!

Parents and students **must** review the materials together and **RETURN** the Acknowledgement of Receipt of Handbooks form by **August 15th**.

The **Acknowledgement of Receipt** form also includes a **Technology Use Agreement** for student and parent to sign for access to District Technology for educational purposes. (**Please sign both parts.**) Please note that this page is where you will need to notate if you choose the **military opt-out option** for your student(s). Finally, there is an **optional page** to sign called **The Designation of Directory Information Form**. If you do not wish to have directory information released, please use and return this form.

Forms due by August 15th

Return your forms to your 2nd hour teacher, correctly filled out, by **Wednesday, August 15th**. Students who do not return the forms may have their technology privileges suspended. We ask that you keep this book available as it contains many district related policies and procedures that you may find informative throughout the year.



School policies can be found in the Mountain Pointe Student Planner posted at www.mphspride.com

District Student Policies & Regulations Handbook can be found at www.tempeunion.org

Math and English Required Summer Projects

Students enrolled in the following classes have required summer projects that need to be completed and ready to turn in on the first day of school.

English: Honors Freshman, Sophomore, & Junior English • AP Language & AP Literature • Humanities • Advanced Composition

English summer projects can be found at:
<https://sites.google.com/a/tuhsd.k12.az.us/don-meyer/>

Math: PreCalculus • Honors Algebra 3-4 • Honors Geometry • AP Calculus BC • AP Calculus AB

Math summer packets can be found at:
<http://www.tempeunion.org/Page/2401>

Healthy Lunches at Reasonable Prices



Affordable Choices:

Tempe Union High School District offers a wide variety of food choices for students. A different Combo Meal is offered daily for lunch as well as items from our grill with chicken sandwiches and burgers, deli section with sandwiches and salads, pizza line, and our full menu from Casa Solana of Mexican Fare.

All food items are sold a la carte with the exception of the Combo Meal, priced at \$3.00 and includes entrée, side, fruit/vegetable, and choice of milk. The menu for the special combo of the day will be posted monthly on the District website.

Pre-Payment Options: An online payment system is available with more capability for our parents to access account information, set up payment, email alerts to low account balance, and automatic payment choices.

Student Meal Accounts: Students may open an account to be used in the cafeteria. The student ID will be used to access this account and the funds. Deposits can be made into the account by cash, check, or on-line (visit website below). No charges for meals are allowed. Please remember, free or full price student debit accounts can only be accessed by showing the student's school ID card.

Meal Applications: The Combo Meal is available free or reduced to all families who qualify. Please feel free to fill out a free/reduced application, available after July 1, 2018 on our website. You may also pickup a copy in the MP front office or cafeteria. Completed forms are best returned to the cafeteria manager.

Questions? Please feel free to contact our school cafeteria manager, Danny Martinez at 480-388-8985 or call the District Food & Nutrition Office at 480-345-3745.

Visit our Website:
www.tempeunion.org → Departments → Food & Nutrition

Bus Transportation for Students



Bus Policies

Students who reside **more than two miles from Mountain Pointe** may ride district bus transportation to school provided you are not an open enrollment student. **If you are an open enrollment student**, this is a reminder that transportation is your responsibility and you are not allowed to ride district transportation.

NOTE: All students riding a school bus **MUST show their current MP student ID** in order to board. (IDs will be distributed during Book Distribution. See page 3 for details.) Any student not showing their school ID will not be allowed to board the bus.

Misbehavior

Riding a school bus is a privilege, not a right. The student who persists in misbehaving on the school bus jeopardizes the safety of everyone on the bus and may lose the privilege of riding the bus. The bus driver is responsible for maintaining discipline on the bus and in this capacity has the authority to assign seats and to make other reasonable demands of students. Bus drivers may deliver a misbehaving student to a school principal or to the police before finishing the route in extreme circumstances. A principal will administer any necessary discipline. Once privileges are lost, that student cannot ride any bus for the duration of the suspension. Students will only be put off the bus at the bus stop or at school.

Misbehavior on the bus can result in removal from the bus for 1 to 10 days, depending on circumstances, or permanent removal from the bus by formal hearing at discretion of the principal. Serious misbehavior on the bus may include suspension or expulsion from school.

Bus Conduct

- ◆ Passengers must remain seated at all times while the bus is in motion.
- ◆ The bus driver may assign seats.
- ◆ Be courteous.
- ◆ No profanity.
- ◆ DO NOT eat or drink on the bus. Keep the bus clean.
- ◆ No smoking.
- ◆ Keep all body parts and objects inside the bus.
- ◆ Do not throw anything inside or outside the bus.
- ◆ All instruments and equipment carried by passengers shall be under their control at all times and carried in their laps, between seats, or properly secured in a vacant seat. Nothing shall be placed in the driver's compartment or the stepwell.
- ◆ The aisle is to be open and passable at all times.
- ◆ No harmful objects and substances allowed on the bus at any time. This includes drugs, tobacco, alcohol, weapons, glass containers, pets, radios, skate boards, etc.
- ◆ Cleats and spikes are not allowed on the bus at any time.
- ◆ Do not destroy property. Students will be charged for damages.
- ◆ For your own safety, do not distract the bus driver through misbehavior!

Bus Schedules

Bus schedules for the 2018-2019 school year will be posted on the Tempe Union High School District website by July 1st at www.tempeunion.org.

Questions

If you have questions, you may contact the District Transportation Office at (480) 839.0292. Also see complete rules & regulations at www.tempeunion.org → Departments → Transportation

Student Parking

Students **must** have a valid tag to park on campus. **An online application must be completed to receive a parking tag.**

Obtaining a Parking Tag:

Visit www.mphspride.com

- ➔ About MPHS
- ➔ Transportation & Parking

1. Complete the **online application**.
2. Download, print and sign **Parking Agreement**.
3. Bring Parking Agreement to Bookstore during Book Distribution. (See page 3 for dates and times.)
4. Pay **parking fee** to Bookstore:
\$100 for the school year (pro-rated after fall break)
\$20 to replace a lost tag

APPLY
ONLINE!

Parking Agreement must be signed by both parent and student before submitting to bookstore.

Where do I park?

Parking spaces are designated as follows:

- ▶ **Unpainted Curbs** – Open for **students WITH current parking tag**. Students will **not** have assigned parking.
- ▶ **Maroon Curbs** – Faculty and Staff **ONLY**
- ▶ **Gold Curbs** – Campus Visitors

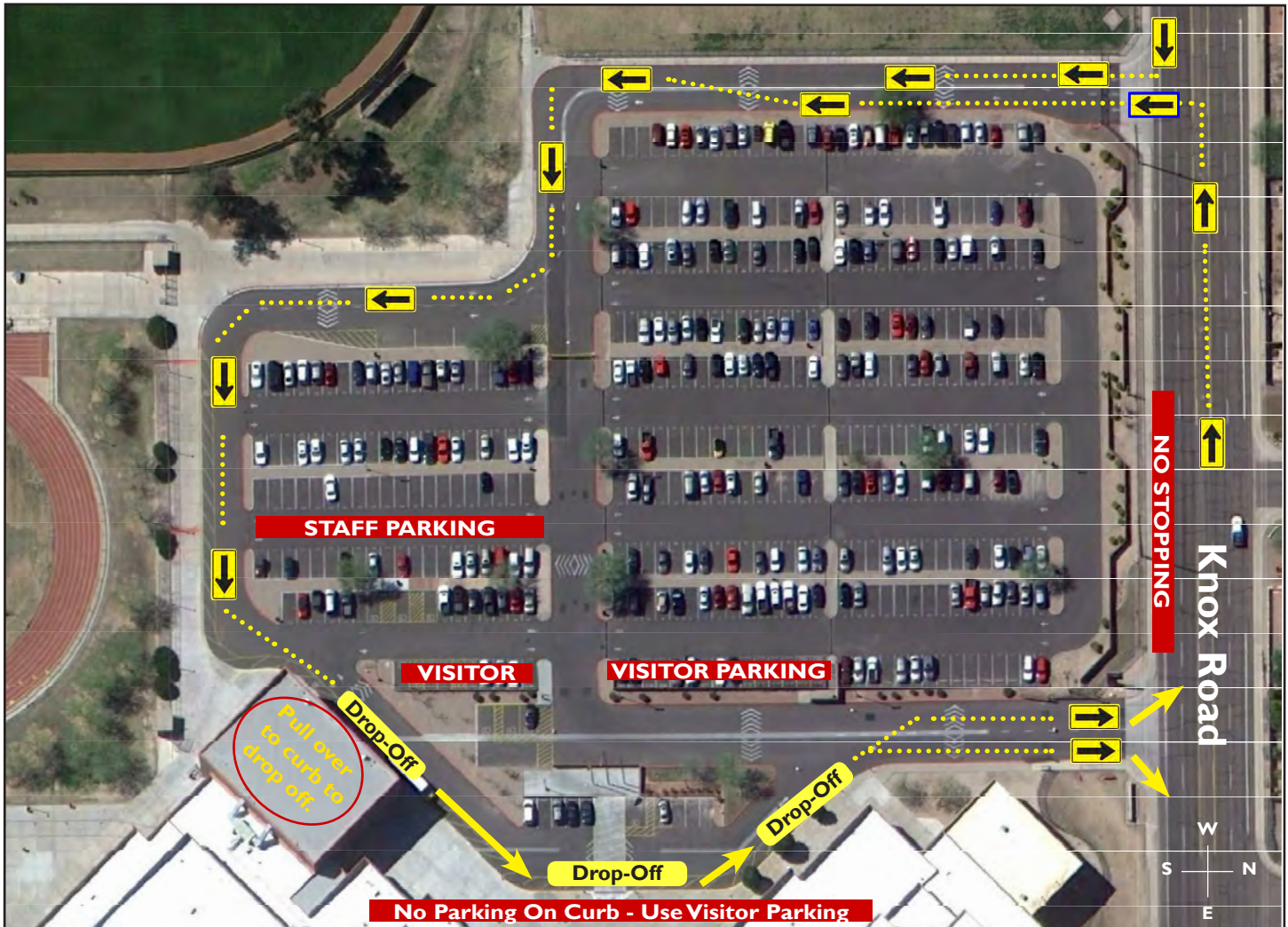
Questions?

Call the
Activities
Office at
(480) 388.8906.



Traffic Flow for Student Pick up & Drop off

All student **drop-off & pick-up MUST** be made in the **FRONT LOT** (off of Knox Road).
Do NOT drop-off students in the back lot (off of 44th Street).



Student Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures

- ♦ All student drop-off and pick-up must be made in the **front lot off of Knox Road**. **Do NOT drop off students on the street or in the back lot off of 44th Street.**
 - Enter **Knox Road** at the **western most** driveway.
 - Proceed, following signs to drop student in **front** of the school.
 - **Exit** the **east** driveway, **by the marquee**.
- ♦ The **map above** indicates the traffic patterns for student pick-up and drop-off. Additionally, signs will be posted to assist you. It is important that everyone understand the procedures prior to the first day of school. As with any plan, cooperation by all is essential in order for this plan to be successful. Traffic flow will be carefully monitored at the start of the school year and you will be advised if problems arise.
- ♦ **DO NOT drop-off/pick-up students in the cul-de-sac off 44th Street.** This area is designated to parents using our preschool, parents with special needs students and for delivery vehicles **only**.
- ♦ **DO NOT STOP to drop-off/pick-up ON KNOX OR 44TH STREETS.** This poses an extreme hazard to students crossing the streets and to stopped vehicles. In addition, you can be cited by the Phoenix Police for stopping!
- ♦ **The red curb area, also known as the fire lane, must not be used as a parking place.** The purpose of red curbs is to allow emergency vehicles quick and close access in the event of an emergency. Parking along the red curb at any time is a violation of F.C. 902.2 and carries a **fine** of up to **\$40**.





Earn College Credit While in High School

Rio Salado Dual Enrollment

Students may take high school classes for credits toward college courses through Rio Salado. Students attend their high school classes and receive college credit.



Dual Enrollment **DE**

In an arrangement with the Maricopa Community College District through Rio Salado College, students enroll in high school classes that have been approved for credit at the community college level. These courses meet the level of rigor and teachers have met the qualifications required by MCCCDC.

Additionally, students may take classes at community college and transfer credits back to MPHS for high school credit. **Courses must be pre-approved by Mr. Dominguez, Registrar.** Seniors must have an official college transcript to MPHS by May 1st of each year to ensure proper credit check for graduation.

AA Alert



It is possible for students taking dual enrollment courses to complete a substantial number of credits required toward an Associate in Arts (AA degree).

Obtain Rio ID Number

Visit www.my.maricopa.edu to check your status, see if you have payments due, and to review or request transcripts. Follow the directions carefully in order to get your 8-digit Rio Salado ID number. You will need this 8-digit number to register for your classes. The number will usually begin with 36.

Registration & Tuition Fees

For Year-Long classes there is a one-time registration fee of \$15.00 and you **MUST** pay for the Year-Long classes in the Fall semester. Year-Long classes are given a final grade at the end of the Spring term.

For semester-long classes there is a fee of \$15.00 to register for the Fall semester, and a fee of \$15.00 to register for the Spring semester. Semester classes are graded at the end of each semester.

There is a specific deadline to pay your tuition. If you have not paid or set up a payment plan with Rio Salado, you will be dropped from your classes. You **MUST** check your MEID account for payment and course status. (See "Obtain Meid Number" on left.)

Please take note of the e-mails and mail from Rio Salado prior to payment deadlines. Tuition for the 2018-2019 school year is \$86.00 per credit hour.

Financial Questions

Call Rio Salado's Cashier's office at **480-517-8334** with financial questions. Ms. Walker **cannot** tell you your account balance, send out tax forms for filing, or check your account status. Log into your account at www.my.maricopa.edu to check your account status.

Questions?

Contact Ms. Walker at bwalker@tempeunion.org.

Registering for 2018-2019 Rio Fall, Year-Long & Spring Semesters

Registration begins in August for Fall & Year-Long classes. Make sure that you register for both Fall and Year-Long semesters to ensure your "spot" in classes. (You will not be able to register for Spring courses until late October.) If you need to drop a dual enrollment class at any time during the school year, you **MUST** fill out a Rio Salado drop card to drop the Rio course or you may not receive a refund for your tuition. See Ms. Walker in the library for a Rio Salado drop card.

Enroll Online

To enroll, visit www.riosalado.edu/dual. This site opens on August 1, 2018. Videos are available to watch and will guide you through the process. These videos will answer most, if not all, of the questions you may have on the dual enrollment process.

New Student vs Returning Student

You are considered **NEW** to Rio Salado IF you did not take a class at MP through Rio OR you only took Accuplacer tests as prerequisites for dual enrollment courses OR you cannot print an unofficial college transcript with grades earned.

You are a **RETURNING** student to Rio if you took dual enrollment classes at MP or with another community college, i.e., South Mountain, Gateway, etc.

Obtain MEID Number

Your MEID Number is a code consisting of letters and numbers **ONLY** used to log into the www.my.maricopa.edu site. Do **NOT** use this MEID code for registration. Make sure you create a password that both you and your parents know in order for you both to check payment status, etc. You can pay your balance through this site as well as set up a payment plan for both semesters.

Registration Assistance Available at MP!

Saturday, August 18

8:00 AM – Noon • MP Library

Printed copy of current MP student class schedule required.

Representatives from Rio Salado will be at Mountain Pointe on **Saturday, August 4th** from **8:00AM to noon** to assist parents and students register for Rio Salado's 2018-2019 dual enrollment classes.

This **optional registration session** will take place in the library (located on the 2nd floor above the gym lobby).

www.riosalado.edu/dual



Activities & the Arts

Aaron Frana

Keep up-to-date on all Activities at
www.mphspride.com



Senior Walk Quickly Approaching ~ Apply Now!

Senior Walk is a tradition that honors Pride seniors who have made outstanding contributions to our Mountain Pointe community. The honorees appear in a special program, have their name placed on the Senior Walk banner and are honored during the Homecoming Assembly and half time at the Homecoming Football Game. **Only members of Senior Walk may be nominated for Homecoming Court.**

All of these activities take place during the senior year, but to be selected for Senior Walk it takes four years of commitment. As a Senior Walk candidate, you must meet the following criteria:

- 3.25 minimum GPA
- No history of serious or chronic discipline or attendance issues, including academic misconduct.
- Involvement in at least 2 school clubs and/or sports and/or activities **each year** at MPHS – *get involved there is still time this year to start!*
- Community Service – must document at least **90 hours over 3 years** with a **minimum of 10 hours documented during freshmen year.** Community service must be obtained from **at least 3 or more organizations** during your four years at MPHS. *(Not all community service may be done over the summer; must be a year-round involvement.)* Check in the Activities Office for opportunities to volunteer.



Last school year 59 outstanding seniors graced the Senior Walk with outstanding students who earned both academic and community service honors.

Apply by visiting www.mphspride.com > **Activities > Senior Walk.** Application must include documentation of community service and active participation in MP clubs, sports or activities. Applications are evaluated by the Senior Class sponsors, Assistant Principal, and Principal. All qualified seniors are encouraged to apply for this honor.

Remember, Senior Walk is a four-year commitment. Freshmen should start committing to Senior Walk now.

SENIORS – APPLY NOW!

Seeking Freshmen LEADERS for Student Council



GET INVOLVED

Freshmen who wish to campaign for a class office must submit an application and attend a mandatory election meeting to be held during lunch in the cafeteria during the week of September 4th.

Elections will be held during the week of October 1st during both lunches. Any freshman is eligible to run for an officer position.

Listen to weekly announcements for details, or contact Student Council sponsor, Ms. Morrissey, in room D-223a.



Friday • September 14, 2018

Mountain Pointe's 8th Annual Hall of Fame Induction will be held on Friday, September 14, 2018. The following alumni will be inducted:

- Jaclyn Backhaus Class of 2004
- Sean Bowie Class of 2002
- Kevin Lawrence Martin Class of 1995
- Benjamin Siemon Class of 1997

Join us to celebrate the induction of these former students at 6:00 PM in Mountain Pointe's gym lobby. Inductees will then be recognized at half time of our Varsity football game; kick-off at 7:00 PM in the Karl Kiefer Stadium.



MPTC AUDITIONS

Audition for the 1st play of the year!

Thursday, August 9th
 3:15 PM • Drama Room

MPTHEATRECO.COM

PRIDE FALL SPORTS



www.mphspride.com

Coach	E-mail	Room
Badminton Rick Carter	rcarter@tempeunion.org	D-238
Cross Country Grant Sinclair	gpsinclair1@gmail.com	off-campus
Football Rich Wellbrock	rwellbrock@tempeunion.org	PE
Golf ~ Boys Tony Ramseyer	tramseyer@tempeunion.org	F-137
Golf ~ Girls Max Pincus	mpincus@tempeunion.org	C-207
Swim & Diving ~ Boys Greg Mahon	gmahon@musd20.org	off-campus
Swim & Diving ~ Girls Steve Mancuso	smancuso@tempeunion.org	Guidance
Volleyball ~ Girls Karen Gray	jkgray93@yahoo.com	off-campus



Tryouts begin on Monday, August 6th.
Football begins on Monday, July 23rd.

Contact the listed Head Coach
for questions or more information.

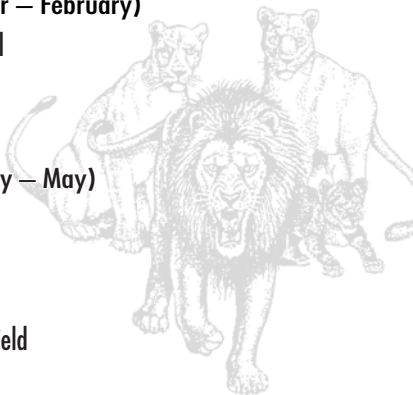
Be Ready for the Next Season!

Winter Sports (October – February)

- Boys & Girls Basketball
- Boys & Girls Soccer
- Wrestling

Spring Sports (February – May)

- Baseball
- Softball
- Boys & Girls Tennis
- Boys & Girls Track & Field
- Boys Volleyball



New, LOWER Prices for Athletic Passes!

Student, adult and family athletic passes may be purchased at the Bookstore. See page 3 for the new, lower prices.

Please note: athletic passes are good for **regular season home athletic events only**. They cannot be used for admittance to away games, tournaments or AIA events.

MPHS Fall Cheerleading Tryouts

Freshman, JV & Potentially Varsity

Parent Meeting

August 10th • 4:30 • Cafeteria

Tryout Dates:

August 13th & 14th • 4:00-6:00 • Cafeteria

August 15th • 2:30-5:00 • Cafeteria

* *Must attend ALL 3 days of try outs* *

Register Now!

All participants **MUST** be cleared **BEFORE** tryouts:

www.registermyathlete.com

Questions?

Email Coach Alex! aostrow@kyrene.org

Participating in a Sport? Register NOW online!

Athletes must complete registration at least **one week prior to tryouts** in order to participate. **Athletes will NOT be cleared on the first day of practice/tryouts.**

How do I register?

- ➔ www.mphspride.com
- ➔ Athletics
- ➔ Athletics Registration



Please note that **first time participants** in MP sports will also be required to:

- ➔ submit an original, certified state birth certificate
- ➔ complete a Brainbook course on the AIA website at www.AIAAcademy.org

Athletic Equipment:

All athletic equipment issued to students **must be returned** to the equipment room or coach immediately after the season ends. Equipment not returned must be paid for by the individual. Athletes with outstanding equipment will not be issued clearance for try-outs or participation for 2018-2019.

Grab Your Clubs.... Boys Golf Season Begins Soon

Coach Ramseyer welcomes any young men attending Mountain Pointe High School this fall to try out for the 2018 Boys' Golf Team. Interested players should meet with Coach Ramseyer on August 7th right after school in room F-137.



TRYOUTS:

August 7th – August 10th • 3:00 PM • Ahwatukee Country Club

Requirements:

- Must be registered & cleared prior to tryouts:
Visit www.mphspride.com → Athletics → Athletics Registration
- Proper golf attire must be worn at all times. This includes a collared shirt and golf shorts or slacks. Jeans and long, baggy shorts are not allowed.
- Bring your own set of golf clubs.
- Be ready to have some fun!

OPEN RANGE:

August 2nd & 3rd • 4:00 PM • Ahwatukee Country Club

High school golf is very competitive in Arizona. Many of the young golfers are participating in the JGAA tournaments or Southwest Junior PGV tournaments throughout the summer. Practice and play golf as much as possible this summer.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Coach Ramseyer at tramseyer@tempeunion.org or (480) 759-8449 ext. 50553.



MPHS SWIM & DIVE TEAM

Welcome to the 2018 Season!

The Mountain Pointe Swim and Dive Team welcomes student athletes who want to challenge themselves in and out of the water. It is our goal to compete as a team while growing as individuals, to enjoy the journey as much as the destination, and to respect our fellow competitors along with our team and community.

Season starts in August!

MPHS Swim and Dive welcomes swimmers and divers of all abilities and both are non-cut sports. Join, build confidence, get fit, make new friends, and **have fun!**

Meet & Greet

August 4th • 4:00PM • ZZeeks Pizza • 4825 E. Warner Rd.

Join the Boosters and current swim & dive team members to learn more about the teams and how to register. Email us to let us know you're coming and we'll have pizza ready for you!
MPHSSwimdive@outlook.com

Website

Visit www.mphsswimteam.com for more information.

Questions?

Call 602-790-6160 or email MPHSSwimdive@outlook.com

ATTENTION DIVERS – ImPACT testing offered at MP in June!

Divers must complete ImPACT testing before season begins. Plan to attend **one** of the following testing dates:

June 14, 21, 28 • July 16, 17, 19 • 1:30 PM • Room F-123 • Email cvallalpando@tempeunion.org to reserve a spot.

Mountain Pointe Guidance Center

Mountain Pointe students are helped by some of the best counselors around! The counselor/student ratio at Mountain Pointe is approximately 600:1. Mrs. Ricki Cassutt will be taking care of the guidance needs of all of the students that score in the top 3 percentile in the areas of verbal, mathematical, or abstract reasoning on aptitude testing. All other Mountain Pointe students are assigned and will be assisted by the support personnel listed below. The main responsibility/role that each counselor assumes is that of Academic Guidance. Feel free to contact your student's counselor by email with any questions or concerns.

Students are assigned to a counselor as follows:

Student Group	Name	E-mail	Voice Mail
Freshmen	Steve Mancuso	smancuso@tempeunion.org	ext. 50134
A – F (grades 10, 11, 12)	Erin Smith	ersmith@tempeunion.org	ext. 50138
G – O (grades 10, 11, 12)	Bryan Sabato	bsabato@tempeunion.org	ext. 50136
P – Z (grades 10, 11, 12)	Sonia Salazar, Dept. Chair	ssalazar@tempeunion.org	ext. 50137
Gifted Students	Ricki Cassutt	rcassutt@tempeunion.org	ext. 50133
Student Support	Melissa Ronneseth	mronneseth@tempeunion.org	ext. 50131

Additional Guidance Department Service and Support:

Specialized Area	Name	E-mail	Voice Mail
Guidance Assistant	Donna Daulton	ddaulton@tempeunion.org	ext. 50132
Records & Transcripts	Malia Austin	mdaustin@tempeunion.org	ext. 50130
Title I Parent Liaison	Matt Denny	mdenny@tempeunion.org	ext. 50111
Drop Out Prevention	Justin Hager	jhager@tempeunion.org	ext. 50574
Drop Out Prevention	Rich Wellbrock	rwellbrock@tempeunion.org	ext. 50577

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. What are the hours of the MPHS Guidance Center?**
A. The Guidance Center is open every school day from 7:15 am until 3:15 pm.
- Q. How do I know who my counselor is?**
A. Students are assigned to a counselor by grade level. See chart above.
- Q. How can I see my counselor?**
A. Students/Parents can make an appointment with Mrs. Daulton. Walk-in hours are available before school, after school or during lunch. Students may NOT come see their counselor during class time unless it is an emergency.
- Q. What if I have an emergency and my counselor is not available?**
A. A response counselor is available every day who can help any student or parent that walks in with an emergency. There is an At-Risk counselor available each day to assist with those students in crisis as.
- Q. How do I get information about colleges, careers, scholarships, or any other guidance information?**
A. Throughout the year, counselors provide relevant information to all grade levels. Freshmen presentations cover completing a four year plan; Sophomore, Junior and Senior presentations include career assessments, scholarship websites and deadlines, (testing) PSAT, ASVAB, ACT and SAT information, university, community college and vocational information. Students and parents should also review the Principal's weekly email updates for the most up-to-date information.



Scheduling an Appointment

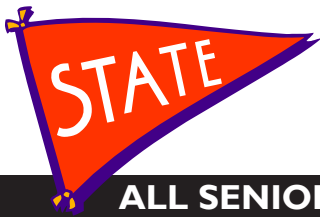
Donna Daulton, Guidance Assistant
 480.759.8449 ext. 50132

Mountain Pointe Counselors will be happy to make an appointment with a student or parent.

- Students may come to the Guidance Department counter to make an appointment with their counselor for the following school day.
- Parents are welcome to contact the Guidance Assistant to make an appointment during the school day or email the assigned counselor to make an appointment before or after school.
- The Guidance Department uses the Response Counselor of the Day model for any emergency or immediate need. This counselor rotates each day of the week and is on call—waiting to respond to your immediate need. Contact the Guidance Assistant to connect with the response counselor of the day who can assist you.

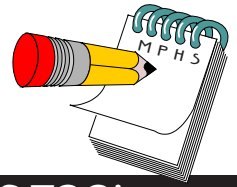
Visit Us Online

Find the most up-to-date information on the Guidance tab at www.mphspride.com.



College Information

Mark your calendars with the following dates.



ALL SENIORS & PARENTS

Senior Parent College Information Night

Monday, August 20, 2018

Auditorium • 5:00 PM (before Open House)

Learn about the college application process, scholarship opportunities, and Q/A time! Receive the same information seniors will receive in the Senior English classes August 13-17. Be in the same loop as your senior!

In-State College Night for All MP and DV Seniors and Parents

Check website in August for new date!

Mountain Pointe Auditorium • 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Excellent opportunity for Seniors and parents to get information from the In-State University and Community College Representatives. Pick-up the necessary applications, learn about important admissions dates, financial aid and/or scholarship deadlines, tour information, etc. You will be glad you attended this event!

Out-of-State College Info – Greater Phoenix National College Fair

Sunday, October 21, 2018

Phoenix Convention Center • 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Free and open to the public! Students interact with admission representatives from a wide range of postsecondary institutions. Visit www.nacacnet.org for more information.

On Campus College Visitations & Scholarship Sessions

Local community colleges and universities as well as many out-of-state colleges visit Mountain Pointe throughout the school year. The college representatives welcome interested students to meet with them during their campus visits. To view which college admission reps will be on campus and to sign up for their presentation, please follow the directions below:

How to Register for College Visits

1. Log into Naviance/Family Connection
<http://connection.naviance.com/mountainphs>
2. Click on the Colleges tab located at the top of the homepage
3. Click on the View all upcoming college visits located on the right side
4. Find the college visit you want to attend and click sign up located to the left of the college name
5. Click on the gray button, Sign me up
6. You will see a green confirmation message. **Print this confirmation** as it will serve as your pass to leave class and attend the college presentation.

SENIORS & JUNIORS, TOO!

SAT & ACT Testing

In order to apply to a four-year university, students must take the SAT and/or the ACT. Determine which test that the university to which you are applying prefers and sign up online ASAP. **Seniors** should take the **first available** test and **Juniors** should take one of the **Spring** tests.

Go to the following website for SAT/ACT test dates, information, and registration for 2018-2019.

SAT www.collegeboard.com

ACT www.actstudent.org

Note: Mountain Pointe High School's code for online registration purposes is 030307.

Online registration is highly recommended ~ visit the websites to register. Students who need special accommodations for testing or fee waivers should see their assigned counselor in Guidance for the necessary forms to be filed prior to registration. **Students who do not have proper forms filed with the testing organization will not receive special accommodations on test days.**

Students are strongly advised to take the practice test before testing to become familiar with the test format. These practice tests are provided with the registration materials or are available on the websites listed above.

Note: SAT and ACT scores are not currently recorded on Tempe Union High School transcripts. Send scores directly to the universities when the test is taken.

JUNIORS & HONORS SOPHOMORES

PSAT / NMSQT Test

(Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

8:00 AM – Noon • MPHS

The PSAT/NMSQT measures skills that are important for success in college – verbal reasoning, critical reading, math problem-solving, and writing. Taking the PSAT/NMSQT enables students to:

- Practice for SAT (college admissions tests)
- Seek information from colleges
- Receive feedback about critical academic skills
- As a Junior, enter the scholarship competition conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NSMC) if the necessary qualifying scores are achieved

More information and practice for the PSAT is available at: www.collegeboard.com.

**Check the guidance website frequently
for the most current and up-to-date information!**

Recommendation Packets Available in Guidance Center

Mountain Pointe Counselors are happy to write a recommendation for college, scholarship, or job purposes. Students can pick up a **Counselor Recommendation Packet** in the MPHS Guidance Center. After completing the packet, students need to make an appointment with their counselor to submit the packet, specific details, deadlines, etc. Students must provide an addressed, stamped envelope with each recommendation letter.

NOTE: Please **allow two weeks** for letters to be written. All requests for university applications and recommendations **must be submitted** to your guidance counselor **by November 1st**.



Check it out!

www.mphspride.com

Click on Academics > Guidance 

Additional Informative Websites

www.tempeunion.org

Tempe Union High School District.
Point to "Students" to find scholarship information

www.collegeboard.org

Registration, practice, and information regarding the SATs, PSAT and AP program and exams

www.actstudent.org

Registration and information regarding the ACT

www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

Registration for athletes in the junior year

www.armedforcescareers.com

Military information



Information for Students Enrolled in JROTC Program

Mountain Pointe students signed up for JROTC will attend class at Marcos de Niza High School each day from 7:00 – 8:00 am.

On **Monday, August 6th** all JROTC students need to report to Mountain Pointe to take the bus to Marcos for your first ROTC class. An upper class JROTC student will be there in uniform to guide you. The bus will arrive at **6:25 am** in the **Knox Road parking lot by the front office** to transport you to Marcos. Parents may choose to drive their cadet to/from Marcos de Niza rather than taking the bus.

Once at Marcos, all Cadets should meet in the Gym Annex. Class is dismissed at 8:00 am and you are expected to return to Mountain Pointe between 8:15 and 8:25 am and report to the G-Wing each day.

All cadets will be provided a packet of **forms to be filled out and returned** to the Instructor no later than **Friday, August 10th**.

If you have questions, please contact Major Robert Fore at Marcos de Niza, (480) 730.7685 or rfore@tempeunion.org.



You may also visit the JROTC website at: <http://www.tempeunion.org/Page/202>

Homeless Services Offered to District Families

If due to loss of housing and/or economic hardship, you must live in a shelter, motel, vehicle or campground, on the street, in abandoned buildings or trailers, or doubled up with relatives or friends, then according to the McKinney-Vento Act, you may be considered homeless. (*Also considered homeless: refugees, unaccompanied youth, or individuals living in substandard housing.*) Your children have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where you live and how long you have lived there
- Continue in the school they last attended before becoming homeless if that is your choice and is feasible
- Receive transportation to the school they attended before the family became homeless if you or a guardian request such transportation
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address
- Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for the transfer of school and immunization records or any other documents required for enrollment
- Enroll and attend classes in the school of your choice even while the school and you seek to resolve a dispute over enrolling your children
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children served in these programs

If you have questions, please contact the At-Risk Coordinator at (480) 759-8449 ext. 50135.



Information from the Mountain Pointe Health Office

(480) 388.8911 ▪ FAX (480) 388-8998



Eat a Healthy Breakfast & Drink Water

Please encourage your student to eat and drink something before coming to school. Many times students come in with upset stomachs, headaches, or dizziness, and it is because they have not eaten and/or are not hydrated. Having a healthy breakfast will help them be successful at school.

Students are also encouraged to carry water bottles. Refill water stations are available on campus to use throughout the day.

PE Excuses and Injuries

If your child is injured in PE at school they need to report it immediately to the teacher in charge at the time. If indicated they will be sent to the School Nurse. If a student is unable to participate in PE for any reason, the student must bring a parent note to the nurse explaining why the student cannot participate. After 3 days, a doctor note is **REQUIRED** per district policy if your child still cannot participate in PE.

If your child is injured in sports, they need to report it immediately to the coach and trainer; **NOT** the school nurse.

Illness

PLEASE do not send your child to school if they have a fever (over 100), a severe sore throat, vomiting, a red eye, or anything contagious or infectious! Call the Attendance line at 480-388-8989 and keep them home to rest and if symptoms don't improve, take them to the doctor! It is **imperative** that we keep the spread of germs to a minimum in our school!

Immunizations

If you receive a letter in the mail about your child needing immunizations, please contact the nurse right away and let her know whether or not your child has had the shot, or when you are planning to get it. Certain immunizations are required by the State of Arizona to attend school. We take this very seriously!

Health Office Information & Forms

Visit the Health Office page on the school website for information and required forms. Please contact the nurse with concerns or questions.

Medical Conditions

If you receive paperwork in the mail regarding a medical condition that your child has, please take it to your child's doctor and return it to the nurse as soon as possible! The district requires that students with certain medical conditions have paperwork on file in the nurse's office.

Medications at School

Student **MAY NOT** carry any kind of medications at school with three exceptions which are as follows:

- Diabetic Supplies / Insulin
- Epipen for Life Threatening Allergy
- Asthma Rescue Inhaler

If a student has any of these three conditions the School Nurse **must** have paperwork on file in the nurse's office.

Over the Counter Medications

The **only way** the school nurse can administer medications at school is if we follow district policy which requires the following:

Parent must bring to nurse:

1. a **sealed** container of the medication that the parent chooses for their child with their child's name written on it
AND
2. a completed medication permission form **signed** by a parent/guardian.

This is the only way that the school nurse can administer medications at school.

Contact Information

Please keep the front desk informed of any address or phone number changes. The nurse must be able to reach a parent/guardian during school hours if your child is in the nurse's office. This is impossible to do if contact information is not updated. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Stay Hydrated ~ Water Bottle Refill Stations Available On Campus

Multiple water stations are available around MPHS for use in refilling water bottles. Students are allowed to bring water bottles into our carpeted classrooms where fountain drinks, sports drinks, coffee and other non-water beverages are **NOT** allowed. The stations allow the Pride campus to be more environmentally friendly while helping to keep up the appearances of our classrooms. The refill stations can be found in the main office and various other locations on both floors throughout the campus.



E-mail Directory

MOUNTAIN POINTE HIGH SCHOOL

Revised 06/11/18



- Administrator
- ◆ Department Chair

All email addresses must be followed by @tempeunion.org

Administrative Offices

Principal

- Tomika Banks tbanks
- Barb Neal bneal

Academics

- Joe Dominguez jdominguez
- Kim Davidson kdavison

Activities

- Aaron Frana afrana
- Marie Slany mslany

Athletics

- Mike Griffith mgriffith
- Alexandra Gastello agastello

Dean of Students

- TBD TBD

Title 1 Parent Liaison

Matt Denny mdenny

Drop Out Prevention Coach

Justin Hager jhager
Rich Wellbrock rwellbrock

Police Liaison

Officer TBD TBD

Attendance

- Patricia Earby pearby
- Robyn Ramseyer rramseyer

Bookstore

Hilly Bilducia (Interim) hbilducia

Business, Family & Culinary Arts

- Deb Abley dstewart
- Mark Campbell mcampbell
- Jacque Ibsen jibsen
- Suzanne Idler sidler
- Margaret Lamb mlamb
- Pete Manigold pmanigold
- ◆ Tamara Reichert treichert
- Marish Varley mvarley

Cafeteria

Danny Martinez mtptcafe

English

- Meg Austin maustin
- Melanie Bruce mbruce
- Duane Eason deason
- Julie Green jgreen
- Bridget Greer bgreer
- Toby Greer tgreer
- Tracy Guidorizzi tguidorizzi
- Belinda Jones bjones
- Alysse Kline akline
- ◆ Don Meyer dmeyer
- Krystin Pinckard-Reed kpinckard
- Mary Powell mpowell
- Alicia Rawlings arawlings
- Sarah Rich srich
- Joseph Shiflette jshiflette
- Becky Suchomel rsuchomel
- Clare Taylor ctaylor
- Lorie Warnock lwarnock

Equipment Room

Rick Quinn rquinn

Gifted Services

Mary Catherine Boatright mcboatright

Guidance

- Malia Austin (Records) mdaustin
- Ricki Cassutt rcassutt
- Donna Daulton ddaulton
- Steve Mancuso smancuso
- Melissa Ronneseth mronneseth
- Bryan Sabato bsabato
- ◆ Sonia Salazar ssalazar
- Erin Smith ersmith

I.E.P. Services

- Valerie Carl vcarl
- Connie Cassidy ccassidy
- Grace Cisneros gcisneros
- Ron Denne rdenne
- Jamaica Drowne jdrowne
- Nicole Ecklund necklund
- Kirk Fauske kfauske
- Leah Gilbert lgilbert
- Sherri Hoffman shoffman
- Kathy Jo Humphrey khumphrey
- Jason Johnson jajohnson
- Tonya Martin tmartin
- Mike Mosiman mmosiman
- Rosemary Munafo rmunafo
- ◆ Jennifer Murphy jmurphy
- Amanda Nielsen anielsen
- Terry Reeder treeder
- Irma Ruiz iruiz
- Eileen Sipes esipes
- Kassie Strautman rstrautman

Library Media & AV Services

- Kathy Patterson kpatterson
- Jill Perry (AV) jperry
- Denise Stanford dstanford
- ◆ Brandy Walker bwalker

Maintenance

Fernando Garcia fgarcia

Math

- Jim Bradford jbradford
- Colleen Carroll ccarroll
- Logan Garner lgarner
- Robert Hendrickson rhendrickson
- Clay Lawson clawson
- Philip Moore pmooore
- Tony Ramseyer tramseyer
- Dan Ray dray
- Jamie Ruelas jruelas
- Pete Rupp prupp
- Michael Salutz msalutz
- Michael Sinkovic msinkovic
- Natalia Skinner nskinner
- Alexander Smith asmith
- Jill Stewart jstewart
- Bea Williams bwilliams
- Erick Woertz ewoertz
- ◆ Jennifer Zoldan jzoldan

Nurse's Office

TBD tbd

Performing Arts – Dance

Natalia Skinner nskinner
Kim Swimmer kswimmer

Performing Arts – Music / Theatre

- Kimberly Bonagofski kbonagofski
- Choir - TBD TBD
- ◆ Leo Werner lwerner

Physical Education & Health

- Jeff Decker jdecker
- Matt Denny mdenny
- ◆ Andrea Fazz afazz
- Sergio Guitierrez sgutierrez
- Justin Hager jhager
- Conrad Hamilton cohamilton
- Rich Wellbrock rwellbrock

Science

- Rick Carter rcarter
- Claudia Costin ccostin
- Greg Dayoob gdayoob
- Holly Fraser hfraser
- Vance Garner vgarner
- Josh Gher jgher
- Catherine Hansen chansen
- Caitlin Huntzinger chuntzinger
- Yessica Lopez ylopez
- Colleen Miller comiller
- Denice Miller demiller
- Phil Moon pmoon
- ◆ Meredith Morrissey mmorrissey
- Corey Quinn cquinn
- Marilyn Raming mrmaing
- Cheryl Saylor csaylor
- Melissa Wendell mwendell

Social Studies

- Dawn Agnew dagnew
- ◆ Natasha Alston nalston
- Eric Burrows eburrows
- Linda Burrows lburrows
- Marissa Chavez mchavez
- Ross Crow rcrow
- Sergio Holguin sholguin
- Tim Kelly tkelly
- Anthony Leathers aleathers
- Ian Moses imoses
- Max Pincus mpincus
- Erin L. Smith elsmith
- Tricia Smith trismith
- Lane Waddell lwaddell

Technology Support & Trainer

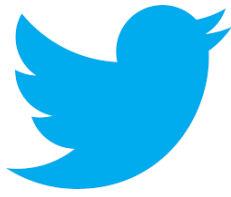
- Brian Allen (IT Support) ballen
- Melissa Schafer (Trainer) mschafer

Visual Arts

- ◆ Steve Adams sadams
- Teresa Gilchrist tgilchrist
- Suzanne Idler sidler
- Alisa Spavronskaya aspavronskaya
- Samar Waterworth swaterworth

World Languages

- Mary Catherine Boatright mcboatright
- Laura Boss lboss
- Sandi Hinojosa shinojosa
- Carolina Moreno cmoreno
- Colleen Murray cmurray
- ◆ Donna Sampanes dsampanes
- Erica Shelton eshelton



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NOW ENROLLING!

The Mountain Pointe Early Learning Center is enrolling for the 2018-2019 school year.

- For three to five year-olds who are independently potty trained
- We follow the district calendar
- Hours are 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM daily
- Tuition is \$140 per week

Space is limited, so don't delay!

Call (480) 388-8943 for additional information.