

Superintendent's Report December 11, 2025



RECOGNITION

Flag Football

- November 19, 2025 Flag Football continued on in the State Championship Playoffs traveling to Queen Creek to play Eastmark
- The Team had a phenomenal send off and played with heart and determination





RECOGNITION

Arizona State Senate Page Program

- Dawson Rice—after waiting to apply since his freshman year, when he first discovered the Page Program on the government website, has been accepted into the Arizona State Senate Page Program
- He is the first-ever high school student to have an application accepted
- He is the first-ever seventeen-year-old to be allowed to apply, as they require applicants to be 18 (turning 18 in December)
- First interview round at the State Senate building, was with the Page Director, Head Page, and Deputy Sergeant at Arms
- An exception had to be made by HR if they wanted to give Dawson the position because they traditionally require a high school diploma
- Final round of interviews, at the same location, with the Deputy Sergeant at Arms and the Sergeant at Arms
- Received a phone call the next day offering the position at the Senate
- First-ever 18-year-old to be given a position at the Senate for a first Legislative Session
- Dec. 2 was uniform fitting; First day of work is Jan. 7, 2026



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NOVEMBER 21, 2025,

Dear Dawson Rice,

Congratulations on being selected to serve as a Senate Page for Arizona's 57th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session! As a Senate Page, you will provide an essential service to Legislators and staff, and I believe you will find the position both exciting and rewarding.

This letter serves as an official offer to you for a Page position with the Arizona State Senate and an affirmation of your availability to work. We ask that you be available to work starting on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 9:00 am.

The first few workdays will be dedicated to Page orientation and on-the-job training. During orientation, you will receive explanations of work schedules and committee assignments, take tours of the Senate building and the Capitol Complex, be issued ID cards, receive uniform guidelines, and be provided with instructions and expectations for job performance.

The week of January 12, 2026, will mark the official start of the Legislative Session. The Session-only Page position pays an hourly rate of \$17.00, and will terminate at the conclusion of the 2026 legislative session, Sine Die.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. We are excited to have you join our team!

Respectfully,



RECOGNITION

Yavapai County Education Foundation— Classroom Teacher Grant

- November 21, 2025
- Ms. Ashley Davis— was awarded the Classroom Grant
- \$485.97 for Calculators





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November 21, 2025

Mingus Union HSD
Attn: Ashley Davis

Dear Business Manager,

Congratulations, a teacher within your district or charter school has been selected by the Yavapai County Education Foundation as a *Classroom Teacher Grant* or *Building/District/School Matching Grant* recipient! Enclosed you will find a check for the amount requested in the application for the project listed below.

Teacher: *Ashley Davis*
School: *Mingus Union HSD*
Grant Type: **Classroom Grant**
Project: Calculators
Amount: \$485.97

Funds should be placed on account for the above-mentioned teacher to fund their approved project. **Funds must be spent by Spring 2026. Any unspent funds must be returned to the Yavapai County Education Foundation by the end of June 2026.** A letter will be mailed to the business office in May 2026 requesting documentation of the funds spent and a reimbursement of any unspent funds.

On behalf of the Yavapai County Education Foundation, congratulations again to the grant recipient!

Sincerely,

Steve King
YCEF Secretary/Treasurer

We Support Teachers

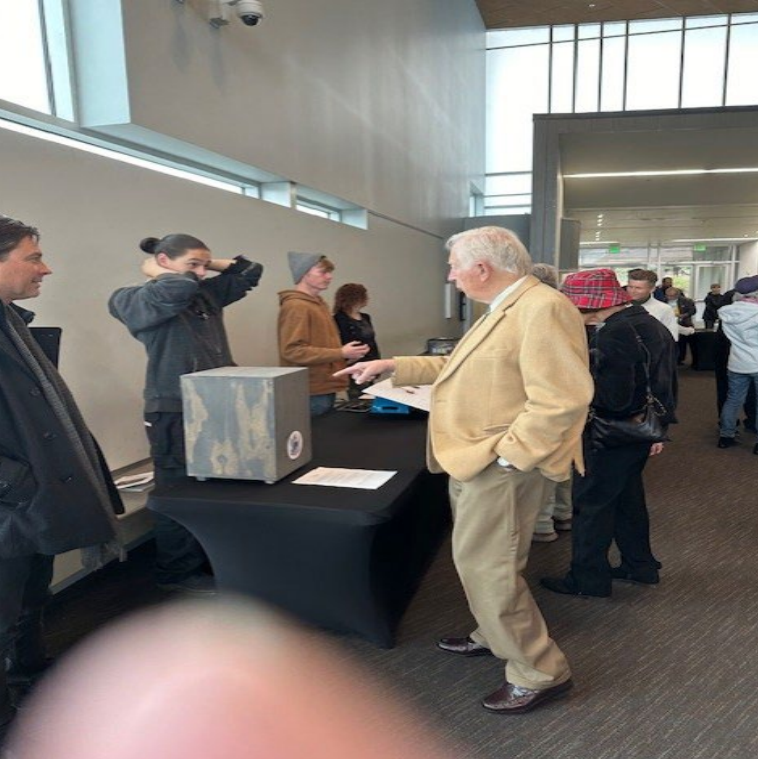


RECOGNITION

Advanced Band

- Students worked in conjunction with the Sedona Symphony and The Music Instrument Museum in Phoenix to research different instruments and create 3D visual projects
- November 23--Projects were displayed at the Sedona Symphony concert
- Linden Bruk, Dylan Campos and Dalton Ryan represented Mingus at the Symphony

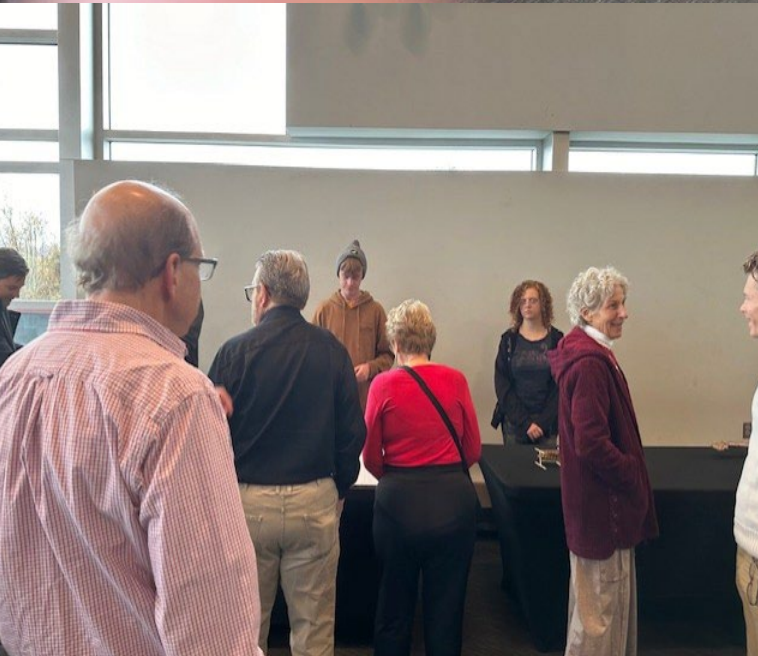




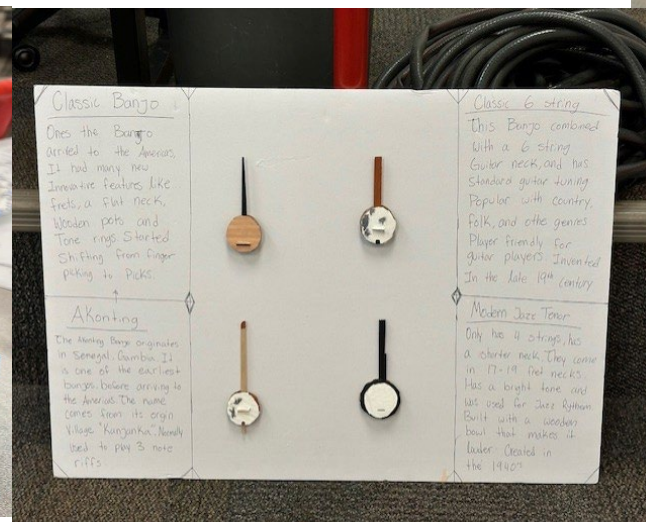
Cajon



Ukelele



Marimba



Banjo

RECOGNITION

Art in the Clark Student Art Show

- December 9, 2025-January 5, 2026
- An annual student Art Show at the Clarkdale Library sponsored by the Made In Clarkdale Art Cooperative
- Art Exhibition is open to all Mingus students at all artistic levels. No prizes offered, just showing off what our students are capable of
- This is our biggest Art in the Clark show to date with over 100 student made drawings, paintings and prints on display









RECOGNITION

VACTE-Law Enforcement I

- Fiona Jackson—11th Grade
- Law Teacher Jennifer Choate
- Fiona consistently shows up with a positive energy and eagerness to learn
- She has dedicated hours of her time to volunteering for community events and is always willing to help her peers
- She is excelling in the 911 Dispatch Internship as well as her academics in the classroom
- Her commitment and drive make her an exceptional asset to our program





RECOGNITION

Regional Theatre Competition

- Saturday, November 22nd at Paradise Valley High School
- Theatre 3 Juniors/Seniors competed in a mix of Stagecraft, Design, Singing, Dancing, and Acting
- Out of 31 acts presented, 11 received Superiors and 4 events were selected as Best of the North (5 Students)
- Superior Students are eligible for National Competition in Indiana in Summer 2026





BACK ROW

*Oliver Schilz – Props Construction
Caleb Thompson – Monologue,
Duet Acting

*Sabine Briggs – Stage
Management

Gizmo Petterson – Playwrighting

*Emily Gummo-Wagner – Duet
Acting

FRONT ROW

Maddy Hendricks – Solo Dance

*Jareth Alegria – Vocal Solo,
Costume Design

Lyra Earles – Vocal Solo, Duet
Acting

*Lexi Williams – Duet Acting

* BEST OF THE NORTH
SELECTIONS

RECOGNITION

PUMPKIN KING STEALS CHRISTMAS

- ATORT is in the middle of the 2nd performance of the school year – a non audition show entitled “The Pumpkin King Steals Christmas”
- Audiences have LOVED the creativity and seeing so many student dancers. Some are just starting out, others are doing absolutely beautiful work
- There are 3 more chances to see Pumpkin King – Friday (12/12) and Saturday(12/13) at 6:30pm and Sunday (12/14) at 2pm
- Adapted, Directed, and Choreographed by Carla Renard
 - 38 Crew Members
 - Original Costume Design by Gizmo Petterson is a stand-out
 - Make-up Design by Melanie Rodriguez is top notch
 - 60 Cast Members
- Run Time of 1 hour and 45 minutes with a 15 minute intermission is PERFECT for the whole family to enjoy







RECOGNITION

FFA Ice Cream Social and Fundraiser

- December 3, 2025
- Alumni Group Presented FFA Jackets
- Multiple goodies were donated and baked
- Items were auctioned with over \$8000.00 raised for FFA for 2025-2026 senior scholarships and alumni hosted events







UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Boys Soccer**– December 12 vs Estrella Foothills
- **ATORT Performance**– Pumpkin King December 12-14, 2025
- **Strategic Planning**—ASBA & Project Teams December 15, 2025
- **Band Performance**—December 16 5th Hour Advanced Band
- **Choir Performance**– Winter Concert December 16, 2025
- **Boys Basketball**--December 16 vs. Coconino
- **Finals** --December 18-19 Half-day Schedule
- **Winter Break**– December 22- January 5, 2026 No School for Students
- **Professional Development**– January 5, 2026



THANK YOU

**Mingus Union High
School District #4**

