



THE MARYLAND ROADRUNNER

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MARYLAND SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT:

Make Your Day the Maryland Way – Succeed Today, Exceed Tomorrow

Nick Gupton, Principal

D.D. Carr, Assistant Principal

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Roadrunner Families,

Welcome back, parents and students. We had a wonderful first two weeks of school. It is so nice to see our returning students and to welcome all the new faces.

This year, Maryland welcomes Ms. D.D. Carr as the new assistant principal. Ms. Carr comes to us from Shaw Butte Elementary where she served as the student service specialist and has 19 years educational experience. We are very excited to have her as part of our family and a leader on campus.

Your child should have come home with multiple papers needing parental signatures. Please assist your children and our teachers in completing, signing and returning the forms to the homeroom teacher.

Picture day is quickly approaching and all students will receive their permanent school ID. All students are required to wear their ID's while at school and on District transportation including field trips and our bus evacuation drills.

We have exciting new programs on campus this year focusing on the positive actions of all students and a reading program for our younger grades. We look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming events.

Thank you for all of your support,
Nick Gupton
Principal



After-school Academy (ASA)

Maryland School is very fortunate to be in the third year of the federally funded 21st Century grant. This grant provides free before- and after-school classes for our students (and parents, too). Be looking for registration invitations for our Academy classes to come home early in September. Before- and After-school Academy classes are scheduled to begin on September 28th. For questions about our ASA classes, please contact Wendy Wittenwyler at 602-347-2334 or wendy.wittenwyler@wesdschools.org.

Gifted Services Testing Opportunity

Washington Elementary School District provides a continuum of services for students identified as gifted. Testing for placement in the gifted program takes place three times a year on ALL campuses. If you feel your child demonstrates the traits of a gifted learner, please complete the screening form found on the Gifted Services website (www.wesdschools.org/Page/18) or contact your child's teacher to arrange for testing. A brochure describing services provided to gifted students and a list of common characteristics can be found on the website as well. Feel free to call or email the Coordinator of Gifted Services, Dr. Jason McIntosh, with any questions you may have (Jason.mcintosh@wesdschools.org / 602-347-2651). The gifted teacher on your campus can be reached by e-mail at Sonia.Nahabedian@wesdschools.org or by phone 602-896-5341 as well.



Peace, Love & Reading!

We are excited to announce a new reading incentive program for our kindergarten through third grade students. A groovy kick-off assembly will occur next month. Stay tuned for details...



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Nature Corner

If you've ever been on our school campus, you've probably noticed our amazing school garden. Throughout the year, students in 1st and 4th grades learn a variety of topics through our garden program including: why we need plants, how pollinators help plants, and parts of the plant. Students also get to experience growing and harvesting food in our garden. We are always looking for more helpers in our garden, too!

FROM THE OFFICE

Have you moved over the summer? Did you change your telephone number? Please come by the office with your updated information. We have update information forms that can be completed and turned into the front office. Please remember your picture identification, as we must verify all changes. If you have any questions, please call the front office at 602-347-2300.

Back to school also means back to the school library. Your student will visit the Maryland library on a regular basis. Students are exposed to our extensive collection of books designed to meet students' interests and reading abilities. Students will be able to check out books for use in the classroom and/or take home provided they have their **ID tags**. Your help in seeing that your student has their **ID tag at all times** will be greatly appreciated and will prevent your student's disappointment of being unable to check out a book. If you have any questions or concerns about our library, please feel free to contact Mrs. Scorza.



IMPORTANT DATES IN AUGUST

AUGUST 23

- Desert Sounds instrument presentation in cafeteria

AUGUST 29

- Picture Day

Attention Band and Strings Parents and Students!

Want to have a really nice instrument to use for the entire school year for only \$20.00?

Come to the cafeteria on Wednesday, **August 23** for a special presentation from Desert Sounds.

Ms. Vinersar (strings teacher) and Mr. Snowden (band teacher) will be passing out flyers about this event during the first two weeks of school.



