



SUMMER
2023



Mingus Union
High School District #4

MINGUS MATTERS

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Every Student Celebrated | Every Student Prepared

Dear Mingus Families,

As I write this message to you, I am reflecting on the wonderful end-of-year events that took place over the last few weeks. Mingus Union High School graduated approximately 250 students at the commencement ceremony on May 26th. We celebrated our seniors with spirit week, field day, senior sunset, Decision Day, Senior Honors Night, and Operation Graduation. The Class of 2023 earned close to seven million dollars in scholarship awards! What an amazing group of young people; we look forward to hearing about their continued success.

Our school lunch program is providing free meals this summer during the month of June in our cafeteria. Breakfast and lunch will be provided free of charge to students who are eighteen years of age or younger. Mingus is also hosting a variety of youth summer camps. Please see our Facebook page and website for additional information.

Please be sure to check our website and Facebook page throughout the summer for school updates, calendars, and registration information. We look forward to welcoming our Marauders again in August for another exciting year of learning.

I want to personally thank you for this year. We are humbled by the accomplishments of our students in academics, arts, clubs, and athletics. These successes are the result of student commitment, focused teachers, coaches and advisors, caring parents, and a supportive community. I hope you all have a wonderful summer!



Genie Gee

Principal and
Treasure Hunter
Mingus Union High School



HELLO SUMMER
Summer Dates to Remember

JUNE

Thursday, June 8
Governing Board Meeting
6 – 8pm
Mingus High School Library

Saturday, June 10
Community Food Share Event
11am – 12:30pm
West parking lot

JULY

Saturday, July 8
Community Food Share Event
11am – 12:30pm
West parking lot

Thursday, July 13
Governing Board Meeting
6 – 8pm
Mingus High School Library

Monday, July 24th
thru
Friday, July 28th
REGISTRATION
*see page 2 for more details

'23-'24
SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR



Class of 2023



**SAVE
THE
DATE**

'23 - '24 REGISTRATION

***New Students** need to provide a complete registration package, proof of address, a copy of their birth certificate and a copy of their vaccination record to be enrolled at MUHS.

- Thursday, July 27th: 9am-3pm
Open to ***NEW Students ONLY**
- Friday, July 28th: 8am-12pm
Open to ***NEW Students ONLY**

***New Students** are students who are not registered or pre-registered at MUHS.

Welcome letter & registration information will be sent out by July 20th.

This is **ONLY** for students who are already registered or pre-registered at Mingus.

- Monday, July 24th: 9am-3pm
Open to **ALL** students
- Tuesday, July 25th: 9am-3pm
Open to **ALL** students
- Wednesday, July 26th: 10am-6pm
Open to **ALL** students

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Today's families are busy, and there's always something happening! Sync your family schedule with ours to avoid missing important testing dates and events when planning vacations & doctor appointments.

During Registration Week ALL students will be taking their picture for their IDs, will be able to pay their fees, pick up books and parents will be able to sign the 2023-2024 forms needed for the new school year, such as the Free and Reduced Lunch form, Directory Permissions, Handbook Acknowledgement, Technology Use Agreement, Contact Information Verification, and the McKinney Vento Questionnaire.

These forms need to be updated each school year.



ATHLETES OF THE MONTH ~ WINNERS

Thank you all for voting! Based on the survey here are the results for April!!!
We are super excited for all of our athletes and we will be working on recognizing them for achieving this honor through athletics!

APRIL 2023 WINNERS



Male Athlete of the Month
XZAYVIER BUCKNER



Female Athletes of the Month
DANIELLE KHIN & MAKELA MARTINEZ



Pursuing Victory with Honors
MALEAH TRAYNOR

Attention Athletes

Sports Registration for 2023-24 is now available!

Stop by the front office to pick up your athletic packet or visit

www.mingusunion.com/athletics

You must be cleared by the Athletic Dept in order to participate in sports.

The following steps need to be submitted:

- Family ID online registration needs to be created and/or renewed for the 2023/2024 school year.
- Concussion course and Opioid course needs to be completed through the AIA online academy
- All athletes need to turn in their 2023/2024 AIA sports physical evaluation form completed and signed.
- Visit our website www.mingusunion.com/athletics for all your registration needs



Northern Arizona Healthcare



Friday, July 14, 2023
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Walk-Ins Only

Cost is \$10 cash (no credit cards accepted)

All school sponsored sports require a pre-season physical to participate.

Please bring the 2023/2024 physical form filled out signed and ready!!

Location

1298 W Finnie Flat Rd
Camp Verde, AZ 86322

For more info call:

928-639-5555

\$10 Sport Physicals

All proceeds donated back to the student's school to benefit youth athletic department programs.



CONGRATULATIONS

2023 Athletes of the Year

Male Athlete of the Year – Brasen Durkalec



Female Athlete of the Year – Taylor Brock



Both athletes were awarded with a plaque on Senior Honors Night.

**Congratulations to our
2nd Semester Athletes!!**

AIA

We had over 176 AIA Scholar Athlete Awards in Basketball, Soccer, Wrestling, Baseball, Softball, Tennis, Track, and Theatre AND 4 AIA Scholar Athlete TEAM Awards in Varsity Softball, Girls Tennis, Boys Track and JV Girls Basketball. These athletes are recognized for 3.5 GPA or higher and for their exemplary dedication to academics, athletics, and activities as a foundation for success.

Keep up the great work Marauders!!



4A ALL REGION AWARDS for MUHS Spring Sports

Baseball

1st Team All Region & 2nd team All State – Xzayvier Buckner

2nd Team All Region – Ben Behlow

Honorable Mention – Hunter Cowgill

Honorable Mention – Julian Esquer

Honorable Mention – Isaiah Godina

Softball

1st team all region – Mekena Watson

2nd Team all region – Audrey Klein

Honorable Mentions – Cameron Jones

Honorable Mentions – Rory Murphy

STATE Track Winners

4th on Pole Vault – Witten Armstrong

Placed on Pole Vault – Max Leckington

4th Place in Triple Jump – Jaylynn Briseno

Congratulations to all of our Spring Sport Athletes!!





Marauder Artists Spotlight

Verde Valley Fair Art Show Winners!

The Visual Arts Department is closing out the year with our final art show of the season, the Verde Valley Fair! The sponsors of the VVF art show really stepped it up this year and have offered a number of awards and cash prizes to our student artists! This year the students were competing as cohort groups, with a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place going to each grade level in the categories of Traditional Art (Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, etc) and Photography, as well as Special Awards (Best of Show, Peoples Choice, and Made in Clarkdale Artist Awards). There were a total of 30 awards given to students from all over the Verde Valley. Of these 30, Mingus Students swept 17 of these prizes.

Freshman:

- 1st Place, Drawing: Amorita Woolsey
- 2nd Place, Drawing: Isabel Helgeson
- 3rd Place, Drawing: Scarlett Whitney

Sophomore:

- 1st Place, Drawing/Painting: Andrea Rabago-Lopez
- 3rd Place, Drawing/Painting: Danielle Khin
- 2nd Place, Photography: Danielle Khin
- 3rd Place Photography: Anslie Bliss
- Special Award! BEST OF SHOW, Photo, Samadi Lehto
- Made In Clarkdale Award, Photo, Skyelar Cristofono

Junior:

- 1st Place, Drawing/Painting, Emma L'Herbier
- 1st Place, Cailleigh Harris, Printmaking
- 2nd Place, Photography, Hadassah Simon
- 3rd Place, Photography, Nyema Kim
- Special Award! Made In Clarkdale Award, Drawing/Painting, Destiny Velasquez

Senior

- 2nd Place, Photography, Hailey Robinson
- Special Awards! Made in Clarkdale Award, Drawing/Painting, Jackson Moore
- Photography, Makena Watson
- PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD, Addy Parker

Please congratulate these students for their successes!

I also have to thank my fellow Visual Arts Teachers; Beth Detwiler, Oouida Dorr and Ashley Lomeli for all of the hard work they have put in during this Award Season. If it wasn't for their dedication and guidance, our students would not find this much success!

~Jason Teague



Click on each piece of art to see in full size 

Marauder Artists Spotlight

Congressional Art Show Winners!

Mingus Union High School students Asher McFarland and Grayson Edwards won 3rd place and Honorable Mention in the 2023 Congressional Art Show for Arizona's Second Congressional District. Each Spring, the Congressional Institute sponsors a national high school art competition to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the nation and in each Congressional District.

"Asher McFarland won 3rd Place for his 'Old Timey Portrait.' The judges loved Asher's modeling in this painting and the expression captured in a stylized manner," said Jason Teague, Art Teacher at MUHS. "Grayson Edwards won Honorable Mention for his mixed media portrait 'Torn Apart.' The judges were impressed with Grayson's composition and his creative use of materials and the way he used oil paints to create patterns on torn pieces of paper."

Asher won a renewable scholarship to Gila County Community College of \$3000 per year for 2 years and the honor of having his piece displayed in Congressman Eli Crane's District office in Prescott for one year. Grayson won a renewable scholarship to Grand Canyon University of \$1000 per year for 4 years.



This competition gives Congress members the opportunity to encourage and recognize the artistic talents of their young constituents. Students submit entries to their Representative's office and panels of local artists in each district select the winning entries. The winners are recognized both in their district and at a National Awards Ceremony. There were 102 works of art submitted to this competition, with schools represented from all around AZ Congressional District #2.



Click on each piece of art to see in full size



Campus Clubs



Art Club Field Trip to Northern Arizona Museum

The Mingus Union Art Club was granted an APS Scholarship to attend the Northern Arizona Museum, in Flagstaff on May 1st.

This trip was attended by Club Leaders, Ms. Detwiler & Mrs. Lomeli, and a total of 18 students. The students toured the museum's archeological exhibits, prehistoric dinosaurs, and fine art galleries. The highlight of the visit was participating in a primitive pottery workshop led by Museum staff members. Many club members had never been to a museum before and were excited to learn about the history of our region through the artworks and ancient civilizations that inhabited the land! A great time was had by all, with Jimmy John's Subs for Lunch, on the way home. Thanks to APS and Northern Arizona Museum for a wonderful day!



Welcome to the newest inductees of the Hispanic Honor and Service Society:

- Arianna Tadeo
- Ashley Gonzalez
- Andrea Deras
- Idali Almanza Garcia

¡Felicidades! Congratulations to the officers of the upcoming 2023-2024 school year:

- President: Mariana Yanez
- Vice President: Nataly Euceda
- Secretary: Kimberly Suarez
- Treasurer: Alexa Espinoza
- Publicity: Daizy Mejía
- Service & Events: Danya Chanez

This awesome team of leaders have big plans for community service projects and campus-wide events to share our love of Latino culture!



We are looking for dance instructors, performers, guest speakers and artists of all kinds to share their experience and knowledge of Hispanic culture with the students of MUHS during Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept 15 – Oct 15). If you are interested or have information, please contact Trecia Taylor at ttaylor@muhs.com. ¡Gracias!



The MUHS Interact Club had a phenomenal year!

Student leaders in this service club participated in multiple service projects throughout the year, directly relating to the Rotary International causes that are meant to build international relationships, improve lives, and create a better world to support peace efforts & end polio forever.

Rotary Club of the Verde Valley sponsors this club of about 24 members and together the following has been accomplished this year:

- Project Prom and Homecoming Closet was open for 10 shopping events providing free formal wear and accessories to over 230 teens from all over Northern Arizona. Project Prom Closet also supported adults and teens with special needs attending the Night to Shine prom
- Raised \$170 for the Polio Plus Rotary fund through Purple Pinkie Fundraisers at the school's Homecoming game and a Concert in the Park
- Sent nine student leaders to an Arizona Town Hall event at Yavapai College to discuss important topics affecting youth with community members and leaders
- Planned and held an assembly at Clarkdale Jerome School to promote leadership and encourage middle school students to get involved in their new Interact Club
- Planned and implemented an educational art installation for the Red Sand Project in honor of Human Trafficking Awareness Month
- Held a canned food drive in November, donating over 500 nonperishable food items to the Old Town Mission
- Four students attended RYLA, the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards camp in January
- Raised and donated \$450 dollars to Haya Helps, a non-profit organization that is providing direct relief to survivors of the deadly earthquakes in Syria and Turkey that occurred in February 2023
- Held our annual Walkathon, The Walk For Those Who Can't, and raised \$775 to support the Crutches 4 Africa Ambassadors who will be in Kenya this summer, including our own member Tristan Trezise, distributing mobility devices to those who have suffered the effects of disease, violence, and poverty for our Interact District's signature cause
- Donated \$500 in personalized Christmas gifts for 21 seniors living in nursing care in our community
- Volunteered at the Teen Maze and Verde River Days



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Yavapai Anti-Tobacco Coalition of Youth

YATCY members Diego, Nate, Zion, Fred, and Lauren all volunteered for Yavapai County's annual 3rd grade Body Walk event! Body Walk is an event hosted by Yavapai County Community Health Services. It is organized for school children in the 3rd grade. This year Body Walk hosted 460 3rd graders from all Verde Valley schools! Students take a journey through the body and learn about healthy habits and choices. YATCY club members dressed as different themed characters and educated the 3rd grade kids on topics like bones, mouth, physical activity, muscles.



SCHOOLS OUT

From all the staff @
Mingus Union High School,
we hope you all have an
amazing Summer break!

We can't wait to see
you all next year!



Mingus Cafeteria will offer free meals
from May 31 to June 30!

- Breakfast from 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.
- Lunch from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

CLICK

for More Info!

Adults \$3.50

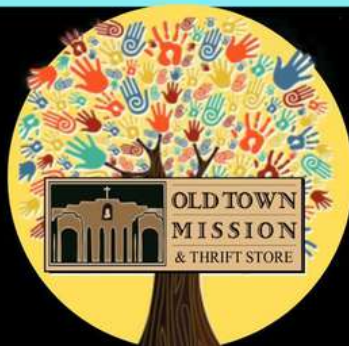




Community Events & Resources

Inspiring
CHANGE

Providing
HOPE



**116 E. Pinal Street
Cottonwood
928-634-7869**

How YOU can help...DONATE Today!

FOOD PANTRY

Wednesday: 9am-2pm & 4pm-6pm

Thursday: 9am-2pm

HAIR CUTS:

Monday: 4pm-5:30pm

Tuesday: 9am-12:30pm

COMMUNITY MEALS

Monday, Tuesday & Friday

11:30am-12:30pm

Monday

5:00pm-6:00pm

Wednesday

4:00pm-6:00pm

(Served to-go only)



THE KID'S SHOP

Monday - Thursday: 9am-2pm

Monday: 5pm-6pm

Clothing and other items/resources

HOMELESS RESOURCE CENTER

Monday, Tuesday & Friday

9am-11am

Showers, Clothing & Resources

VISION:

1st Tuesday/month
10am

LEGAL:

Call 928-634-7869

\$\$ Make a FINANCIAL Donation \$\$ online at oldtownmission.org



COMMUNITY RESOURCES



We have compiled a list of helpful Resources that are available in the Verde Valley.

- General Support
- Child Services and Parenting Support
- Food
- Jobs and Education
- Housing
- Health and Medical

CLICK





MANZANITA OUTREACH: Events & Resources

Are you looking for an impactful volunteering opportunity in our community this summer?

The demand for food assistance in our community has risen dramatically in the last year. Manzanita Outreach is now serving nearly 1,000 families at their large-scale Food Sharing Events in Cottonwood. They are seeking a few more volunteers to assist in distributing food on one or two mornings per month.

In just a few hours per month on a Saturday morning, you can make a big impact in the lives of many of our neighbors.

Please **CLICK HERE** to fill out a short form to learn more about this volunteering opportunity.

Volunteers Needed For:
1st and/or 3rd Saturdays
of each month
7:30 AM – 11:30 AM
406 S. 6th Street
Cottonwood, AZ 86326



Manzanita Outreach

CLICK



FOR THE CURRENT
COTTONWOOD AREA
FOOD SHARING
SCHEDULE

**JUNE 10TH
JULY 8TH**

**MO @ MUHS FOOD SHARE
11AM - 12:30PM (WEST LOT)**

MANZANITA OUTREACH HOSTS A
FREE FOOD SHARE EVENT EVERY
2ND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH
IN THE WEST PARKING LOT
CLOSEST TO THE TENNIS COURTS
OFF OF CAMINO REAL.

THIS IS A DRIVE-THRU EVENT
JUST ENTER THE PARKING LOT
AND FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS
OPEN YOUR TRUNK AND AN
INCREDIBLE FOOD BOX WILL BE
DELIVERED RIGHT TO THE VEHICLE.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!



Sayonara Seniors!



These seven AVID Seniors received a total of \$404,642 in scholarships

"Hasta la Vista."



The Class of 2023 faced challenges we couldn't have imagined when they first walked through the doors of Mingus as excited freshmen. Through it all, they have demonstrated resilience, determination, and optimism. I couldn't be prouder of our seniors and all they've done to rise to challenges and carve their promising paths forward. Close to seven million dollars awarded in scholarships – just amazing. Congratulations to the Class of 2023 for all they've accomplished during their time at Mingus.

We can't wait to see what you do next!

~Genie Gee



"AU REVOIR"



"Totsiens"

"ARRIVEDERCI"

"ALOHA"



"Shalom"



"Auf Wiedersehen"