



MADISON MEADOWS MIDDLE SCHOOL
225 W. OCOTILLO RD., PHOENIX, AZ 85013

MED-O-GRAM



Dear Meadows Families,

Meadows PTM made Teacher Appreciation Week truly memorable. We celebrated early because of Camp Friendly Pines, and every day was a time for celebrating teachers and the work they do with children. In addition to the awesome daily treats from PTM, the District Office provided cookies and well wishes. Some parents and children also recognized individual teachers with cards and gifts. It was a nice week for a profession that receives few extrinsic accolades.

When I began teaching at age 23, my base salary was \$15,000. I received an additional \$1400 for being the drama coach, the assistant volleyball coach, and the pep club bus sponsor. Less than \$18,000 per year, yet I remember wondering what I was going to do with so much money! It didn't take me long to realize that my compensation wasn't as rewarding as I originally thought; however, teaching was.

Teachers talk about watching the light bulb come on, the moment when a student says, "Oh, I get it now!" That's a wonderful experience, but teaching is more than that. It's a passion for your subject and a desire to share that passion with others. It's a belief that every student can learn and grow – not in the same way, or at the same rate – but all of them can experience success. Teachers prepare their students for living and working with others. It is not just what they teach but who they are.

Some teachers are warm and gentle and soft-spoken, others are tough as nails. Some are funny, some are serious, some are "cool," some are not; but all have one thing in common: they enjoy teaching and working with young people. They have to because that's the real reward. Giving of themselves to someone else, watching students share and learn and grow and achieve. That's the bonus, and it's the only one a teacher gets.

Lunches, cakes, cards, and gifts are thoughtful and appreciated; but they aren't why teachers teach. In this time of uncertain funding, teacher shortages, and – at times – increased public scrutiny and criticism, Meadows' teachers are doing what they do best: preparing students for the next level. The conversations at faculty meetings, TCT Wednesday's, team leader, and grade level meetings continue to be the same: how do we continue to move students forward and maximize their opportunities? How do we continue to encourage and facilitate student growth? How do we continue to provide Extraordinary Learning for ALL? Their attitude never fails to move me. I appreciate the selflessness and dedication of the teachers at Meadows every day. I hope you do too.

With Ram Pride,

Susan Doyle



UPCOMING EVENTS:

TCT 2:10 RELEASE

5/4, 5/11 AND 5/18

PTM MEETING

5/16, 6PM

MEDIA CENTER

COMMENCEMENT

CEREMONY

MADISON #1

5/23, 7PM

8TH GRADE WATER PARK TRIP

5/24, 9:30-1:30PM

COMMENCEMENT DANCE

5/24, 7-9:30PM

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

5/25

REGISTRATION 2016/2017

7/27 7AM-1PM

7/28 1PM-7PM

PTM Board Nominations for the 2016-2017 School Year

President-Carrie Lifshitz

Vice President(Fall Fundraiser)-Pam Kasovac

Vice President(Spring Fundraiser)-Leann Spangler

Treasurer(Accounts Payables)-Theresa Rink

Treasurer(Accounts Receivables)-Nicole Lynch

Secretary-Holly Brauer

This is the current list of nominees for the PTM Board next year. If you are interested in being on the board or heading a committee please feel free to email carrielynn14@gmail.com.

**We will vote for the new PTM board at our final meeting on
5/16 at 6pm in the Media Center.**

Below is a list of the committees that need heading next year.

Charitable Acts Committee

Meadogram Editor

IB Committee

Ram Round Up

Snack Shack

Website Coordinator

Holiday Party

Membership Committee

Picture Day Coordinator

Rewards Program

Volunteer Coordinator

Here are some of the delicious treats our teachers enjoyed last week.

A special shout out to the Bistro on Wheels and the Beram Family for being a part of our special week.

Also, a **HUGE** Thank You to Jennie Elser and Angel Conaway for organizing everything!

This would not have happened with out you.



The Teacher Appreciation Committee would like to thank the following volunteers with their help this year making and buying food and drinks and volunteering their time to make sure the teachers feel extra special.

Brandi Carter	Angel King
Angel Conaway	Diana Minneci
Jeni DeBenedetti	Michele Lingenfelter
Rosanne Burbank	Monica Osselaer
Jennie Elser	Heather O'Toole
Zach Fernandez	Jennifer Peacock
Jennifer Funke	Sara Reimer
Pam Hannappel	Theresa Rink
Ana Hamman	Katey Sanchez
Danielle Hanson	Gena Seivert
Evon Hart	Belinda Spellman
Alejandra Jones	Angela Talbot
Jenny Keating	Christy Vandersee
Holly Keeble	Aimee Vincent
	LeiLani Ward Smith
	Trina Whittaker

And thank all the parents who supporting PTM, these funds allow us to do even more for our teachers! It was a great year and we got to do so many amazing things to show our appreciation: breakfasts, lunches, dinners, snacks, treats, cookies from home, gift cards, root beer floats, a food tuck and so much more!

And also a special thank you to Blue Orthodontics for all their support this year with Teacher Appreciation!

The 5th Grade teachers would like to thank the parents who came along on the trip to Camp Friendly Pines. Your time and hard work are greatly appreciated.

We wish you a relaxing and enjoyable summer break.





Camp Friendly Pines





SNACK SHACK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This is a fun way to help your child get in community service hours, spend time together, have fun & help your school.

Many different shifts are available.

You can sign up at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0948aaad29aa8-may2016>

Funds from the month of May
will go towards PTM.

Volunteer Luncheon

It's time to celebrate our volunteers.

We will be having lunch on
5/20 from Noon - 1:30pm,
in the Library.

Please feel free to drop by and enjoy a well
deserved lunch after all of your hard work this
year.

We hope to see you all soon.
And thank you for all of the hours you've put in
this year.

The kids, teachers and PTM appreciate it
so very much.

IB Corner of the World

May 6, 2016

Dear Parent(s):

8th graders completed their very first IB MYP Community Projects in early April, 2016. Since Meadows ends in Year 3 of the IB MYP Program and we do not have a direct feeder high school, all 8th graders are required to complete a community project. IB states students can work individually, in pairs or in groups up to three on the projects. Students' projects took various forms of action from direct service, indirect service, advocacy and research.

Some examples of the types of projects that were on display in April during a Gallery Walk are listed below. Students were required to have a medium to showcase their projects. Many students prepared tri-fold posters along with Power Points, brochures, and movies.

- * Hope for Haiti – advocacy for hunger in Haiti
- * St. Mary's Food Bank – advocacy for feeding the poor
- * Pollution – advocacy for clean car emissions
- * Pit bull Epidemic – advocacy for pit bulls
- * Growing Together Garden – advocacy for feeding the poor
- * Assisted Elderly with Technology – Direct Service
- * Joyous Jars – Direct Service – raised money to purchase microwave and headphones (which were donated); bought supplies needed for SPED classroom at Meadows
- * Justa Center – advocacy for elderly
- * Children's Museum of Phoenix – advocacy
- * Obesity – advocacy for eating healthy
- * Wage Inequality – advocacy for equal pay for both men and women
- * Garden in Africa – indirect service
- * Salt River Horses – advocacy for saving the horses near the Salt River (created an Instagram)

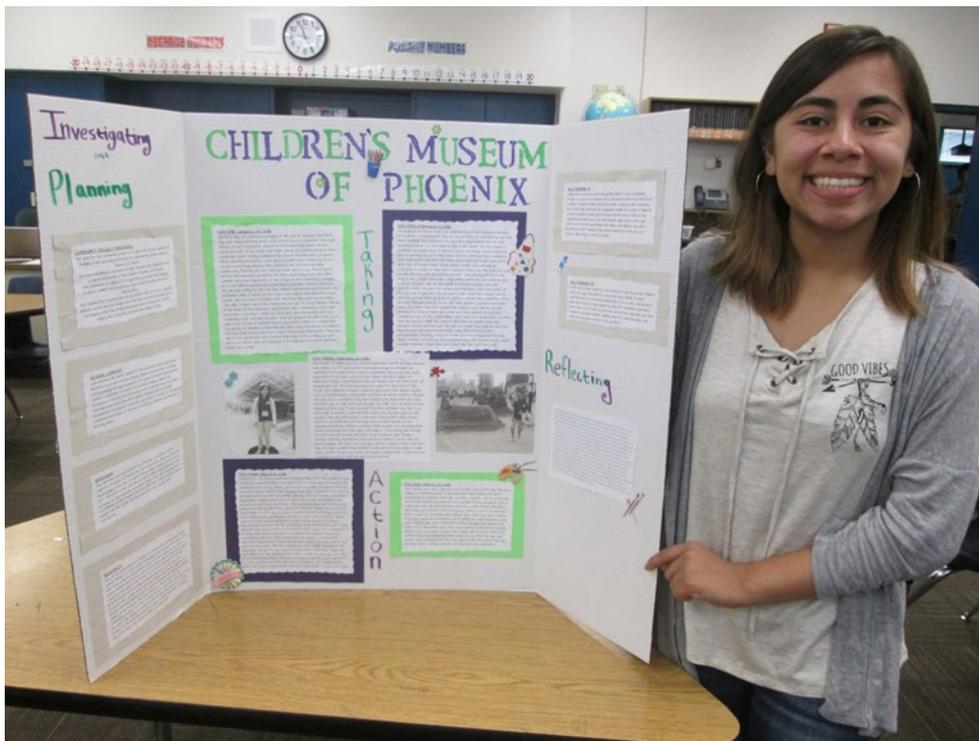
Thank you for supporting the IB program at Meadows. We are all very proud of the hard work our 8th graders put forth on their IB community project. Below you will find examples of the projects.

Judy Stropky

IB Coordinator



Ava, Cami and Lauren assisted the elderly with technology.
(using computers, phones and tablets.)



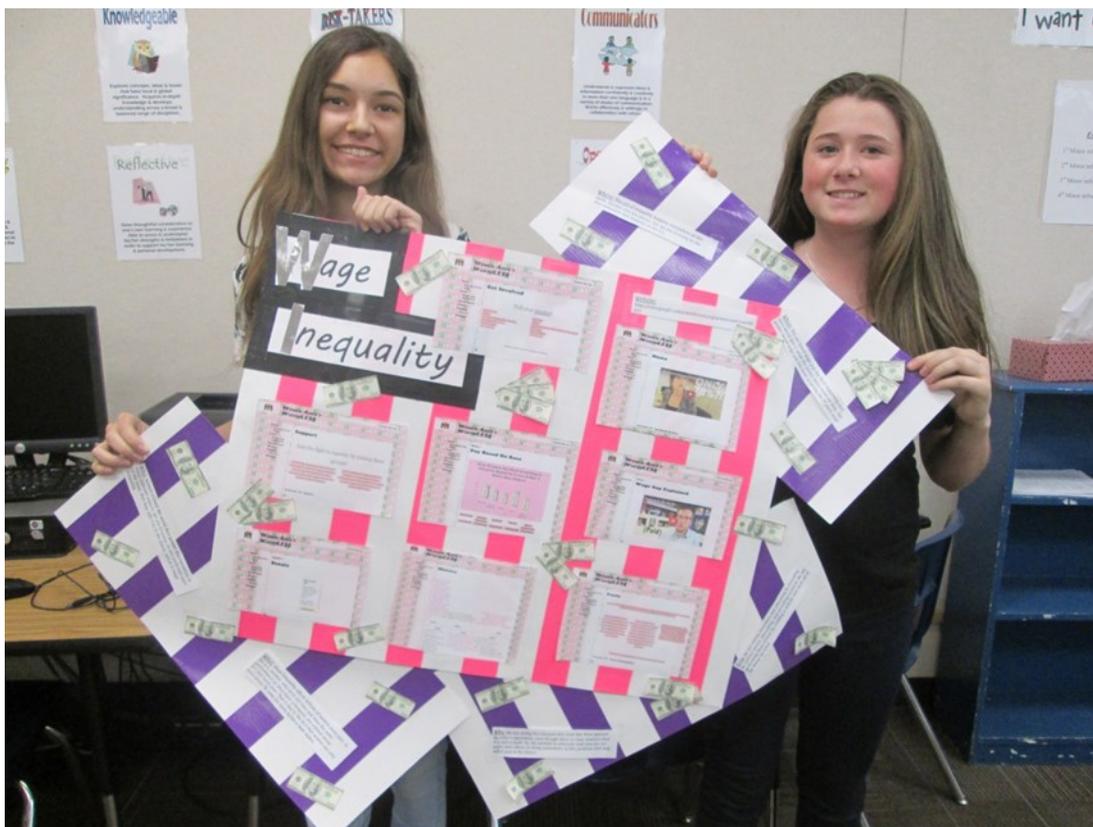
Giselle advocated for the Children's Museum and helped with educating the community by volunteering at the museum, organizing and collaborating with projects completed in the education department.



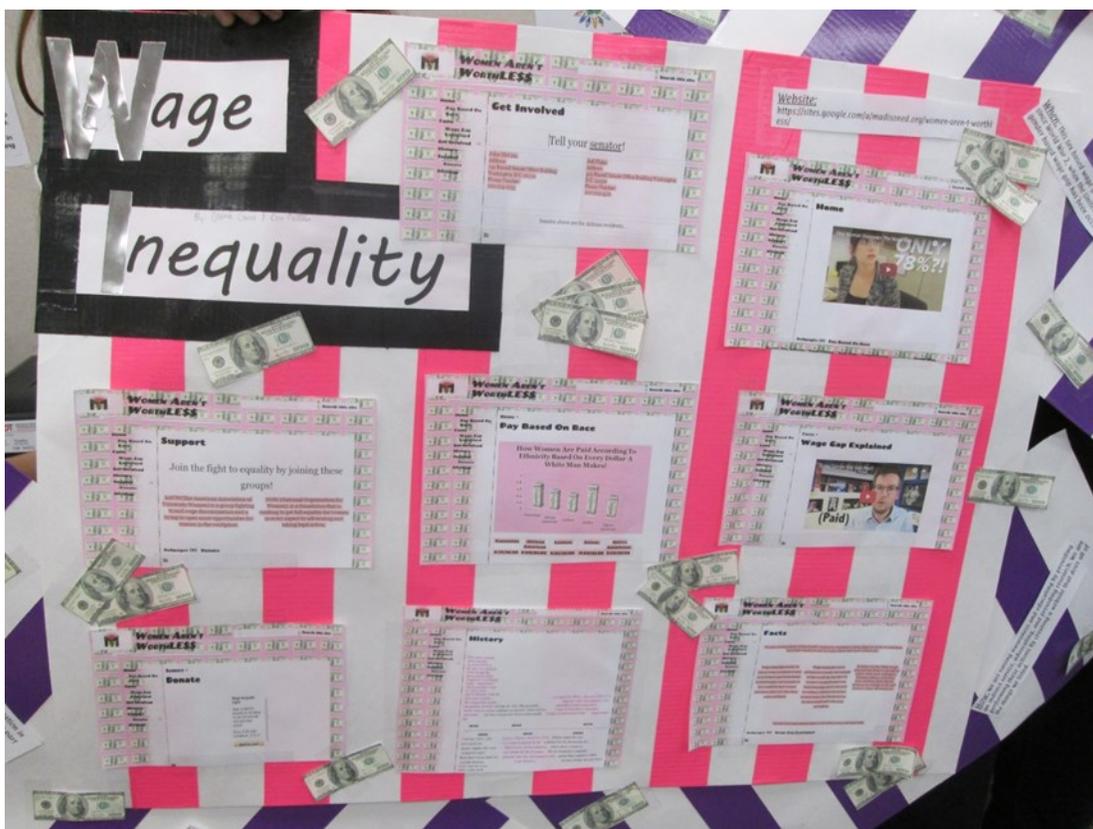
Jordan, Jessica and Kristen gathered supplies to donate to people in need in Haiti.

(trying to support this community after enduring a hurricane)



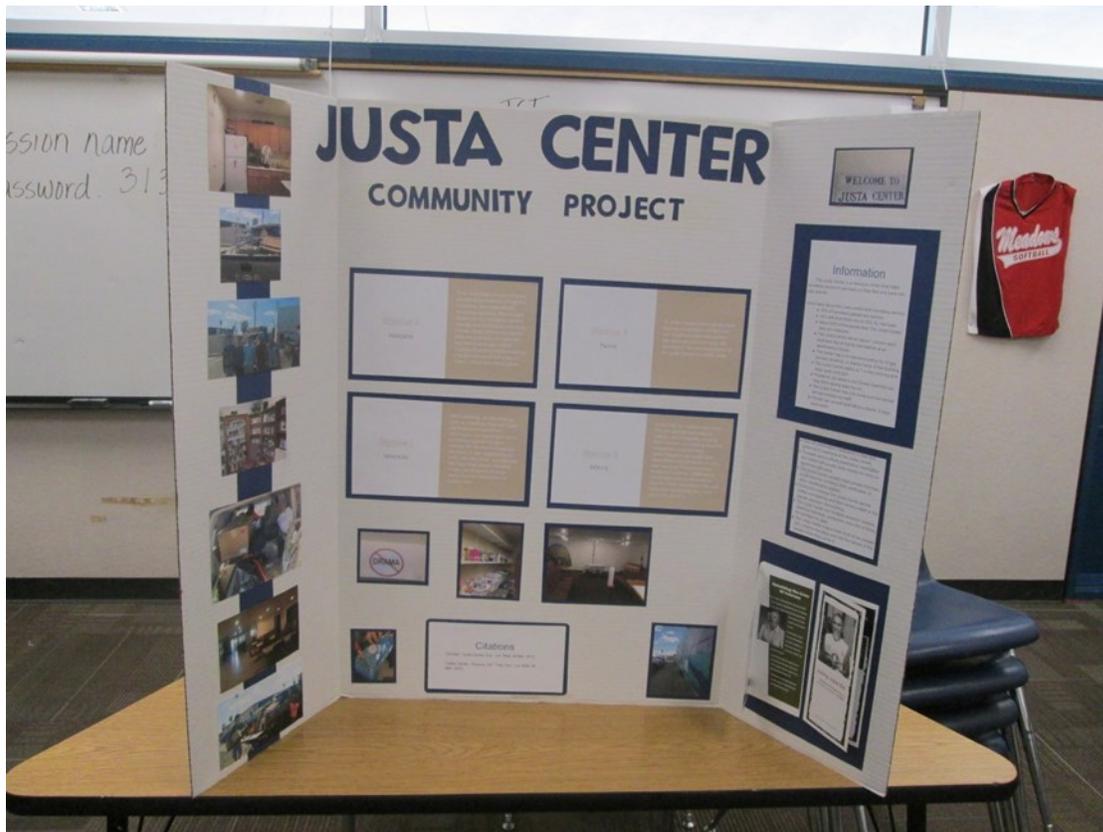


Giavanna and Olivia advocate for wage equality among genders by researching and sharing wage inequality.





Reed, Calvin and Nathan advocate for the Justa Center by collecting and donating items at the center.



Shop Amazon and Earn Money for Meadows

Use the link below to log into your Amazon Account, and a percentage of your purchase will come back to the Meadows.

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/74-2401305>



NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Nurse Sharon

IMMUNIZATIONS: Meningitis and Tdap are required for all 11 yr olds in the 6th grade. Please continue to send in proof of immunizations your child has received so their shot record will be up to date. Please keep track of these shots your child has received well since all 8th grade students need to send in immunization records to their child's prospective high schools.

Please ensure that your child is up to date on their shots to ensure they can get their class schedule registration.

SICK CHILD: ALL STUDENTS MUST BE FREE OF A TEMPERATURE, VOMITING AND DIARRHEA FOR 24 HRS BEFORE COMING BACK TO SCHOOL.

MEDICATION PICK UP: Please pick up all medicine from the Nurse's Office by the last day of school. All medicine not picked up will be wasted.

Clothing borrowed from the Nurse's office need to be replaced before the end of the yr.

Have a Happy and Health Summer

Attention Parents,

If you have a 5th, 6th, or 7th grade student that will not be returning to Meadows next school year, please come into the office to fill out a withdrawal form.



[LEARN MORE](#)

If you're a social media user, we encourage to follow the Madison District on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram! Pages feature community news and events, student successes from all eight Madison schools, and tips and alerts for parents.

[Facebook.com/MadisonAZ](https://www.facebook.com/MadisonAZ)

[Twitter.com/MadisonAZ](https://twitter.com/MadisonAZ)

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Free Money for Meadows

Fry's: Help Meadows earn cash with every shopping trip to Fry's. For every \$50,000 in V.I.P purchases, Fry's Food Stores donates \$500. Enroll EACH YEAR for the [Fry's Community Rewards Program](#). Meadows Code: 80423



Target: Enroll for free and Target® will donate up to 1% of your RED-card® purchases. Target Credit Card & Debit Card account holders can sign up for the Take Charge of Education program by calling 1-800-316-6142 or by visiting Target.com/tcoe or an in-store kiosk. [more info](#)



Box Tops for Education and send them in to The school gets 10 and teachers win most!



tion – Cut out the Box Tops your student's academic lab. cents for each one! Classes prizes for collecting the



Coke REWARDS – Coke products have a 14 digit number that when entered gives MEADOWS points to purchase recess & athletic equipment Turn in the Coke product (including Powerade) tops, or numbers off the cartons – to the office or Ms. Poginy.

Public Notice for Destruction of Records

The Madison Elementary School District retains student cumulative files for three years after the student's promotion or withdrawal from the district. Following a student's 8th grade promotion, or when a withdrawn student turns 16 years old, permanent student records are archived to microfilm.

Only the student's enrollment form, immunization records, last grade report, last standardized test results, and the withdrawal form are permanently archived, when applicable.

All cumulative student records (except for permanent information stored on microfilm) will be destroyed three years after the school year of last attendance. Special Education records are retained for five years after the student is withdrawn or dismissed from Special Ed. Special Ed records are not microfilmed.

Before any records are destroyed, parents have the right to review and obtain copies of their child's records. Please contact Madison School District, Student Records Department at 602-664-7958.

Aviso Público para la Destrucción de Registros

El Distrito Escolar de Madison conserva archivos acumulativos de los estudiantes durante tres años después de la promoción del estudiante o retirada del distrito. Siguiendo promoción octavo grado de un estudiante, o cuando un estudiante retirado cumple 16 años, registros de los estudiantes permanentes se archivan a microfilm.

Sólo se archivan permanentemente el formulario de retiro formulario de inscripción, registro de vacunas, el último informe de calificaciones, los últimos resultados de las pruebas estandarizadas de los alumnos, y, en su caso.

Todos los expedientes de los estudiantes acumulativos (a excepción de la información permanente almacenada en microfilm) serán destruidos tres años después del año escolar de la última asistencia. Los registros de educación especial se conservan durante cinco años después que el estudiante se retira o despedido de Educación Especial. Registros especiales de Ed no están microfilmados.

Antes de los registros son destruidos, los padres tienen el derecho de revisar y obtener copias de los registros de sus hijos. Por favor, póngase en contacto con el Distrito Escolar de Madison, Departamento de Registros del Estudiante en el 602-664-7958.

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