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Dear Fifth Grade Families:

As we begin the new year, at Mohave we are already looking forward to the 2023-34 school year. Our registration process is beginning. We are very excited to welcome our newest Wildcats!

Mohave MS will schedule students in their core classes (math, science, social studies, and English language arts – ELA). **Math placement** is determined by a matrix filled out by your elementary teacher and/or a placement test. Students indicating that they are interested in **Honors English Language Arts** will be scheduled into the course as space allows. Students who score highest on state and district assessments (AZMerit & benchmark assessments), will be scheduled into honors classes first, among all students registering for the honors course, if space is limited.

Mohave offers an elective course titled “**Habits of Study**”, also known as **College and Career Readiness (CCR)**. We recommend this course. Students will learn how to take and study from their notes, how to stay organized, and how to use their resources to overcome obstacles when they are “stuck”. Students explore college and career options and plan a course of action to achieve academic goals.

We also offer a new semester-long course titled “**Independent Investigations**”. It is offered to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students recognized as gifted learners by SUSD. This course will use a hands-on approach to explore introductions to various aspects of visual arts, architecture, and engineering. Curriculum will focus on research, design, and the exploration and reflection on student learning styles.

When filling out the Course Request Form, remember there are two types of elective classes: year-long and semester-long. Course descriptions can be found on the Mohave Website.

- If you select Band or Strings – you will get that/those selection(s).
 - Please make sure you indicate if your student played in 4th and/or 5th grade, and the instrument they played. IF not, that’s OK; they can still join Band and Strings.
- Student Government and Yearbook are very popular requests. Not all students selecting these courses will get in. All eligible students will be randomly placed in the class by lottery. Students must submit an essay (minimum of 1 paragraph) and obtain teacher recommendation to qualify.
- Students who are not meeting state standards as measured by state test data, benchmark testing, course progress, and teacher recommendation may be automatically enrolled in Math for Success. Families whose students are meeting state standards but are interested in enrolling their child into extra support classes may request this course. If you mark this course as one of your student’s top 2 picks, they will be scheduled into the class.

- It is strongly recommended that you rank ALL semester-long enrichments to aid in scheduling (even if you have selected 2 year-long courses).
- Students who are interested in taking PE as a year-long class should indicate that on the form. Please note, we cannot guarantee that students will be scheduled into year-long PE, but we will make every effort to do so.
- Depending on student interest and resources, we may not offer all courses that are listed – OR – we may add courses not on the form. The courses listed are what we are expecting to offer as of today.

Although we will make every effort to honor your top choices, we cannot guarantee that students will be placed in their top semester-long requests.

Families and students will have an opportunity at the beginning of the year to request course changes. Every effort to honor a course change will be made. However, we cannot guarantee that changes can or will be made.

Please feel free to contact administration directly: Scott Mohn (smohn@susd.org) or Kristen Tindall (ktindall@susd.org) with any questions. You may also reach out to our counselors:

6th grade: Lisa Balthazor (lbalthazor@susd.org)

7th grade: Melissa Zangerly (mzangerly@susd.org)

8th grade: Todd Kemmerer (tkemmerer@susd.org)

The Mohave staff is looking forward to working with you and your student next year!

Sincerely,

Scott Mohn
Principal

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