

# Panther Press



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*Maricopa Wells Middle School*

## School Events Calendar

- \* 12/2: Title I Math Tutoring, 4:15-5:30
- \* 12/3: Volleyball and Boys Soccer vs DWMS @ MHS, 4:15
- \* 12/4: Winter Concert, STEAM Project Night and Art Walk, 7:00
- \* 12/5: Dance Recital and Art Walk, 7:00
- \* 12/6: Saturday School, 8AM-Noon
- \* 12/9: MUSD Board Meeting, 6:30
- \* 12/13: Girls Volleyball and Boys Soccer Championships @ Apache Jct.
- \* 12/15-19: Galileo Testing, End of Quarter Activities
- \* 12/19: Last Day of 2nd Quarter, Early Release @ 2:10
- \* 1/5: School Resumes
- \* 1/6: 20 + 1 Family Night
- \* 1/6,7,8: Tryouts for Girls Basketball and Football

## Sapenin Next Panthers?

*We are now entering the last three weeks of the first semester of the 2014-15 school year. Time has flown by and the Panthers are preparing for their end of semester activities, project presentations and exams. Our Winter Concert and Dance Recital will be held this Thursday and Friday. These are great opportunities for our students to demonstrate the fine arts skills they attained during our first semester. First semester Art Work and STEAM Projects will also be on display. We hope you can join us to celebrate our students' accomplishments.*

*In addition to our fine arts performances, we will also be sending our Girls Volleyball and Boys Soccer Teams to Apache Junction on December 13 for the Conference Championships. We have excellent athletes in both sports and expect their best efforts and outcomes at the tournament. Admission will be charged for these events.*

*On top of all these activities, we are also preparing students for their second round of Galileo Benchmark Tests in Math, Reading and Science and their final projects or tests in their Social Studies and Electives classes as well. Please make sure that your students are here for our testing week, December 15-18. The results of these tests help us to guide your Panthers towards success here, at the high school level and . . . BEYOND!!!*

### Good on You Panthers

**Our students, staff and families have donated over 1700 pounds of food for the Maricopa Food Bank. MWMS "out-donated" DWMS so in addition to the support we have provided for the Food Bank, we have also received a \$1000 award from a local businessman. Our plans are to use half the award to help fund our spring field trips and to donate the other \$500 to the Maricopa Food Bank.**

**We are still taking donations!! Good on you Panthers!!**

**For other good news about our Panthers, please visit our website!**





***Do you pay Arizona State Taxes? Would you like to guarantee that some of that money goes directly to Maricopa Wells? Please see us about the Arizona Tax Credit.***

## **Raising Expectations**

As we have reported since the start of the school year, Maricopa Wells has instituted a "Raising Expectations" Program this year. We want our students to be ready for success in their next grades. When we identify students that are struggling, we provide them with additional opportunities to work with teachers to make sure that they have mastered their grade level concepts in Math, Language Arts, Science and Social Studies. Only with this mastery are our students ready to move on next year.

The extra learning opportunities we have provided during the first semester have helped more than 90% of the students who failed a class during the first quarter to meet the requirements of "Raising Expectations" by attending Saturday School or Fall Break classes. By policy, students who fail core classes are expected to attend 4 hours of remediation for each class they have failed. The best way to avoid this consequence is to complete all the work necessary to pass core classes. Students most frequently fail classes because they do not complete the work assigned.

Students who do not meet these expectations will not be on track to move on to their next grade for the 2015-16 school year. We have provided numerous opportunities at Maricopa Wells for students to get the extra help they need to better understand the concepts necessary to be successful at the next grade level. We will continue to offer Saturday School sessions and classes during Winter Break to meet our students' needs. If your student fails a core class for second quarter, he/she will be required to complete 4 hours of tutoring or remediation work in that subject.

If you have any questions about "Raising Expectations", please check our website or give us a call at 520 568-7103

**Our Mission @ MWMS:**

***Prepare our students for success at the high school level... and beyond!***

**Go Panthers!!**

