

FROM THE STUDENT PARENT HANDBOOK 2010-2011

1.6 Essential School wide Learning Results (ESLR's):

At MZIS we strive to create learner centered classrooms that are buzzing with meaningful activity and successful learning. We promote quality teaching strategies based on current best practices about how students learn. Through the WASC accreditation process, MZIS has adopted the following ESLR's and we expect students to demonstrate

Knowledge :

1. proficiency in the outcomes and indicators stated in the MZIS scope and sequence documents.
2. an understanding of the central idea in each Unit of Inquiry.

Skills and Dispositions:

1. the attributes and traits of the PYP Learner Profile.

Inquirer: Their natural curiosity has been nurtured. They have acquired the skills necessary to conduct purposeful, constructive research. They actively enjoy learning and their love of learning will be sustained throughout their lives.

Thinker: They exercise initiative in applying thinking skills critically and creatively to make sound decisions and to solve complex problems.

Communicator: They receive and express ideas and information confidently in more than one language, including the language of mathematical symbols.

Risk Taker: They approach unfamiliar situations without anxiety and have the confidence and independence of spirit to explore new roles, ideas and strategies. They are courageous and articulate in defending those things in which they believe.

Knowledgeable: They have spent time in our school exploring ideas which have global relevance and importance. In doing so they have acquired a critical mass of significant knowledge.

Principled: They have a sound grasp of the principles of moral reasoning. They have integrity, honesty, and a sense of fairness and justice.

Caring: They show sensitivity towards the needs and feelings of others. They have a sense of personal commitment to action and service.

Open-Minded: They respect the views, values and traditions of other individuals and cultures and are accustomed to seeking and considering a range of points of view.

Well-Balanced: They understand the importance of physical and mental balance and personal well being.

Reflective: They give thoughtful consideration to their own learning and analyse their personal strengths and weaknesses in a constructive manner.

2. fluency and clarity as communicators.
3. the application of technology in presentations.
4. the ability to self assess and self correct.
5. the ability to work both independently and co-operatively.
6. the ability to access, organize, and evaluate information.
7. active participation in the learning process.
8. work habits reflective of their "personal best".



Dear Parents,

We have a new website for the students at <http://mzismusic.com> . Right now the site contains some of the music they are working on for the Christmas concert and some links they can go to for music games. I regularly check these sites, and they have always been reliable as far as content for kids. I will be adding more soon.

In the future, I plan to use this site to keep kids and parents involved in what is going on in music at both MZIS sites, as well as community music opportunities. If you have any questions, please contact me at anita_arden@fmi.com or 082199981065 (cell).

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HIGHLANDS POST



Mount Zaagkam International School - TPRA

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IMPORTANT DATES

- **Fridays, this quarter Gr. 4-8 Swimming lessons**
- **Saturdays, 9:30am MZIS Softball Season**
- Monday, Nov 21st - Awards Assembly 8am
- **Thursday, Nov 24th –Thanksgiving Hot Lunch**
- Monday, November 28 - Christmas Shop Set Up
- Tuesday, November 29 - Christmas Shop
- Monday, December 5th - Awards Assembly 8am
- Thursday & Friday , December 8-9th Concert Rehearsals at Lupe
- Saturday, December 10th - End of Year Concert
- Tuesday, December 13th—Last day of school and Report Cards distributed.



The new and improved revamped MZIS Website (www.mzis.org) is almost complete and soon you will be able to access it for all of your up-to-date school related information and announcements.

Paper newsletters will continue on a fortnightly basis for the rest of this quarter.

Any questions please see Blair or Mark.



FROM THE PTA....

We met on Wednesday evening and are anticipating a very busy time

leading up to Christmas. Upcoming PTA Sponsored events include Thanksgiving Hot Lunch Thursday, Nov 24th; Christmas Gift Shop Tuesday, Nov 29th and End of year Concert, Saturday, December 10th.

Volunteers are necessary to ensure the success of these events. See Donna re: Christmas Gift Shop and Rachel re: End of Year Concert. Letters with more information will go home next week.

MZIS Calenders are being printed and order forms will go home next week. For any other PTA related questions please see Trish, Danella or Julz.

Thanks, PTA Executive

Message from Blair...

We have had another great week at MZIS.

We continue to have more and more students return to class and now have 85% of our students in school. It really is a more vibrant place with most of our students back.

Thank you to all the parents that have returned the volunteer form. If you have not returned the form but would like to volunteer please fill it out and send it to your child's teacher. The teachers are now sitting down to determine how we can best make use of your support. You should hear from us fairly soon as to how and when we can use your help. If you know of someone that we should be contacting as a possible guest speaker or field trip leader please let us know. We want to capitalize on the immense expertise that exists on this mountain.

Thank you to everyone that came out for the PTA meeting. I really appreciate all that the PTA does to enrich the lives of our students. The numerous activities, events, and programs that it sponsors adds to the spirit of our school. The meeting scheduled for Nov. 23 has been cancelled and the next meeting will be in February.

Once again I would like to remind you of softball on Saturday at 9:30 am. Come on out and have some fun. It is not a competitive league but rather an opportunity for our children to get out and have some fun together. If you did not attend last week that is okay we would love to have you join this week. There is something for all ages. Tee-ball for our younger children and slow-pitch for our older more capable students.

Have a great weekend.

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A tip from 'The Ultimate Parent' website:

Even though we need a license to do many things in life—everything from driving and operating a forklift to practicing medicine and fishing—there is no license required when it comes to parenting.

Tip #8 – Pick your fights wisely and fight honorably.

Kids need to feel in control of certain areas of their life. They also need boundaries. Create family rules but ensure that there is flexibility too. For instance a family rule might be that the common areas of the home need to be clean before bed, but the tidiness of the children's room are left up to them (as you can always shut their bedroom door if the lack of order really bugs you). Fights are based upon two people with opposing views—sometimes a third way can be found that works for both you and your child. Look to find this alternate way. If there is no third way agreeable to both you and your child ensure you present your request in a firm but gentle manner. Remember to stay focused on the issue rather than trying to be right! www.ultimateparent.com



What is Movember ?

Movember is an annual month long charity event that raises funds and awareness for men's health issues. It was started by a group of Australians in 1999 and since then has been seen in multiple countries from multiple different continents.

Anybody that can grow a mustache can participate in this event because it is so simple. There are a few rules but by the end of the month all participants will have one thing in common: a mustache that is either brilliant, disgusting or invisible.

The point of Movember is for people all over the world to not shave there upper lip region from November 1st until the last day of the month. This simple act has been raising money and awareness for tons of health issues including prostate cancer, depression, testicular cancer and much more.

If you are wanting more information or willing to support this worthy cause we have a group set up called 'Cloudy with a chance of MO' www.movember.com/m/2463084



Congratulations to the following parents for completing their First Aid training on Friday:

Sally Carroll, Mea Marges, Jane Sleep, Kristy Dennis, Sue Meikle, Lorraine Patton, Fiona Patton & Julz Clulee.

Thanks also to SOS for running the training.

Congratulations 'Open Minded' MZIS Students



Cali Featherer Pre 3 & 4



Gabrielle Zimmer - Grade 2



Victoria Fuller - Middle School



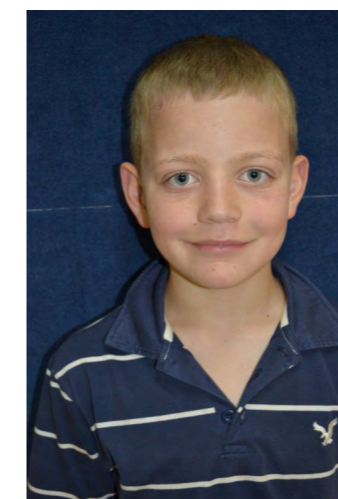
Alex Karpetz - Grade K



Maguire Lee - Grade 3



Tara Gillard - Grade 1



Graham Bagley Grade 4

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