

Fountain Hills Supports Our School:

- **Active Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO)** – Throughout the year, the FHPTO plans and implements projects and events that raise funds for our schools and bring the community together.
- **Volunteers and other community partnerships** – Parents, retired educators, businesses, and other dedicated community members frequently donate their time and skills to help MMES students and staff as well as engage in valuable projects.
- **Fountain Hills Mentor Program** – For almost 20 years, the Fountain Hills Mentor Program has provided one-on-one adult mentors to FHUSD students to work with them once a week on intervention and enrichment.
- **School bonds** – In Fountain Hills, school bonds pass, providing essential funds to FHUSD schools.
- **School events** – MMES frequently holds events such as Grandperson's Day that bring the school and community together.



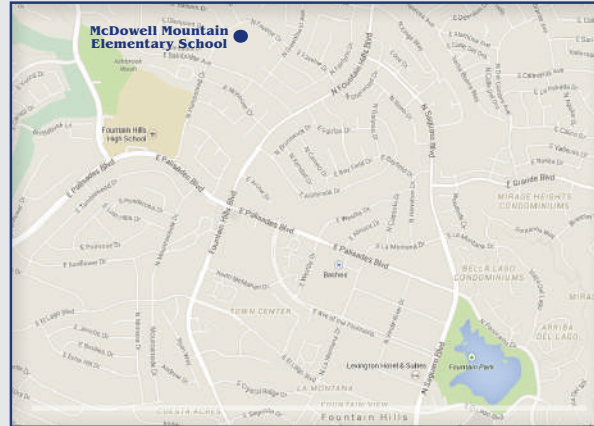
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McDOWELL MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



*A PreK-3 school with
an early childhood focus*

Fountain Hills Unified School District

Dear Parents,



Thank you for considering McDowell Mountain Elementary School for your child. If you are looking for a small, high performing, and child-centered school with an early childhood focus, MMES is the right school for you and your child. Only students from preschool to third grade are educated at MMES, a public school in the small and supportive community of Fountain Hills. With this focus we are able to center on the developmental and academic needs of very young children, providing the foundation that is essential for student success in the upper elementary level and beyond.

At McDowell Mountain, the school staff set high expectations for students, in both academic progress and character. We want students to be the best they can be in all parts of their lives. As stated in the school's mission statement, "Everyone is a learner and will encourage and help others to be successful learners". This applies not only to students, but to staff and parents as well. Teachers and all staff are active participants in ongoing professional development and analysis of your students' needs. We encourage parents to play an active role in their children's educations, as teachers and parents are partners in students' academic and character development.

Parents are always welcome at McDowell Mountain. Please contact our office and we can schedule a tour. You will quickly see that we have dedicated and engaging staff, amazing facilities, and a positive environment where your child will thrive socially and academically. I look forward to welcoming you to the McDowell Mountain Falcon family!

Sincerely,

Valerie Dehombreux

Valerie Dehombreux "Mrs. D"
McDowell Mountain Elementary School Principal

Mission

The McDowell Mountain students, staff, parents, and community will cooperatively provide a safe, child-centered environment that builds self-esteem, self-discipline, and the essential skills for lifelong learning.

While adapting to the differences of others and by using responsible decision-making, students will exhibit citizenship with the motivation to invent, dream, explore, and communicate in our changing world.

At McDowell Mountain School everyone is a learner and will encourage and help others to be successful learners.



TOP TEN

1 COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL - with First Things First scholarships for qualified students

2 DEVELOPMENTAL PRESCHOOL - including tuition-free student peer models

3 FREE FULL-DAY OR HALF-DAY KINDERGARTEN

4 STUDENT SUPPORT AND ENRICHMENT - including Response to Intervention, Title I reading, Title VII and Fort McDowell reading and math, school counselor, before-school lab, and Fountain Hills Mentor Program

5 THIRD GRADE HONORS CLASS

6 RELATED ARTS CLASSES - daily K-3 classes in art, music, physical education, and technology

7 OUTSTANDING TECHNOLOGY - computers, interactive white boards and document cameras in every classroom; 3 fully-equipped computer labs

8 BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES - Homework/Waterford Early Learning/Successmaker lab, Robotics, Chess, and Spanish

9 CHARACTER COUNTS AND BUCKETFILLERS FOR LIFE - At McDowell Mountain, students learn about and are encouraged to exemplify the Six Pillars of Character: Caring, Citizenship, Fairness, Respect, Responsibility, and Trustworthiness. Students try to "fill the buckets" of others as well as their own "buckets" by demonstrating these traits.

10 STUDENT LEADERSHIP/SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES - including Student Council, Falcon Leaders, and Junior Achievement

Fast Facts

- **Arizona Department of Education school letter grade: B**
- **Quality First preschool ratings:** Four Stars - Quality Plus - Exceeds Quality Standards
- **Average K-3 class size: 23**
- **All MMES teachers are fully certified and highly qualified** with an average of 19 years of experience in education and 10 years in the district

2014 Third Grade AIMS Testing:

Percentage of students meeting or exceeding:

Reading: 87%

Math: 79%

McDowell Mountain:



*...is where children learn.
...helps you get a good education.
...helps kids to read.
...has good teachers.
...has beautiful classrooms, halls, and an awesome library."*

-- Students

"I really enjoy working at McDowell Mountain. I value our small town community and the relationships we are able to build."

--Teacher

"Experienced staff has contributed to pleasant, welcoming involvement of parents."

--Parent