Mingus Union
High School District #4

MINGUS MATTERS

NOV 2026

Every Student Celebrated | Every Student Prepared

Hello Marauder Families!

As we enter November, please continue to encourage your student(s) to take advantage of FLEX time to get assistance, improve understanding, and raise their grades in any course they are struggling in. The pace of classes typically picks up during this time of year, and the next few weeks are usually a reliable predictor of how students will finish the first semester. This is a great time to really help students with motivation, perseverance, and completing goals!

With Veteran's Day and the Thanksgiving break approaching, the end of the semester will come fast. This is a crucial period for students to set themselves up for the end of the semester.

As our first third of the year winds down, please cheer on our state and playoff competitors in Fall Sports. Our winter sports season is beginning, and is heavy on team sports with basketball, soccer, and wrestling all taking place. Be sure any student-athletes who want to try out for any of these sports has completed their athletic physical and registered with Family ID. Information about winter sports can be found in our front office from our athletics department.

As weather cools, remember that much of our campus is outdoors and make sure students are dressed appropriately. We do have clothing and other personal care, snack, and school items available in our Hope Closet for any students in need.

Please check the calendars for other important events and dates on our campus this month!

November Dates to Remember

November 9th
Operation Graduation Meeting
5:30pm / MUHS Library
*More information on page 2

November 9th
Winter Sports Parent Night
6 – 7pm / MUHS Main Gym
*More information on page 9

November 11th
Veterans Day
No School

November 17th
Site Council Meeting
5pm / MUHS Library
*More information on page 2

November 19th
Governing Board Meeting
6 – 8pm / MUHS Library
Regular Session
*More information on page 2

November 24th
Student Council Blood Drive
8am - 1:30 pm / Small Gym
*More information on page 3

November 25 – 27
THANKSGIVING BREAK
No School

HAPPY Thanksgiving



David D. Beery
Principal
Mingus Union High School

CAMPUS EVENTS & RESOURCES

NOVEMBER 19TH @ 6PM



MUHS GOVERNING BOARD

Our governing board is comprised of five locally elected citizens. These individuals ensure the proper allocation of district funds and resources to best serve the needs and interests of our students.

Meetings are open to the community and are held at 6pm in the MUHS Library on the Second Thursday of every month (unless otherwise noted).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, AGENDA & MINUTES SCAN THE QR CODE

MUHS COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Today's families are busy, and there's always something happening. Sync your family schedule with ours to avoid missing important testing dates and events when planning vacations and doctor appointments.



VOLUNTEER MEETING

Operation Graduation Mingus Marauders

We can't succeed without the support from our community!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9
5:30 PM ~ MUHS LIBRARY

MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL

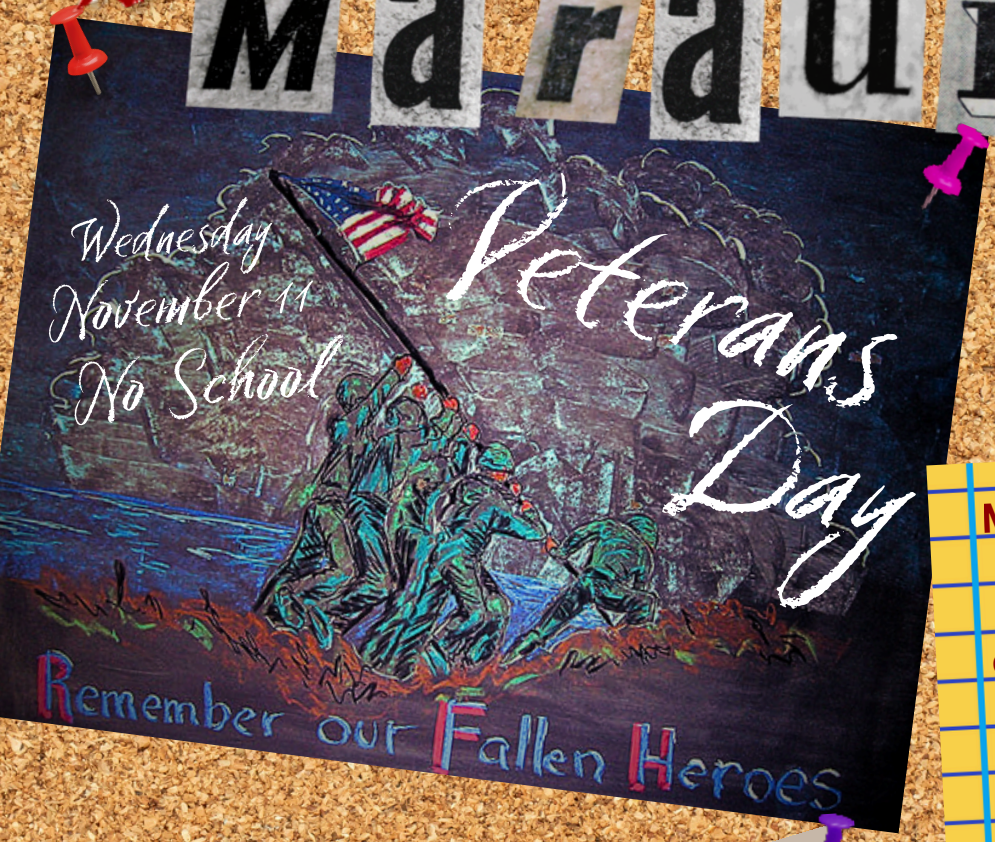
SITE COUNCIL

Proud Home of the Marauders

We value your opinion and welcome you to attend and participate in site council meetings

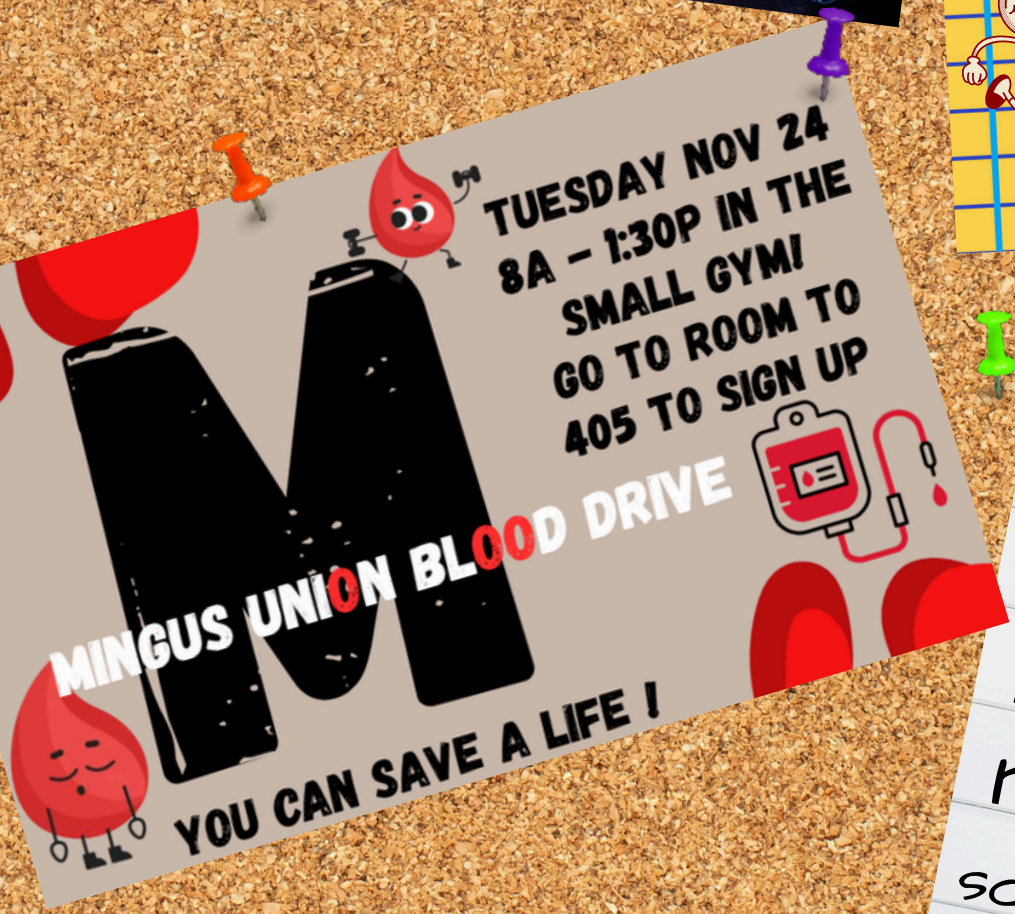
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 17TH
5:00 PM ~ MUHS LIBRARY

Marauders



Mingus Union High School Nutrition Departmant

Scan the QR code to see our monthly menu and learn more about our cafeteria.



THANKSGIVING BREAK

November 25-27

no school

school resumes Nov 30th

SAFETY SCOOP



IN AN EMERGENCY
TAKE ACTION

HOLD! In your room or area. Clear the halls.

STUDENTS	ADULTS
Clear the hallways and remain in room or area until the "All Clear" is announced Do business as usual	Close and lock the door Account for students and adults Do business as usual

SECURE! Get inside. Lock outside doors.

STUDENTS	TEACHERS
Return to inside of building Do business as usual	Bring everyone indoors Lock outside doors Increase situational awareness Do business as usual Take attendance

LOCKDOWN! Locks, lights, out of sight.

STUDENTS	ADULTS
Move away from sight Maintain silence Do not open the door	Recover students from hallway if possible Lock the classroom door Turn out the lights Move away from sight Maintain silence Do not open the door Prepare to evade or defend

EVACUATE! (A location may be specified)

STUDENTS	ADULTS
Leave stuff behind if required to If possible, bring your phone Follow instructions	Lead students to Evacuation location Account for students and adults Notify if missing, extra or injured students or adults

SHELTER! Hazard and safety strategy.

STUDENTS	ADULTS
Use appropriate safety strategy for the hazard	Lead safety strategy Account for students and adults Notify if missing, extra or injured students or adults

Hazard	Safety Strategy
Tornado	Evacuate to shelter area
Hazmat	Seal the room
Earthquake	Drop, cover and hold
Tsunami	Get to high ground

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K12 2025 STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

Mingus Union High School utilizes the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) from the "I Love U Guys" Foundation.

The Standard Response Protocol is a uniform response that is utilized by our feeder schools and is required by the Arizona Department of Education to be implemented in our safety plan. These posters are located in all classrooms and throughout the school so that they can be referenced in an emergency.

This protocol is used in response to various emergency situations. SRP has five key actions:

1. **Hold!** - Students are cleared from hallways and remain in rooms or specified areas until the "All Clear" is announced. Students/Teachers/Staff conduct business as usual.
2. **Secure!** - Students are secured inside buildings and all outside doors are locked. Students/Teachers/Staff conduct business as usual, within the building(s).
3. **Lockdown!** - Students are moved out of sight, maintain silence, and doors are locked. Students/Teachers/Staff maintain silence and prepare to evade or defend.
4. **Evacuate!** - Students leave stuff behind as required (phones can be brought with their person). Students/Teachers/Staff go to evacuation location and follow further instructions.
5. **Shelter!** - Students appropriate safety strategy for the hazard. Students/Teachers/Staff follow safety strategy according to the hazard.

MINGUS ATORT & CHOIR PROUDLY PRESENT

ADVENTURE THROUGH BROADWAY

A MUSICAL REVUE FEATURING

some of your favorites like Aladdin, The Greatest Showman, Hamilton, Matilda, Little Shop of Horrors, The Notebook, The Outsiders, and more!

SHOWING IN THE MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

DEC 11-18th

Buy tickets at atort.ludus.com
or call 928-649-4466
Adult - $13
Senior - $12
Student - $8

all tickets $3 more at the door

STORY

Small Town Outreach, Recruitment & Yield



In a collaboration between the MUHS Counseling Department and AVID program, Ms. García Hernández and Ms. Bodam took 46 MUHS students from all grade levels, many of them AVID and first-generation college-going students, to Snowflake High School on September 30 for a college admissions event hosted by the Small-Town Outreach, Recruitment and Yield (STORY) Consortium. The event reflected our commitment to the AVID mission of college readiness, access, and opportunity while helping students navigate the college admissions and financial aid process. Students had the opportunity to connect with admissions representatives from 30 leading colleges and universities, including Harvard, Yale, MIT, Stanford, Columbia, Princeton, Brown, Cornell, Duke, and many others. A particularly meaningful focus of the evening was helping students recognize how their rural and small-town experiences can be strengths in the college admissions process. Students learned how to highlight the unique responsibilities, leadership, community involvement, experiences, and perspectives that have shaped their stories. The evening also included an admissions presentation and college fair, allowing students to ask questions, explore their options, and connect directly with college representatives. Most importantly, students were reminded that where they come from is part of what makes their story unique and that their experiences can help them stand out in the college application process. We are incredibly proud of our Marauders for engaging with college representatives, expanding their vision of what is possible, and taking meaningful steps toward their futures

Learn more about the STORY program here: https://www.storyconsortium.org/about/









SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

featured on: 94.7 JACK fm playing what we want

Cairo Cook



After graduation in May, Cairo plans to go to an out-of-state college to pursue a science major focused on biology with an art related minor. In five years, he hopes to be having fun exploring the world and discovering everything that's out there.

In his four years at Mingus, Cairo has participated in Tennis, Interact Club, and a few theater performances. He says these experiences taught him how awesome our school is and an appreciation for the deep connection the Mingus community has.

Cairo's best memories from high school so far have been working together with friends during challenges and seeing everyone become better as a result. He also says that passing his chemistry final was a pretty awesome memory, too.

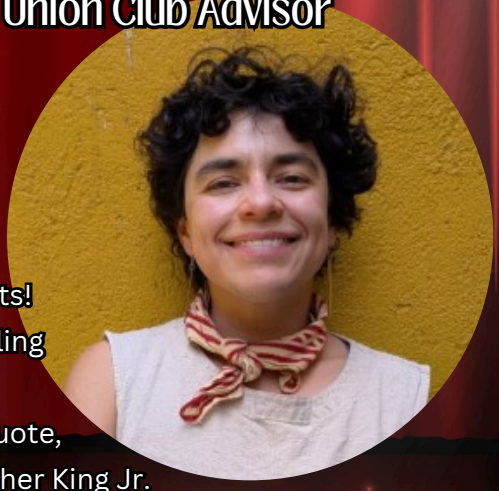
For fun, Cairo likes to play tennis and video games with friends. He also enjoys painting, playing piano, and watching movies.

If he could speak to himself as a freshman, his advice would be to challenge yourself even in small ways, every day, because those moments of growth add up. But also, try to have fun and look for things that you enjoy because you only get one high school experience so make the best of it.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Mayra García Hernández

School Counselor for the Class of 2028
Latino Student Union Club Advisor



Ms. García Hernández is the School Counselor for the Junior Class of 2028.

This is her sixth school year at Mingus; she started with us in the fall of 2021.

Her favorite part of her job is exploring post-secondary pathways with students!

When she needs a little motivation, she turns to her co-workers in the Counseling Department - what a powerful team!

If she is working with a student who needs motivation she likes to share this quote, "You don't have to see the whole staircase to take the first step." — Martin Luther King Jr.

You don't have to have your whole future figured out today. You just have to take one step toward it.

Ms. García Hernández has worked as an advisor, college counselor then School Counselor since 2014. When she graduated from college, she knew she would want to come back to Mingus to serve the community that helped to shape her. She is deeply grateful for the opportunity to work at Mingus.

During her free time she likes to enjoy the outdoors, explore coffee shops, and try new foods!

MARAUDER of the MONTH

TEACHERS AND COACHES ARE ASKED TO NOMINATE STUDENTS IN ALL ACADEMICS AND ATHLETICS DEPARTMENTS. THESE STUDENTS ARE THEN VOTED ON AMONGST THOSE TEACHERS & COACHES TO CHOOSE FINALISTS TO RECOGNIZE EACH MONTH. THESE STUDENTS ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN OUR NEWSLETTER AND INVITED TO RECEIVE RECOGNITION IN FRONT OF OUR COMMUNITY AT THE FOLLOWING MONTH'S BOARD MEETING.

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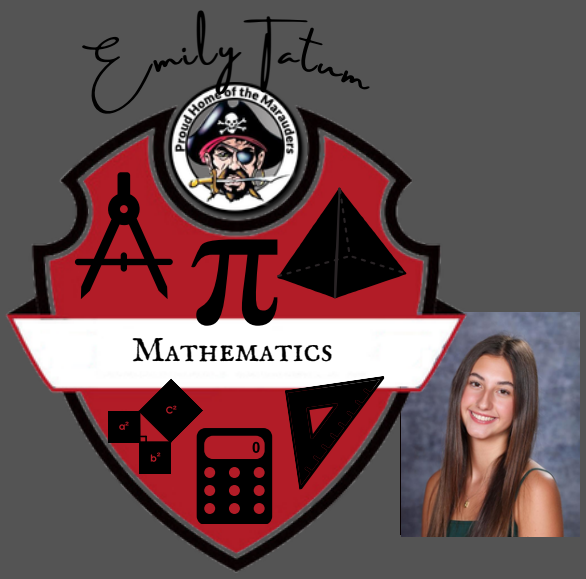
Rylie Ellis



Emily Tatum



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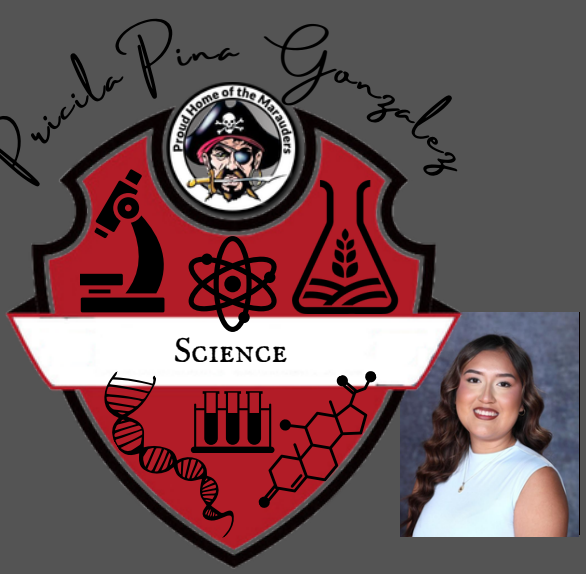
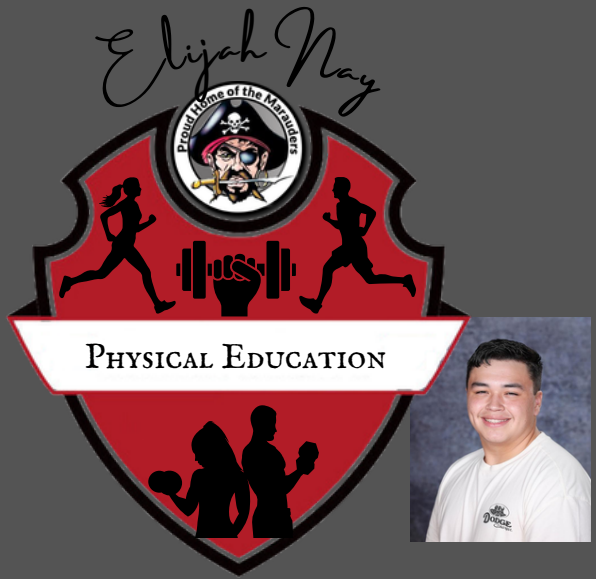


Elijah Nay



Chiana Vitale



MARAUDER of the MONTH

Jalexa Villegas

Career & Technical Education



Jason Fernandez

Performing & Visual Arts



Niko Lara Grassa

Mingus Academics



Enrique Cruz

AVID®
Advancement Via Individual Determination



Isaiah Ortiz

Male Athlete



Riley Murdock

Female Athlete



Blade Purtyman

CHARACTER COUNTS
Pursing Victory with Honors



Mingus Union High School Athletics

All current athletic events, team schedules and coaching information are posted to the athletics page for quick viewing. You can also subscribe to the calendar and receive daily emails by scanning the QR code below, then subscribe by clicking the RSS link (📡) in the top right corner.

*Schedules are subject to change, so check often or call the athletic department for more info!











BRAG BOARD



Please join us in congratulating **Mingus Girls Golf's Hailey Landsberg** on earning **1st place at the Div II Northwest Sectionals Tournament!** 🏆⛳

Hailey shot an incredible **77**, setting a new personal best and a girls golf sectionals record with her below-80 round!

If you see Hailey on campus, please congratulate her and wish her luck as she continues her postseason.
We're proud of her hard work and the way she represents Mingus!
Congratulations, Hailey and GO MARAUDERS!

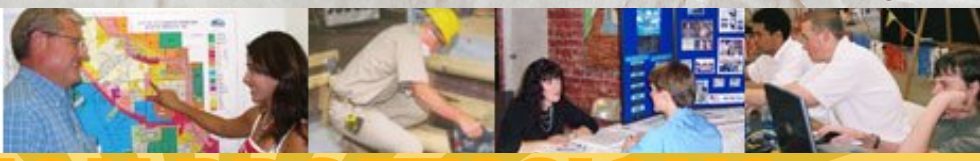








VACTE Valley Academy for Career and Technology Education



EDUCATION PROFESSIONS

The VACTE Education Professions Program is a 2-year dual enrollment program, offered in partnership with Yavapai College, that lets students explore education while still in high school. Students fulfill graduation requirements and earn college credits at the same time. The courses are foundational offerings that explore the career of education. Students receive instruction in a classroom setting with a curriculum that is designed to engage and provide hands-on real-life experiences in the world of teaching. Guest speakers, field trip experiences, and practicum experiences in local schools are an integral part of the course.

The students visit Verde Valley schools and show them a diverse selection of classrooms to determine the placements for the student practicums. They place the students with effective mentoring teachers to help foster the students to learn effective classroom environments and learning strategies. The instructors then continue to coach and mentor each of the students to help them continue to grow.

Alongside their college-level education courses, they complete internship hours working directly with children in local schools. We currently have interns working with students in PreK-8th grade at several area elementary schools. Ed Pro students are frequently selected to fill paid Para-Professional and After School Program positions.

VACTE's Ed Professional students are blessed with outstanding teachers, Mrs. Kaylee Randall and Deana DeWitt, who work tirelessly helping create future educators. They motivate students to consider teaching in their future by showing such compassion and enthusiasm for teaching. They both truly love teaching, love students, and naturally motivate their students to become our future teachers.

In the VACTE Teacher Training Classroom Mrs. Randall & Mrs. DeWitt develop a relationship with each of their students. They teach them about lesson planning, curriculum, teaching strategies, social/emotional programs, positive classroom behavior management skills, positive culture, and much more. They guide and empower them to take risks and to become public speakers. They both bring experts in the educational field to teach the students about the different aspects of education, such as special needs, Title I, STEM Curriculum and many other important topics in education to keep the students learning the cutting-edge strategies that make a difference in the classroom. This is more than learning about education. Students step into the profession through hands-on experiences, leadership opportunities, classroom internships, college-level coursework, and professional credentials including CPR certification, an IVP Fingerprint Clearance Card, and the opportunity to take the ParaPro Assessment. Ed Pro students are building real skills, gaining real experience, and discovering just how powerful their impact can be.

The Program has grown steadily over the past several years, and its students have achieved great success in state and national competitions. Many alumni have gone on to pursue bachelor's degrees in education, and some are already teaching in our community's schools.

Our Education Professions students are leaders in our community and want to make a lasting impact on the future. They study and apply best practices in teaching and learning but, more importantly, they develop a deep understanding of how to meet students where they are and to support individual growth.

The Education Professions Program is a win-win: it gives students a head start on their futures while helping address the teacher shortage by growing educators right here in our own community.

The Educational Professional/Teacher Training students also participate in FCCLA – Family Career and Community Leaders of America, with leadership conferences, camps, and competitions. Our students have won at regional, state and national levels and traveled across the country experiencing great opportunities.



Join VACTE in creating future teachers in our community and enroll in the class now.







Community Resources

There's no doubt that our Verde Valley community knows how to come together to support those who live here! This page will list some of those amazing Community Resources and let you know some of the events and happenings they have planned this month.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Old Town Mission
116 E. Pinal Street
Cottonwood
928-634-7869

OLD TOWN MISSION

Mission Thrift Store
810 W Mingus Ave
Cottonwood
928-634-1644

FOOD PANTRY
Wednesday: 9 am - 2 pm & 4 pm - 6 pm
Thursday: 9 am - 2 pm

COMMUNITY MEALS
Monday, Tuesday & Friday: 11:30 am-12:30 pm
Monday: 5 pm - 6 pm
Wednesday: 4 pm - 6 pm **(Served to-go only)**

RESOURCE CENTER
*** Available for those without residence:**
Showers, breakfast, clothes, hygiene & resources
Monday, Tuesday & Friday 9 am - 11 am

THE KIDS SHOP
Monday - Thursday 9 am - 2 pm
Monday 5 pm - 6 pm
or call for an appointment 928-634-7869

HAIR SALON
Monday 4 pm to 5: 30 pm
Tuesday: 9 am - 12:30 pm

VISION
1st Tuesday/month
10 am - 11 am

LEGAL
Call: 928-634-7869

MISSION THRIFT STORE
Tuesday - Saturday: 9 am to 5 pm
810 W. Mingus Ave. in Cottonwood

The Mission is a SNAP Community Partner

This project has been funded at least in part with Federal funds from the USDA.
This institution is an equal opportunity employer and provider.

SNAP Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

LISA
Low Income Student Aid

Supporting Student Success Through Community Compassion

Some ways LISA can assist your student:

- Medical bills, prescriptions, therapy, etc
- Clothing, shoes, coats
- Hair cuts & personal hygiene items
- Outstanding cafeteria balances
- Book purchases & class tuition
- Admission to school events
- Graduation Expenses
- School supplies & special needs devices
- Childcare costs & pre-school tuition
- Fees for extracurricular activities
- College deposits & testing fees
- Birthdays & Holidays

Qualifying students include those who attend **Oak Creek School, Dr. Daniel Bright School, Cottonwood Community School,** *as well as their graduates currently attending* **Mingus Union High School or Verde Tech High School.** *We also assist students attending* **West Sedona School, Red Rock Jr. High and Sr. High School.**

LISA is a 501C(3) charitable organization that provides aid to public school students in the Verde Valley.

Request aid at azlisa.org

Manzanita Outreach



Check the Manzanita Outreach Facebook page for updates on their food share dates and what items could be available.

Our mission is to share the abundance of resources within our communities with dignity and joy.

406 S 6th Street,
Cottonwood

manzanitaoutreach.org

Community Resources

OLD TOWN MISSION

EVENT SCHEDULE

NOVEMBER 16
4PM TO 6PM



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER

A special meal to share
with our friends & neighbors.

NOVEMBER 18, 19, 25

GREAT TURKEY GIVEAWAY

Wednesday 18, 9am - 2pm & 4pm to 6pm
Thursday 19 from 9am to 2pm
Wednesday 25 from 9am to noon



NOVEMBER 26
11AM TO NOON

THANKSGIVING LUNCH

Free Thanksgiving lunch for those
without a residence or who might be
alone on Thanksgiving.



DECEMBER 14
4PM TO 6PM

SANTA & COOKIE DECORATING

Prizes, visit Santa Claus,
cocoa & cookies.



DECEMBER 21

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Celebrate youth style with
the trendiest local brands



NOVEMBER 23
DECEMBER 21

MONDAY MADNESS 9am to 5pm

Mission Thrift Store (810 W Mingus Ave)
Holiday Fundraiser ~ Bring a Canned Good!
Free Giveaways! 50% off Everything!



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