



Mingus Union
High School District #4

SUMMER
2026

MINGUS MATTERS

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Every Student Celebrated | Every Student Prepared

Dear Mingus Families,

As I write this message to you, I am reflecting on the wonderful end-of-year events that took place over the last few weeks. Mingus Union High School witnessed over 250 students graduate at the commencement ceremony on May 22nd. Prior to that, we celebrated our seniors with spirit week, field day, senior sunset, Senior Honors Night, and Operation Graduation. The Class of 2026 earned over 5 million dollars in awarded scholarships! What an amazing group of young people; we look forward to hearing about their continued success.

Our school lunch program is providing free meals this summer during the month of June in our cafeteria. Lunch will be provided free of charge to youth who are eighteen years of age or younger. Mingus athletics is also hosting a variety of youth summer camps. Please see our social media pages and website for additional information.

Please be sure to check our social media pages throughout the summer for school updates, calendars, and registration information. We look forward to welcoming our Marauders again in late July for another exciting year of learning. Registration week will run July 20-24, and Freshmen return on July 29th followed by all students on the 30th.

I want to personally thank our families, students, and staff for supporting my role as MUHS Principal. I am humbled by the accomplishments of our exceptional students in academics, arts, clubs, and athletics. These successes are the result of student commitment, focused teachers, motivated coaches, caring parents, and a supportive community. I hope you all have a wonderful summer!

Summer Dates to Remember

JUNE

Thursday, June 11
Governing Board Meeting
6 - 8pm
Mingus High School Library

JULY

Thursday, July 9
Governing Board Meeting
6 - 8pm
Mingus High School Library

Monday, July 20th
thru

Friday, July 24th
REGISTRATION
*see page 19 for more details

Wednesday, July 29th
Freshman Day
1st day of school for 9th Grade

Thursday, July 30th
First day for all students

Marauders



David D. Beery
Principal
Mingus Union High School

26-27 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR



MUHS 26-27 School Year Calendar

CLASS OF 2026





Sayonara Seniors!

Dear Graduating Class of 2026,

Congratulations on achieving this monumental milestone! Your teachers, counselors, advisors, coaches, and our entire school community are so proud of you! You are entering a new chapter in your life, and as new challenges arise, remember the obstacles you have already overcome.

As you embark on this new journey, it is easy to focus on the challenges and obstacles in our world. War, inflation, and injustice may seem overwhelming; however you will play a pivotal role in improving the world around you and standing up for what you believe in.

Remember, graduation is not a conclusion but an introduction to the next chapter in your life. You have the power to shape your future and contribute to a better world. Hold on to your dreams and pursue them with determination and grit, knowing that you have made a lasting impact on those you have moved on from.

Once again, congratulations to the Class of 2026. May your journey ahead be filled with success, happiness, and fulfillment. Celebrate this momentous achievement and look forward to creating your future.

Sincerely,
David Beery
Principal, MUHS



2026

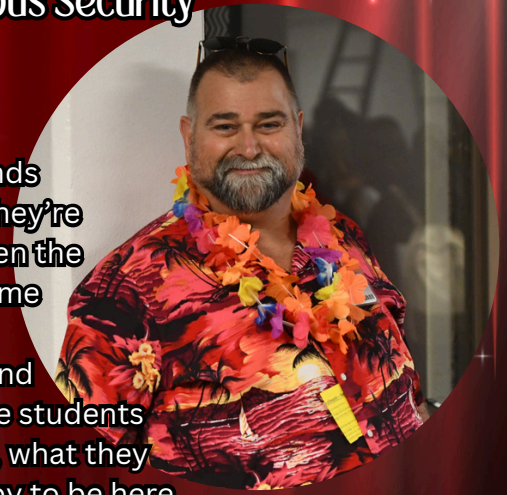
class of

SENIOR Emma Chapman SPOTLIGHT



After Emma graduates from Mingus this year, she plans to attend NAU to major in mechanical engineering and minor in business. She hopes that in five years she will be working as a mechanical engineer in a cool city like Chicago. During her time at Mingus, Emma participated in various clubs and extracurricular activities. For her senior year, Emma was STEAM Club and Art Club president. She was also Interact Club VP. Emma was also active in FBLA, Link Crew, the Academic Senate and is one of the CKG ambassadors. In Steam Club she helped to plan different activities and science-related events that the club did pertaining to field trips and the Steam Night that they hosted in February. As involved as she was in so many clubs, she would say that her favorite memory was making a chalk mural at the Walking on Main event with Art Club because it was a really fun, bonding experience. For fun, Emma loves making art, reading mystery/ horror/ sci-fi books and she also loves watching sitcoms and shows like Friends, Teen Wolf, and the Vampire Diaries. If she could go back in time and talk to herself as a freshman, she would tell herself that 4 years goes by fast and to be happy, try your hardest and stop thinking about other people's opinions so much.

STAFF Keith DiSante SPOTLIGHT Head of Campus Security



Keith started in September of 2021 as our security/safety officer. He spends his day roaming the halls of Mingus making sure our students are where they're supposed to be and that the campus is safe. In the last 5 years he has taken the time to get to know as many students as possible here, many on a first name basis, which is impressive for a campus of over 1,200 students! Keith says his favorite part of the job is getting to interact with the staff and students. He enjoys making everyone smile and laugh. Interacting with the students keeps him motivated. Saying hi to them and seeing how their day is going, what they did over the weekends and just getting to know everyone makes him happy to be here. If he can see that a student needs encouragement or motivation, he likes to try to get them to smile and or laugh, in a silly little way, it almost always works. Keith is a father to 3 children, 1 son and 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren, but he feels like he has more like 1,500 kids because all of the students are like his kids too and they know it. He truly loves his job and it really shows by the way students and staff interact with him. He loves hockey and football. He is from the Philadelphia area, so he loves his Eagles and Flyers. Keith has been working in schools for almost 10 years now and has never regretted that decision in the slightest. During his free time, Kieth likes to spend time with the love of his life and his family.





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.

Emily Gumma-Wagner



ENGLISH & LITERATURE



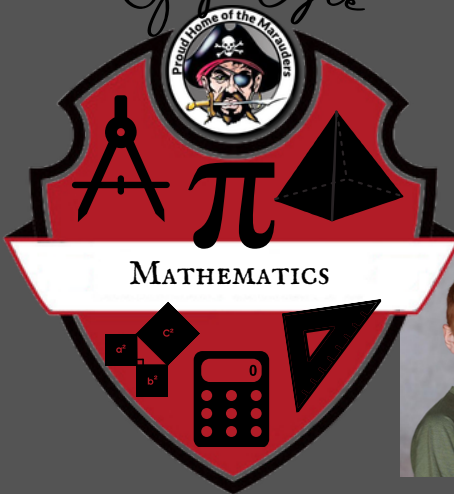
Mia Martinez



FOREIGN LANGUAGE



Gage Ogle



MATHEMATICS



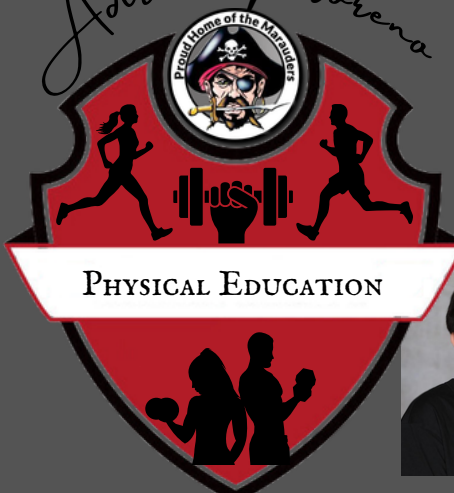
Sophie Walter



SCIENCE



Adrian Moreno



PHYSICAL EDUCATION



Valeria Salas



SOCIAL STUDIES





MARAUDER of the MONTH

Aiden Montiel

**CAREER & TECHNICAL
EDUCATION**



Evelyn Angeles

PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS



Alexis Morales

MINGUS ACADEMICS



Anna Djeda

**ADVANCEMENT VIA
INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION**



Carter Wachter

MALE ATHLETE



Maddie Babcock

FEMALE ATHLETE



Alexander Robinson

CHARACTER COUNTS

**PURSING VICTORY
WITH HONORS**



2026 Athletics Awards

A huge congratulations to all of our athletic programs for an outstanding 2025–2026 school year! Your commitment, teamwork, leadership, and passion made this year one to remember. Thank you to our athletes, coaches, families, and supporters for helping make Marauder Athletics so special. Once a Marauder, Always a Marauder!

Athletic Program of the Year - Flag Football



Marauder of the Year - Alissa Anderson

This award encompasses the well-roundedness of the student-athlete.



Alissa is one that would be first in the gym and ready to go. She would always say yes coach, thank you coach. She has a great attitude and wants to learn and improve everyday with every skill that we are working on that day. She was one of our captains this year and she would go to all the meetings for the Captains meetings at school. If she saw that someone might have been off she would go talk to that individual and try to encourage them. She works hard on the court, but she equally works hard off the court as well. She has helped with the unified volleyball now for the past two years and I can tell she just loves helping those kids try hard and have fun. She had a job during volleyball season and still was about to have 3.7 GPA. If Alissa puts her mind to it she can do anything. She is going to go far in this life with her work ethic and I am so proud of her and the person she is becoming. She's going to do great things in the world!

~ Coach Booth

Mingus Union Coach of the Year ~ Gretchen Wesbrock



Female Athlete of the Year ~ Lana Booth



Lana was one of our captains this year and was a great example to all around her of what hard work looks like. She was always positive, supportive to all around her, encouraging, and such a hard worker on and off the court. Lana was our leading blocker this year. She worked hard from day one to the very last practice. She was still asking for help as a senior in her last practice on if she was doing a move correctly. Most seniors at that point are done and don't ask for help anymore, but not Lana! She still wanted to get better in the gym to the last minute of her senior year at volleyball practice! She was great at balancing school life, sports, homework, and working in the bookstore. Lana is also one that I would see at other sporting events cheering on her fellow Marauders. She took being a captain very seriously and communicated great with her teammates and coaches. Lana is also a multi-sport athlete, she didn't limit her abilities to just volleyball. Competing in other sports throughout the year helped build endurance, agility, and resilience, but more importantly, it showed a love for growth and challenge. Lana proved that being a great volleyball player isn't just about skill, its about character, consistency, and lifting others along the way. We are proud of Lana and her future!

~ Coach Booth

Male Athlete of the Year ~ Ethan Baird



Ethan has a cumulative GPA above 3.5. He was a team captain for our 22-7 boys basketball team this season and was Grand Canyon All-Region First Team. Ethan averaged over 10 points and 5 rebounds per game, and made clutch plays in several victories this season. He displayed great leadership as a captain and helped us establish a winning culture for Mingus Basketball. Ethan also ran track his senior year, and played baseball his freshman year. Ethan was also involved in the Unified Sports Program this year, and served in Captain's Club. I am so grateful for Ethan's contributions to our basketball program, and proud of his accomplishments!

~ Coach Hudson

Unified Sports Athlete of the Year ~ Johnny Castro



Johnny showed up each season with grit and determination. Whether it was on the field or on the court, he consistently brought his best. He showed up every game for his team, and he did it with a smile.

~ Coach Tregise

Johnny really stepped out of his comfort zone by joining unified sports and although he was unsure at first, he decided to give it a chance and give it his all. After finding out just how much fun he had being part of a team he chose to join unified sports for the entire year, including flag football, basketball, and volleyball. Johnny immediately turned into a team player as well as a leader, encouraging everyone, even the team he was playing against. He showed up to have fun and play with his friends, wearing a smile on his face for every single game.

~ Coach Zapata

2020 STATE COMPETITION QUALIFIERS

Both our Girls and Boys Tennis teams had State Qualifiers this year!

We were so proud have them represent Mingus on May 1st & 2nd to compete against the best in the state



TENNIS

BOYS INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT

- Will Sanderson
- Adam Larson
- Eamon Hughes
- Julian Chavez

GIRLS TENNIS DOUBLES TEAM

- Lana Booth
- Coco Zuniga

GO BIG RED!



TRACK & FIELD

Mica Altringer
4 x 400

Alissa Anderson
Triple Jump, 4 x 400

Maddie Babcock
100 m, 200 m
4 x 400 *
**Tied a school record*

Maebel Badger
Discus



Evie Bakhaus
Discus

Arlo Bebee
100 m
200 m *
**Beat a school record*

Jaylynn Briseno
Long Jump (3rd Place)
Triple Jump (4th Place) *
**Beat a school record*

Shane Chupp
Triple Jump

Cera Hoggard
Shot Put
Discus (DIVISION 3 CHAMPION)

Caden DeTar
Pole Vault

Analucia Leon
Pole Vault

Karstyn Richardson
400
4 x 400

Ashlee Stapleton
Discus (3rd Place)



Thank you to our MUHS Student Council for making the State Sendoff special with your thoughtful signs!

Go Big Red!!!

Cera Hoggard and Ashlee Stapleton will advance to the SuperState All-Arizona Meet!



CONGRATULATIONS

to Mingus Baseball on receiving the
4A Conference AZBCA Field of the Year Award!

This amazing honor reflects the hard work, pride, and dedication that goes into maintaining one of the top baseball facilities in the state. A field represents more than just a place to play, it showcases the commitment and excellence of an entire program and community.

Congrats to Mingus Baseball on this outstanding achievement and well-deserved recognition!

A BIG thank you to Coyote Trails for donating product and labor, our grounds crew & coaches for their efforts in making our field great

Go Marauders!

**4A CONFERENCE
AZBCA
FIELD OF THE YEAR**



4A ALL REGION AWARDS for MUHS Spring Sports

Softball

- **Honorable Mentions**
 - **Coco Grenough**
 - **Garys Morgan**
 - **Rory Murphy**

Baseball

- **1st Team All Region**
 - **Derrick Alvarez**
 - **Carter Wacker**
 - **Kaden Pusch**
- **2nd Team All Region**
 - **Silas Scott**
- **Honorable Mentions**
 - **Tanner Brewer**
 - **Zaiden Ballesteros**



CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE OF OUR COLLEGE-BOUND MARAUDER ATHLETES!!!



KADEN PUSCH
YAVAPAI COLLEGE
IN ARIZONA, WHERE
HE PLANS TO
CONTINUE HIS
EDUCATION AND
PLAY BASEBALL



CONGRATULATIONS ANNIE, CHARITY & RHYS!!

We are excited to share that we had 3 students who participated in the Special Olympics STATE COMPETITION!

Congratulations to:

- Annie Walker- Gold in 100M walk. Bronze in Softball Throw.
 - Charity York- 5th in 100M Dash. Silver in Softball Throw.
 - Rhys Pritchett- 7th in 100M Dash. Bronze in Softball Throw.
- Track and Field Events. (By heat and division)
This summer they will be competing in Swimming, Bocce and Golf.

We are so proud of your dedication and achievements so far!
Best of luck as you continue at STATE!
Go show them what Mingus is all about! ❤️🇺🇸

GO MARAUDERS!



What an exciting year our Marauder Athletes have had!

We'd like to take a moment to express our gratitude to all of our amazing student athletes for always giving their best, their wonderful families for supporting them, our community for coming out to cheer them on and most importantly to the fantastic coaches who give their time and knowledge to these students to help shape them into well rounded young people with a passion!

We look forward to next year when we can do it all again!



Marauder Artists Spotlight

2026 Congressional Art Show

An annual National Art Competition where students from each Congressional District compete for scholarships. There were 5 awards for AZ District #2.

Scan the QR code to view all of Mingus student artist's submissions

MUHS Student Artist Winners!



2nd Place "The Blue Eye" by Junior Jazmin Hunt.
Awarded \$5000 to attend Embry Riddle University



People's Choice "The Burning Bush" by Isabel McKean.
Awarded \$500 to Northland Pioneer College.

Verde Valley Fair Art Show

Annual Art Show in the Verde Valley highlighting student Artwork from local schools. VV Fair sponsors awarded dozens of prizes from 1st place to 6th place in a variety of divisions.

Numerous \$100 cash awards are given by Fair Sponsors and local Artist Communities.



\$100 Winners

Rilan East
Best of Show (Photo)

Taviana Adams
Ray Strom Award (Photo)

Adia Grant
Made in Clarkdale Award
(Photo)

Brisa Castro
National Bank Award
(Photo)

Evelet Angeles
Peoples Choice Award
(Mixed Media)

Allissa Amundson
Best of Show (Digital)

Johnny Jakoby
Made in Clarkdale Award
(Pen and Ink)

Dexter Bryant
Made in Clarkdale Award
(Mixed Media)

Rei Brown
National Bank Award
(Mixed Media)

Naveah Yazzie
National Bank Award
(Mixed Media)

Ailed Sandoval
Made in Clarkdale (Drawing)

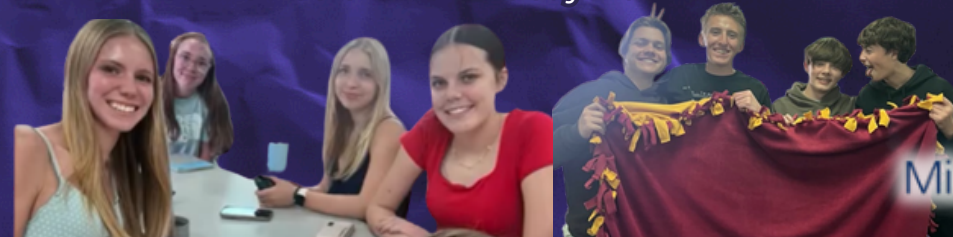
None of this would be possible without the dedication and hard work of our Visual Arts Teachers, Beth Detwiler, Ouida Dorr, Ashley Lomeli and Jason Teague.



The Interact Club of Mingus Union High School stepped up this year in many inspiring ways and consistently put service at the heart of their actions all year long! Led by faculty advisor Mrs. Ventura and student president Mica Altringer (Class of 2027), the club has been a driving force behind several impactful projects this school year.



- Project Prom and Homecoming Closet was open for the fifth consecutive year and provided free formalwear and accessories for teens in our area
- Fundraisers and activities to support school and Rotary-sponsored causes included: International Day of Peace poster-making, Interact Week Spirit Week, STEM Night booth, Purple Pinkie fundraiser for End Polio Now, and our annual Walkathon to benefit Crutches 4 Africa
- Students collected over 300 food items during our Fall Food Drive
- 32 students volunteered to mentor preschool students at Hilltop Christian Preschool during our FLEX period over the course of 20 weeks, doing various activities with students including reading, Science/STEM experiments, and outside play
- Students presented to Clarkdale-Jerome School about the opportunities Rotary can provide, including Foreign Exchange programs, RYLA, Jr. RYLA, and Interact
- In an ongoing project, students are making fleece blankets for the residents of the Memory Care Unit at Cottonwood Village, to be delivered in the fall
- Students planned and implemented an educational art installation for the Red Sand Project in honor of Human Trafficking Awareness Month
- 6 students were able to attend RYLA, a four-day leadership camp over Martin Luther King, Jr. Day weekend, sponsored by Rotary
- One member, Rylan Meinke, will be serving as an Interact Ambassador to Mexico this summer to work with a nonprofit that refurbishes wheelchairs to give to those in need. He is the fourth Mingus Interact Club Member to be an Ambassador through Interact District 5495's one-of-a-kind program
- Over 30 members were officially inducted into the club and 4 are graduating this year.



Showt Out

Student Council Seniors



To Z, Dawson and Isabel,
Thank You for sticking
with me for your final
year of leadership!

~ Ms. Gray

Project ♥ Linus

Mingus has Heart



This year, Mrs. Wolfe had a FLEX activity that allowed students to make blankets for the Project Linus charity. These students made their own blankets after she taught them the process of handknitting. We are proud of these kids for sticking with the process to finish a blanket for a good cause! There were lots of students that started a blanket, but these were the ones that started and finished a full blanket!



The MUHS Equestrian Club

is a new club on campus this year, started by students with a passion for horses and equestrian activities. Club members meet weekly on campus with Club Advisor Mrs. Lyons to learn about horse anatomy, safety, training techniques, proper saddling, and correct riding techniques.

In addition to learning horsemanship skills, the club has already become involved in community service projects helping out a local junior rodeo events and is looking forward to expanding its activities and fundraising opportunities in the future.

This past week marked a major milestone for the new club as members participated in their first off-campus riding event! Club members met at the Verde Valley Fairgrounds and rode horses! While at the fairgrounds, students also gave back to the community by cleaning up trash left behind at the arena following the Verde Valley Fair.



Pictured: President Rei Brown, Vice President: Zoe Corpataux, Secretary: Rylie Ellis, Treasure: Hailee Ackerman, Club Member: Aaliyah McLaughlin, Advisor: Mrs. Lyons



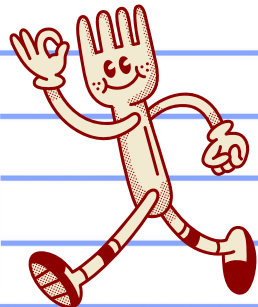
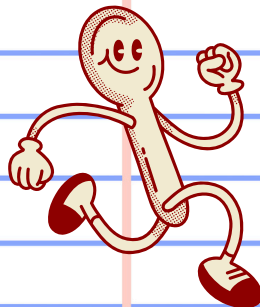
SCHOOLS' OUT

From all the staff @
Mingus Union High School,
we hope you all have an
amazing Summer break!

We can't wait to see
you all next year!

Mingus Union High School Nutrition Department

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



Summer Lunch Program

June 1st - June 30th / 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
(Closed June 19th for Juneteenth Holiday)

All Meals Served with Fruit and Vegetables
Alternative and Vegetarian Meals Available Daily
No Registration Required



MUHS SUMMER CAMPS

School may be out for the summer, but activities/athletics continue... Check out the attached summer camps & schedules our teams have coming up

MINGUS FOOTBALL

YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP

★ GRADES 1ST - 8TH ★

JUNE 8-9 | 6PM-8PM

\$35 PER KID
INCLUDES SHIRT

DISCOUNT RATE
FOR FAMILIES

\$5 TO BE TAKEN OFF
EACH ADDITIONAL CHILD
REGISTRATION

PRE PAY AT THE BOOKSTORE
OR PAY CASH AT THE GATE.

PAYMENT OPTIONS PRIOR TO THE CAMP
DURING CHECK IN

Zelle OR **Square**

ZELLE OR SQUARE IS AVAILABLE
FOR PAYMENT.

Register Here →



**MEET THE TEAM, SKILLS, DRILLS,
GAMES, AND MORE!**

Summer Fun with TENNIS!

What makes tennis special?

- ✓ Basic athletic skills that apply to any sport
- ✓ Fun in a sport that promotes friendship with teammates AND opponents
- ✓ Experience managing adversity calmly and confidently
- ✓ Practice at fair play and courtesy under competitive pressure
- ✓ The long-term benefit of learning a lifetime sport

CHOOSE ONE OR BOTH SESSIONS OF 10 LESSONS EACH.

\$150 for each session of 10. All lessons at MUHS courts.

PRE-HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS	HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
Choose one or both sessions of 10 lessons each.	Monday & Wed nights June 1-24
SESSION 1: JUNE 1-12	Incoming freshmen and beginners (Must be enrolled at MUHS).
SESSION 2: JUNE 15-26	6:30-7:30 P.M.
Ages 8-10 from 8-9 a.m.	No fee but registration required. ameyer@muhsactivities.com
Ages 11-13 from 9-10 a.m.	<i>Loaner racquets available</i>
	Returning players: 7:30-9 P.M. No fee

Andrea Meyer, M Ed., is a certified professional instructor (#71467) with the Racquet Sports Professionals Assoc. She is a winner of the Billie Jean King Champions of Equality Award and Section Coach of the Year as the MUHS girls' coach. Coach Meyer teaches family, group, private, semiprivate, and special-population lessons and holds SafePlay and fingerprint card clearances.

LEARN. PLAY. LOVE TENNIS!



MINGUS WRESTLING



Join Today!
Visit minguswrestling.com or scan the QR code at bottom.

SUMMER PRACTICE SCHEDULE

MAY 26 - JULY 23

Boys Tuesday & Thursdays Practice: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Girls Tuesday & Thursdays Weights: 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Practice: 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
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Scan the QR code to sign up!



MORE MUHS SUMMER CAMPS

MINGUS YOUTH VOLLEYBALL CAMP

Hosted by: coaches and previous high school players

June 8th-10th \$60

1st grade- 6th grade
8:00 am-10:00 am

June 8th-12th \$100

7th grade-9th grade
10:00 am-12:00 PM June 8th-10th
8:00 am-10:00 am June 11th-12th

All campers will get a camp shirt

Register at
Mingus bookstore
open 7-3



ATORT PROUDLY PRESENTS

JUNE 1st THRU JUNE 5th

SUMMER THEATER CAMP

2026 CAMP IS FROM 9AM-2:30PM - NO COST & LUNCH INCLUDED
REGISTER TODAY AT MINGUSPERFORMINGARTS.COM
CABERET-STYLE PERFORMANCE
JUNE 6TH AT 3:30PM - TICKETS \$12
GRADES 5 - 8

MUHS Auditorium 1801 E. Fir St Cottonwood, AZ
For Questions, e-mail jball@muhs.com

There will also be many summer athletics practices or workouts available! Keep an eye on our **MUHS ATHLETICS PAGE** on our website for Summer info per sport



MUHS CHEER

PRE-SEASON

Thinking about trying out for the 26-27 cheer season? This is your opportunity to meet the coaches and team, learn routines, sharpen skills and make new friends before official try outs.

Join our team reach below to introduce yourself, follow routines and get updates remotely.
STARTING MAY 4TH 2026
ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN

TEAM REACH: [MUHSCHERFALL26](https://www.instagram.com/MUHSCHERFALL26)





AND MORE MINGUS SUMMER CAMPS

CCBA & ATORT Present

Button Eyes

Mingus Auditorium
1801 E Fir St,
Cottonwood

Friday August 7, 6:30pm
Saturday August 8, 2pm,
6:30pm
Sunday August 9 2pm

Adults \$10
Seniors Students \$8
\$2 more at the door
ATORT.ludus.com

Want to get involved with the summer show “Button Eyes”?

This is open to incoming Mingus Freshmen, current students, and any alumni! Show up on Wednesdays and Thursdays through the summer and you are in!

Check out the schedule below



SUMMER SESSION 2026 SCHEDULE
Base schedule detailed schedules will be posted weekly
Starting Wed June 3rd after kids Theater camp 2:30

Times	Wednesday
9-11	Company Class
11-12	Beginner/Inter. Choreo
12-1	Lunch
1-6	Beginner/Intermediate Choreo
	Thursday
9-11	Company Class
11-12	Intermediate/Adv Choreo
12-1	Lunch
1-6	Intermediate/Adv./solo Choreo

To view all of these flyers in full size scan the QR code



REC CENTER SUMMER CAMPS



**YOUTH CAMP IS OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS
IN GRADES 1ST-8TH!**

**1ST-4TH GRADE: 8-9:45AM
5TH-8TH GRADE: 10AM-12PM**

DATES: JUNE 22-26, 2026

**LOCATION: COTTONWOOD REC CENTER
GYMNASIUM**

**REGISTRATION OPEN ONLINE
UNTIL JUNE 1**

**BASKETBALL &
FREE SHIRT ARE
PROVIDED!**



**COST IS \$55
PER CHILD**



**YOUTH CAMP IS OPEN TO BOYS & GIRLS
IN GRADES 1ST-8TH!**

**1ST-4TH GRADE: 8-9:45AM
5TH-8TH GRADE: 10AM-12PM**

DATES: JUNE 1-5, 2026

**LOCATION: COTTONWOOD REC CENTER
GYMNASIUM**

**REGISTRATION OPEN ONLINE
UNTIL MAY 18**

**VOLLEYBALL &
FREE SHIRT ARE
PROVIDED!**



**COST IS \$55
PER CHILD**

CONTACT Tristan Wright
twright@cottonwoodaz.gov
928-639-3200
cottonwoodaz.gov/parks-recreation

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\$10 Sports Physicals

All proceeds donated back to the student's school
to benefit youth athletic department programs

Thursday, June 11, 2026

2 – 5:30 p.m. Walk-ins Only

Cost is \$10 cash (no credit cards accepted)
All school-sponsored sports require a
pre-season physical to participate.
Please fill out forms 15.7A and 15.7B found on
www.aiaonline.org/about/forms before arrival.



Location: 1298 West Finnie Flat Road
Camp Verde, AZ 86322
For more info call:
928-639-5555



Attention Athletes

Sports Registration for 2026-27 is now available!
Stop by the front office to pick up your athletic packet or visit

www.mingusunion.com

You must be cleared by the Athletic Dept in order to participate in sports.

The following steps need to be submitted:

- Family ID online registration needs to be created and/or renewed for the 2026/2027 school year.
- Concussion course and Opioid course needs to be completed through the AIA online academy
- All athletes need to turn in their 2026/2027 AIA sports physical evaluation form completed and signed.
- Visit our website www.mingusunion.com/athletics for all your registration needs



SAVE
THE
DATE

'26 - '27 REGISTRATION

Welcome letter & registration information will be sent out by July 17th.
This is ONLY for students who are already registered or pre-registered at Mingus, includes 8th grade students that participated in Marauder for a Day

- Monday, July 20th: 9am-3pm
Open to ALL students
- Tuesday, July 21st: 9am-3pm
Open to ALL students
- Wednesday, July 22nd: 12pm-6pm
Open to ALL students

***New Students** need to complete the enrollment packet online through the Mingus website. They will need to provide proof of address, a copy of their birth certificate, and a copy of their vaccination records to be enrolled as a Mingus student.

- Thursday, July 23rd: 9am-3pm
Open to *NEW Students ONLY
- Friday, July 24th: 9am-12pm
Open to *NEW Students ONLY

*New Students are students who are not registered or pre-registered at 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 & doctor appointments.



During Registration Week ALL students will be taking their picture for their IDs, will be able to pay their fees, pick up books.
NEW THIS YEAR: All returning student paperwork will be completed online!
These forms include: Free and Reduced Lunch, Directory Permissions, Handbook Acknowledgement, Technology Use Agreement, Contact Information Verification, and the McKinney Vento Questionnaire.

These forms need to be updated each school year. Keep an eye out for information to access this important paperwork!





Fall Semester 2026-2027 Course Information

All VACTE Courses: Monday – Thursday
AM Section: 7:00 am – 9:35 am
Pm Section: 1:25 pm – 3:50 pm

VACTE Duel courses start on August 5th, 2026 at the following locations:

- Construction AM & PM Classes: 3405 E. State Rte. 89A Bldg. B in Cottonwood in Classroom 2
- Law Enforcement AM Class: 3405 E. State Rte. 89A Bldg. B in Cottonwood in Classroom 1B
- Teacher Training AM Class: Verde Tech School, Room 306, 301 N. Willard St, Cottonwood, AZ
- CNA AM & PM Classes: 269 S. Candy Ln. in Cottonwood in CNA Building by Church
- Fire Science AM Class: 1350 W. Mingus Ave. in Cottonwood in Verde Valley Fire Training Facility
- Cosmetology AM & PM Classes: 418 N. 15th St. in Cottonwood

YC Concurrent Courses start on August 5th, 2026 at the following locations:

- Phlebotomy AM & PM Classes: 3405 E. State Rte. 89A Bldg. B in Cottonwood in District Office.
 - *August 17th – Class will begin at the Yavapai College Clarkdale Campus, 601 W Black Hills Dr, Clarkdale, AZ 86324
- HVAC: 3405 E. State Rte. 89A Bldg. B in Cottonwood in District Office.
 - *August 17th – Class will begin at the Yavapai College Skills Trade Center, 601 W. Black Hills Dr, Clarkdale, AZ
- Electrical Trades: 3405 E. State Rte. 89A Bldg. B in Cottonwood in District Office.
 - *August 17th – Class will begin at the Yavapai College Skills Trade Center, 601 W. Black Hills Dr, Clarkdale, AZ

VACTE is a Career and Technical Education District (CTED) who partners with local high schools and the local community college to enhance and support career and technical education (CTE) opportunities. This partnership enables us to provide a pathway for students to earn industry certification and college credits, as well as experience career based learning, hands-on instruction, and leadership development.

At VACTE, we envision a future where our students attain the skills to build professional careers that will last a lifetime. Our vision is “Skills for Today, Careers for a Lifetime”.

We see tremendous potential in changing the educational climate today. Through career and technical education, we enable students to leverage the forces of change to create meaningful work, prepare for 21st century careers, and connect with the future.

VACTE offers the following programs: Construction, HVAC, Phlebotomy, Certified Nursing Assistant, Fire Science, Law Enforcement, Teacher Training, and Cosmetology.

CALL US FOR MORE INFORMATION:
(928) 634-7131

Welcome VACTE Students!

UPCOMING DATES:

AUGUST 3RD PARENT AND STUDENT MEETING

- 5PM – CONSTRUCTION @ VACTE OFFICE
- 5PM – LAW ENFORCEMENT @ VACTE OFFICE
- 5:30PM – TEACHER TRAINING @ VERDE TECH SCHOOL
- 5:30PM – FIRE SCIENCE @ FIRE SCIENCE FACILITY
- 6PM – COSMETOLOGY @ VACTE SALON

AUGUST 4TH PARENT AND STUDENT MEETING

- 5PM – CNA and PHLEBOTOMY @ VACTE OFFICE
- 5:30PM – HVAC @ VACTE OFFICE
- 5:30PM – ELECTRICAL TRADES @ VACTE OFFICE
- 6PM – YAVAPAI COLLEGE 13TH YEAR @ VACTE OFFICE

AUGUST 5TH

First Day of School All Programs



Community Events & 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

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.



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

Cottonwood Summer Cinema Series - June thru August 2025

Join us for free dive-in movies at the outdoor pool of the Cottonwood Aquatics Center. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Gates open at 7:45 p.m. and admission is free!



June 6th



July 18th



Community Events & Resources



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

Fantastic Family Fourth of July

Join us for the Annual Fantastic Family Fourth of July celebration at the Cottonwood Kid's Park on July 4th from 4-9:30 p.m. This family event has free food (hot dogs, chips, watermelon), games, vendors, patriotic salutes, and the best pyrotechnic show in Northern Arizona!

OPERATION Back to School



SATURDAY JULY 25TH 9 AM TO 1PM

Kids must be present

Old Town Mission 116 E Pinal St. Cottonwood

Kids must be present

Everything is FREE!

Backpacks ~ Food ~ School Supplies

