



Mingus Union
High School District #4

OCT 2025

MINGUS MATTERS

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Every Student Celebrated | Every Student Prepared

Hello Marauder Families!

As we enter October, we will quickly hit the end of the 1st quarter at Mingus in the 25-26 School Year. Your Mingus students should be in communication with their teachers and taking advantage of our academic FLEX period to address any low grades. Students typically have three, 40 minute periods of FLEX each week specifically dedicated to time for academic need in a small group setting. Taking advantage of this consistently will benefit student-teacher relationships, student grades, and most importantly, student learning.

Please see the information in this newsletter regarding our Mingus ATORT's production of "TRAP" by Stephen Gregg. This theatre production is spooky and suspenseful, use discretion with young ones (recommended for Middle School age and up).

Fall Break is the week of 10/13-10/17 this year, there is no school that week.

Outside of the classroom, fall traditionally brings Homecoming activities to high school campuses, and Mingus is no exception! This year we have a big Homecoming week planned with our 3rd Annual Marauder Homecoming Community Bash on Wednesday, October 29th. There are several home athletic events that week, it will be fun for the entire family! This is a community event, and we are excited to see you there! On Friday, October 31st our students have a Pep Assembly and school will be on the assembly schedule. The Marauder football team will take on the Lee Williams Volunteers that evening. Finally, the week culminates with the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, November 1st from 7-10 pm in our Mingus Union High School Main Gymnasium.

Enjoy the Fall Break and take time to reflect on the first quarter of the 2025-26 school year with your Mingus Marauder!

October Dates to Remember

Sep 26, 27, 29, Oct 3 & 4
PROJECT HOMECOMING CLOSET

October 3, 4, 5, 10 & 11
"TRAP"
presented by Mingus A.T.O.R.T.
(More Information on PG 9)

October 8
Balfour on Campus
8:30am - 1:15pm
(More information on page 2)

October 9
Governing Board Meeting
6 - 8pm
Mingus High School Library
(More information on page 2)

October 13 - 17
FALL BREAK
No School

October 21
Site Council Meeting
5 - 6pm
Mingus High School Library
(More information on page 2)

October 27
Homecoming Royalty Voting

October 27 - 31
Homecoming Spirit Week
(More information on page 5)

October 29
3rd Annual
**Marauder Homecoming
Community Bash!**
(More information on page 6)

October 31
HOMECOMING PEP ASSEMBLY!
(More information on page 6)

October 31
HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME!
Mingus vs Lee Williams
7:00pm / Bright Field
(More information on page 7)

November 1st
HOMECOMING DANCE!
7 - 10pm
MUHS Main Gym
(More information on page 8)



David D. Beery
Principal
Mingus Union High School



CAMPUS EVENTS & RESOURCES

Balfour on Campus

WHEN: Thursday, October 8th, 2025
8:30am - 1:15pm

All seniors
will need a cap,
gown, and tassel
for graduation.
Cost: \$40

MINGUS

Ring orders
require six
weeks to
process

Jackets are
custom made and
take 10 - 12 weeks
to make. If paid in
full jackets will
ship directly
to your home.

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OCTOBER 9TH @ 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.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, AGENDA & MINUTES:
WWW.MINGUSUNIONDISTRICT.COM/ABOUT-US/GOVERNING-BOARD

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.

CLICK

MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

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

**TUESDAY OCTOBER 21ST
5:00 PM ~ MUHS LIBRARY**



CAMPUS EVENTS & RESOURCES

FALL BREAK

October 13 - 17
no school
school resumes
Oct. 20



The PSAT test will be offered on Wednesday, October 29th, 2025. This test is ideal for academically motivated Juniors who feel that they may be able to score in the top 1% in the nation to potentially qualify for the National Merit Scholarship. It is also a practice SAT test, so if you are a junior thinking of applying to highly competitive out of state universities, this test may also be for you! Selected sophomores can also take it as practice for their junior year. The cost is \$20. Please sign up in the bookstore. Sign up and payment deadline is Oct. 21. No late registrations will be accepted.

OCTOBER 2025 Mingus Union High School

All Meals served with optional milk, and your choice of fruit and or veggies. The Salad Bar is open for all students at no charge. Alternative breakfast meals available daily!

Breakfast - \$1.50 / Lunch - \$3.00
For more information, please visit
mingusunion.com

Monday

6
Boneless Chicken Wings
Whole Grain Roll
Fresh Celery and Carrots

Tuesday

7
Beefy Nachos
Green Chili Refried Beans
Salsa Cup

Wednesday

1
All Beef Corn Dog
Tater Tots

8
Cheesy Ravioli
Garlic Knots
Steamed Peas

Thursday

2
Teriyaki Chicken
Vegetable Fried Rice
Fresh Broccoli and Cauliflower

9
Chicken Egg Rolls
Vegetable Fried Rice
Fresh Broccoli and Cauliflower

Friday

3
Meaty Calzone
Fresh Celery and Carrots

10
French Bread Pizza
Dipping Sauce
Fresh Celery and Carrots

FALL BREAK

20
Chicken Ceasar Salad
Whole Grain Roll
Fresh Celery and Carrots

27
Chicken Tenders
Whole Grain Roll
French Fries

21
Cheesy Enchiladas
Green Chili Refried Beans
Salsa Cup

28
Doritos Walking Taco
Green Chili Refried Beans
Salsa Cup

22
Breakfast for Lunch
Egg Scramble and Sausage
Hash Brown Patties

29
Mac and Cheese
Soft Pretzel
Steamed Peas

23
Orange Chicken
Vegetable Fried Rice
Fresh Broccoli and Cauliflower

30
Chicken Egg Rolls
Vegetable Fried Rice
Fresh Broccoli and Cauliflower

24
Stuffed Bread Sticks
Pizza Dipping Sauce
Fresh Celery and Carrots

31
Meaty Calzone
Fresh Celery and Carrots

Breakfast

MON: Breakfast Burrito TUE: Eggo Waffle + Pork Sausage WED: Breakfast Tornado or Breakfast Corn Dog THUR: Biscuits and Gravy FRI: Cinnamon Roll + Pork Sausage

Daily Lunch Favorites

Cheeseburger or Hamburger, Spicy or Regular Chicken Sandwich, Deli Sub, Anytimers Snack Box, Uncrustable PB&J, or Bean and Cheese Burrito





SAFETY SCOOP

Meet Our Security Team!

Mingus Union High School is grateful for the wonderful staff who make up our Safety & Security Team.

Officer Iurato



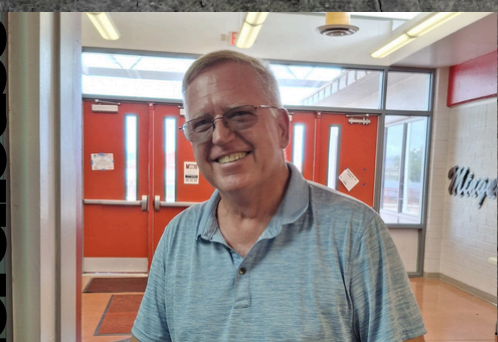
Officer Brandon Iurato is our School Resource Officer (SRO) through the Cottonwood Police Department. As an SRO, he serves multiple roles - teacher, mentor, and a law enforcement officer. Officer Iurato presents law related education to various classes on topics that encompass student safety. As an armed officer, he's first to respond to a high-risk situation.

Keith DiSanti



Keith has been with us for five years as a security staff. He came to us from a local school and had a wealth of knowledge from the various roles he held there. Keith loves to participate in school spirit days and works on building positive relationships with all students. We're grateful for his energy and dedication to keeping the school safe.

David Morehouse



David has also been with us for five years. David's background prior to this job was in law enforcement. He's able to help process situations in a diligent manner and provides resourceful insight for various safety and security encounters and conversations. David's dedication and consistency are critical to the safety of our campus.

Azelin Zangrilli



Azelin is the newest member of our security staff. This is her first year in the position and we are grateful for her presence. Azelin has a willing-to-learn attitude and pro-active mindset, bringing her 'A-game' to her job every day. She strives for safety, and her energy shows it.

Mingus Union High School District prioritizes the safety and security of our students and staff and is thankful for this wonderful team who help make our campus a safe place!



HOMEcoming 2025 INFORMATION

SPIRIT WEEK OCTOBER 27 - 31



- MONDAY- PINK OUT, IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH
- TUESDAY- DAY OF THE DEAD DUO DAY, MATCH WITH A FRIEND (OR A WHOLE GROUP!) BY WEARING THE SAME OUTFIT, COLORS, OR STYLE. SHOW OFF YOUR TWIN SPIRIT IN THE LAND OF THE REMEMBERED!
- WEDNESDAY- FIESTA FUN, SHOW OFF YOUR BEST PARTY LOOK! WEAR BRIGHT COLORS, FUN OUTFITS, AND ANY PARTY ATTIRE
- THURSDAY- SAN ANGEL SHOWDOWN: CITY VS. COUNTRYSIDE ARE YOU REPPING THE CITY STYLE-MODERN, POLISHED, AND BOLD-OR THE COUNTRYSIDE VIBE OF SAN ANGEL-WESTERN BOOTS, FLANNELS, AND COWBOY HATS
- FRIDAY- LAND OF THE FORGOTTEN BLACK OUT STEP INTO THE MYSTERIOUS REALM OF THE LAND OF THE FORGOTTEN-DRESS HEAD-TO-TOE IN BLACK AND EMBRACE THE SHADOWS!

Homecoming is an integral part of the high school experience, as it brings together the entire school community to celebrate their shared pride and spirit. It creates lasting memories and connections among students and alumni, fostering a sense of belonging and unity. So, let's embrace the excitement and tradition of homecoming and keep the spirit alive!





3rd Annual Marauder Homecoming COMMUNITY BASH!

Free Event!

Wednesday, October 29th
beginning @3 pm on Bright Field

We'd like to invite our community out for a fun filled evening of Mingus Union High School Spirit!

UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL GAME
MOVIE ON THE FIELD @ DUSK
SNACK BAR

MUHS CLUB SHOWCASES
GAMES
FOOD TRUCKS



ALL AGES WELCOME!

GO BIG RED

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SHARE OUR MARAUDER PRIDE WITH YOU ALL!


MINGUS

HOME COMING PEP ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

BLACK OUT
~Wear Black~

FRIDAY

OCT. 31ST



- 8:00am-8:50am - 1st hour
- 8:55am-9:45am - 2nd hour
- 9:50am-10:40am - 3rd hour
- 10:45am-11:35am - 4th hour
- 11:40am-12:20pm - Assembly
- 12:20pm-12:55pm - Lunch
- 1:00pm-1:50pm - 5th hour
- 1:55pm-2:45pm - 6th hour





MARAUDERS V VOLS

Friday, October 31st

7am – 9pm

Bright Field

For Tickets to this game, Click

GO FAN



HOME GAME THEME:

BLACKOUT

WEAR ALL BLACK FOR HALLOWEEN



Homecoming Dance 2025

*a night to
remember
in the land
of the
remembered*



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST
7 – 10PM
MUHS MAIN GYM



MUHS A.T.O.R.T.



Troupe
#3406

is thrilled to be 2025
“Best of the Best” for Live Theatre

Thank you for your patronage!

We have a blast putting shows on for the
valley and hope to see you this year at:

TRAP
By Stephen Gregg



CAN I TELL YOU A SECRET?

FRIDAY 10.3.25 @ 7 PM
SATURDAY 10.4.25 @ 7PM
SUNDAY 10.5.25 @ 3PM
FRIDAY 10.10.25 @ 7PM
SATURDAY 10.11.25 @ 7PM

DON'T TELL THE SECRET...



**THE PUMPKIN KING
STEALS CHRISTMAS**
a Dance Show

DECEMBER 6 AT 6:30
DECEMBER 7 AT 2
DECEMBER 12 AT 6:30
DECEMBER 13 AT 6:30
DECEMBER 14 AT 2

Get your tickets at:
atort.ludus.com!





SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Zachary Myers



After graduation, Zachary is planning to attend a university or pre-veterinary program so that he can pursue a career as a veterinarian.

Zachary has participated on the Mingus Swim Team and in Track & Field.

He is also active in FFA, this year as a club chapter officer, NHS club, and serves as a Link Crew leader. He feels that these experiences have helped strengthen his leadership and sense of responsibility, while also allowing him to connect with people that he might not have met otherwise.

While he loves so many of the sports and club activities he has been involved in, his favorite thing about his Mingus experience has been the Pep Assemblies!!!

In Zachary's free time, he enjoys hanging out with friends, playing with his dogs and traveling with family.

If he had the ability to go back to freshman year, he would tell himself to dive in to more clubs and activities sooner. He has really enjoyed serving others and being a part of a community of like-minded students.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Connie Calhoon Exceptional Student Services Secretary



This year is Ms. Calhoon's fifth year as the Exceptional Student Services Secretary here at Mingus. One of her favorite parts of the job is seeing all of the students every day.

Seeing students succeed and getting to see all the small acts of kindness all over campus is something that motivates her.

When a student needs motivation, she reminds them that it's ok to ask for help when you need it.

Ms. Calhoon grew up in the Midwest but has been an Arizona resident for over 20 years now.

In her free time, her favorite thing to do is spend time with her family and 2 cats.

She also enjoys crocheting amigurumi.





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.

Brayden Pommerening

ENGLISH & LITERATURE

Leah Chandler

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Ashlynn Cooper

MATHEMATICS

Karstyn Richardson

SCIENCE

Wyatt Edwards

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Sawyer Clawson

SOCIAL STUDIES



MARAUDER of the MONTH

Emma Chapman



Eden Everitt



Conner Tobias



Stephanie Gonzalez Ledan



Jane Chupp



Chloe Rosenberg



Zachary Myers



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





VACTE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM

The VACTE Law Enforcement and Public Safety Program introduces and trains students in skills necessary to pursue a career in Law Enforcement and Emergency Telecommunications. This course covers instruction and hands-on practice in law enforcement history and theory, operational command leadership, administration of public police organizations, labor relations, incident response strategies, legal and regulatory responsibilities, prison guard and dispatch skills in police and emergency management services. Practice in real-life situations related to dispatch and law situations are incorporated.

Our students receive up to 18 credit hours towards a Criminal Justice major. Upon completion, students will have opportunity to test for certification in APCO-Public Safety Telecommunication Dispatcher and Arizona Dept. of Public Safety-Security Guard. Second year students have extensive training in 911 Dispatch and will be eligible for entry level Law Enforcement jobs.

The instructor, Jennifer Choate, is a retired police officer from Utah. She brings many years of Law Enforcement experience to the classroom while enhancing the class with demonstrations from current and past Law Enforcement programs. The Cottonwood Police Department had their K9 officers meet with our students and provided hands-on instruction and live demonstrations displaying the skills and training of our police K9s. Our second-year students are working with Cottonwood Dispatch doing 911 internships. They toured several law enforcement facilities to gain knowledge of the different jobs in this field. Among them was Yavapai County Jail, where they got a firsthand look at careers in corrections, law enforcement and public safety. Local law enforcement officers have helped with firearm safety instruction followed by hands-on training at the range. The Cottonwood SWAT officers helped teach our students the basic functions of the SWAT team. The amazing classroom lectures and direct experiences are helping our students prepare to go into the Law Enforcement & Public Safety field.

The VACTE Law Enforcement & Public Safety class has helped give back to our community in so many ways. Students walked with local firefighters and the community in remembrance of 9/11 and the 411 first responders, who ran toward danger when others ran away. They volunteer at Manzanita Outreach and several help with the "Shop with a Cop" program and are touched by how it helps young kids. They partner with MADD for the 5K Walk to help educate the public on drinking and driving. Giving back to the community is a large part of this class and our students are becoming better citizens for it.

All Law Enforcement students are members of SkillsUSA and compete in Regional, State and National competitions. They also have opportunity to serve as delegates at the National Convention. Past students become role models and mentors to our new students, and many are already working in the field.

We are so proud of their accomplishments.

**Join our Law Enforcement and Public Safety program
and the opportunities will be endless for you!**





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

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.

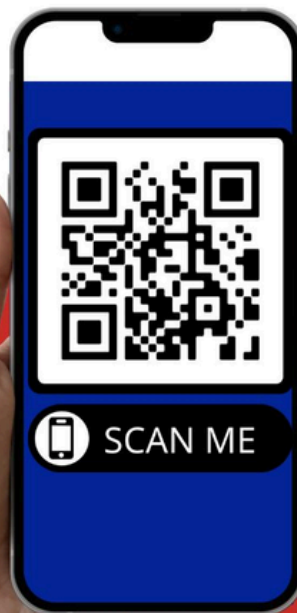
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Together



**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





Community Resources

NOW OPEN



COCSD FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

For Information Contact:
Lauri Squier
Cottonwood-Oak Creek School
District #6
McKinney-Vento Liaison
Phone: (928) 634-2288 Ext.1127



- Children & Adult Clothing
- Hygiene Products
- Jackets & Shoes
- School Supplies
- Diapers
- Community Referrals to Resources

