Mingus Union
High School District #4

MINGUS MATTERS

MAR'25

Every Student Celebrated | Every Student Prepared

Dear Marauder Families,

Thank you to everyone who joined us for parent teacher conferences last month. We appreciate your partnership and value your role in your student's education.

Baseball, softball, track and field, and tennis events are scheduled and ready to go. We invite you to join us for our school events and see our amazing Marauders in action!

Spring break is March 17th - 21st. I hope you all enjoy your break and have a fun time making memories. Once spring break is over, we return to the busiest time of year!

As we end the 3rd quarter, traditionally students lose a little bit of focus. For seniors, they are often looking at graduation and beyond. For freshman, sophomore and junior students, warmer weather often brings about more activities that take away from energy put towards academics. As the beautiful Verde Valley blooms, it is important to keep students connected to their education and school environment. Attendance is more important than ever this time of year and is the strongest predictor of student success in high school. Please continue to encourage your student's attendance and focused attention to their academic responsibilities.

Early 4th quarter brings important academic milestones, such as our state testing, course registration for next year, and current courses coming down the backstretch. Outside of academics, events like Prom, Spring athletics, and ATORT's Spring Musical *"Mama Mia!"* are activities that our students are excited for at the start of the quarter.

As always, we encourage you to reach out with any questions you may have or for any information you may need; we value your voice and want to hear from you.

Have a great March!

March Dates to Remember

February 28 - March 8
Project Prom Closet
*More Info on PG 4

March 6
Jazz and Pop Choir and Band Concert
6:30pm - MUHS Cafeteria

March 13
Governing Board Meeting
6 – 8pm - MUHS Library
*More Info on PG 2

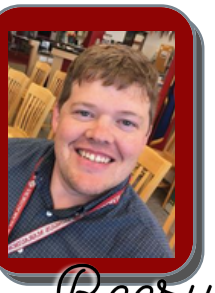
March 17-21
SPRING BREAK ~ No School

March 25
School SITE Council Meeting
5pm - MUHS Library
*More Info on PG 2

March 26
Senior Cap & Gown Photos
Small Gym (300 BDG)
*More Info on PG 3

March 27
Operation Graduation Meeting
5:30pm - MUHS Cafeteria
*More Info on PG 2

March 29, 30 & April 3, 4, 5, & 6
"Mama Mia"
presented by Mingus A.T.O.R.T.
More Information on PG 6



David D. Beery
Principal
Mingus Union High School

CAMPUS EVENTS & RESOURCES

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

MARCH 13TH @ 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.

MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 25
5:00 PM ~ MUHS LIBRARY

Home of the Marauders

Operation Graduation 2025

Mingus Marauders

MARCH 27TH
5:30PM
MUHS CAFETERIA

Seeking volunteers & donations from local businesses

INFORMATIONAL & PLANNING MEETING

mingusopgrad@gmail.com

Marauder Seniors

Cap and Gown Pick Up – Wednesday, March 26th during lunch in the small gym. Seniors if you are not able to pick up your graduation order that day, the bookstore will have your orders available for pick up the next day.

Orders will only be given to the person they are for.

Friends cannot pick up your order for you.

ATTENTION 2025 SENIORS!

Lifetouch

Picture Day is Coming!

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Pre-order today on mylifetouch.com using your Student ID or Picture Day ID:

EVT7HG93W

Students are photographed on Picture Day

Orders will be sent home with your student after Picture Day

You can also scan the QR Code to order

These photos are not required!

Optional for families who would like to have their Senior participate.
Cap and gown pictures are not used for any official purpose by the school.
Caps & Gowns will be provided by Lifetouch the day of photographing.

Black Cannons

Class of 2025

Mingus Union High School Junior & Senior Prom

ENCHANTED

Clark Memorial Clubhouse

19 N. 9th St. | Clarkdale, AZ

Saturday, April 12th

7-11 PM

Tickets will be on sale in the Bookstore

Feb 24 - Feb 28	$60 / each
Mar 3 - Mar 7	$65 / each
Mar 10 - Mar 14	$70 / each
Mar 24 - Mar 28	$75 / each
Mar 31 - Apr 4	$80 / each

Please see Mrs. Lyons in room 113 for Guest Passes or any Prom related questions!

Project Prom Closet

FREE formal wear for ALL high school students!

- Fri, February 28
  - 2:30p-5:30p
- Sat, March 1
  - 10a-1p
- Mon, March 3
  - 2:30p-5:30p
- Fri, March 7
  - 2:30p-5:30p
- Sat, March 8
  - 10a-1p

Dresses in a variety of sizes and colors

Menswear: Suits and Jackets, Slacks, Vests, Cummerbunds, Bow Ties & Neckties

Jewelry & Accessories

Dress Shoes

Rotary International | Proud Home of the Marauders | Verve Events & Tents | MUHS Hope Center | Interact Club

Mingus Union High School

Enter West Parking Lot on Camino Real Small Gym (300 BLDG)

ACT Testing Schedules & Information

- **Tue & *Wed April 1st & 2nd:**
  - *All freshman will take the ACT Aspire*
- **Tuesday April 8th:**
  - *All juniors will take the ACT*
- **TBA*: March 25 through April 11:**
  - *All juniors will take the AzSci*

**If testing date falls on a Wednesday, the school day will still begin @ 9am*

ACT

ACT IS THE STATEWIDE HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT TEST, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO STUDENTS IN GRADE 11/COHORT 2026.

ACT ASPIRE

ACT ASPIRE IS THE STATEWIDE HIGH SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT TEST, WHICH WILL BE ADMINISTERED TO STUDENTS IN GRADE 9/COHORT 2028.

TESTING TIPS!!!

- Get a good night's sleep before test day
- Turn off cell phones and leave out of sight until testing is complete
- Be on time
- Wear comfortable clothing and eat a healthy breakfast
- As you get started, take a few deep breaths to calm yourself and keep a positive attitude.
- Listen carefully to instructions and ask questions if you hear something you don't understand.
- Focus your attention entirely on your work.
- Pace yourself and occasionally check the time.
- If you finish before time is up, reread the questions and check your answers.

MINGUS A.T.O.R.T. PROUDLY PRESENTS

MAMMA MIA!™

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY
Benny Andersson
Björn Ulvaeus
AND SOME SONGS BY Stig Anderson
BOOK BY Catherine Johnson
ORIGINALLY CONCIEVED BY Judy Craymer

NOW SHOWING

Sat, March 29th at 6:30pm
Sun, March 30th at 3:00pm
Thur, April 3rd at 6:30pm
'Sing-a-long Show'
Fri, April 4th at 6:30pm
Sat, April 5th at 6:30pm
Sun, April 6th at 3:00pm

TICKETS

available at atort.ludus.com
or call the box office
(928) 649-4466
Adults $15
Seniors $14
Students/Children $10
All tickets $3 more at the door

MAMMA MIA! is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Dani Khin

Dani plans on attending Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, where she will pursue their pre-medicine course. At this time, she is most interested in the field of psychiatry but is open to other career paths.

For fun, Dani enjoys creative writing! She feels that exploring your own ideology by just sitting down and putting words on paper has expanded on skills and techniques that she uses in her daily life in general. She believes that writing provides moments of clarity and creates an opportunity to combat apathy.

She is a captain for the Mingus girls' tennis team. She thinks that despite the reputation tennis holds as an "easy" sport, it's probably one of the most mentally draining activities she's taken part in. She says that developing self-discipline while avoiding being harshly self-critical is key. Tennis is a delicate balance between patience and wits that makes it difficult to get into and truly enjoy in the moment, but it allows you to be more forgiving towards yourself when mistakes ultimately occur in life.

If she could go back in time and talk to herself as a freshman, the advice she would give herself would be to engage with classmates more. There are relationships that could have been created sooner and more time spent together. It's common to lament over lost opportunities, but it's still one of the biggest regrets a person clings to, especially now that the end is in sight.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Austin Hudson

World History Teacher & Head Coach Boys Basketball

Austin has been working in education since 2013 and has held roles including Athletic Director, Assistant Dean of Students, World History Teacher, and Head Coach of several sports including football, basketball, and track in Camp Verde & Orme. This year is Mr. Hudson's third-year teaching and coaching at Mingus. He says he's had a great experience living in Cottonwood and working at Mingus and hopes to stay in his current roles here for a long time to come.

Building relationships has been the most rewarding part of his job. He likes to focus on making sure that students know they have a support system; people who care about them and genuinely want to help them become successful. He also encourages students to create good habits. Motivation comes and goes. Habits and discipline are key. Austin loves helping students and athletes acquire new skills and build confidence in themselves

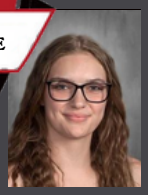
Mr. Hudson grew up in Camp Verde, and graduated from CVHS in 2009. He married his amazing wife, Donnie, in 2017 and together they have a 3-year-old daughter, LaRyn, and a 9-month-old son, Aubrey. During his free time, Austin lives for basketball! He loves coaching basketball, playing basketball, watching basketball, talking about basketball, and thinking about basketball!

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 Land

English & Liturature



Vic Johnson

Social Studies

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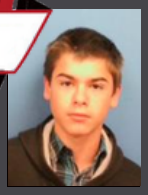
Mekenzie Combs

Foreign Language

Mason Kinnaman

Science



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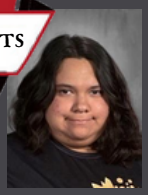
Physical Education

Amy Vasquez

Performing & Visual Arts



Antoine Pinn

Mathematics

Gunner Light

Career & Technical Education

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Muattar Eshmuradova

Advancement Via Individual Determination

Koby De La Haye

Male Athlete

Sophie Walter

Female Athlete

Javan Sutter

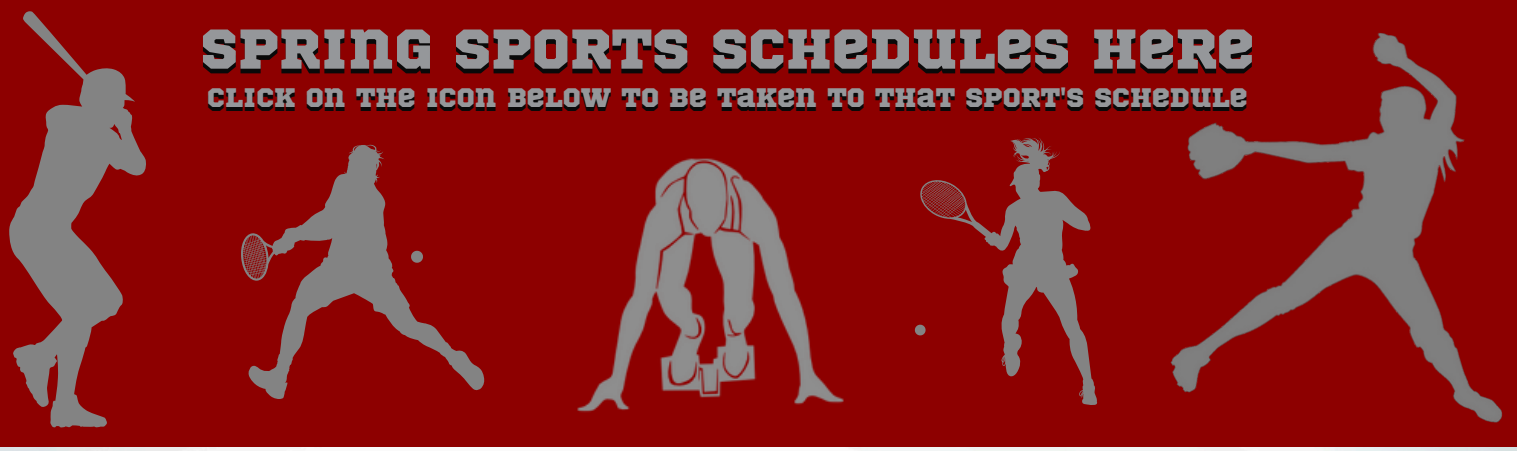
Pursing Victory with Honors

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 clicking the link below, then subscribe in the top right corner.

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

SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES HERE

CLICK ON THE ICON BELOW TO BE TAKEN TO THAT SPORT'S SCHEDULE



AIA™

OUR STUDENTS, OUR TEAMS . . . OUR FUTURE.

Congratulations to our 1st Semester Athletes!!

We had over 149 AIA Scholar Athlete Awards in Football, Volleyball, Swim, Cross country, Golf, Cheer, and Flag Football, basketball, Soccer, Wrestling And 6 AIA Scholar Athlete TEAM Awards in Boys and Girls SWIM, Girls Cross Country, Girls Freshman Basketball, Freshman Volleyball, Varsity Volleyball

These athletes are recognized for 3.5 GPA or higher and for their exemplary dedication to academics, athletics, and activities as a foundation for success.

Keep up the great work Marauders!!

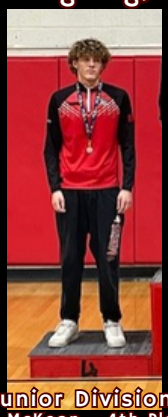
BRAG BOARD

🎉 CONGRATULATIONS TO MINGUS WRESTLING AT SECTIONALS 🎉

What an incredible display of strength, endurance, and dedication by our athletes as they move on to State! We are incredibly proud of all our athletes and can't wait to see what the future holds for them at State and beyond! Let's keep this momentum going, Mingus Wrestling! 💪

Freshman Division:
Logan Hunt - 2nd Place 🥈
Hunter Bejarano - 4th Place 🥉
Both showed outstanding skill and determination to reach this remarkable achievement. The future looks bright for these two here at Mingus! 🌟

Sophomore Division:
Bently Arnold - 4th Place 🥉
Bently stepped up to the challenge and brought his highest level of competitiveness to the mat! 💥



Junior Division:
Jacob McKean - 4th Place 🥉
A solid effort from Jacob, showcasing his passion and commitment to the sport! 🔥

Senior Division:
Koby De La Haye - 2nd Place 🥈
Trenton Hardy - 3rd Place 🥉
Trenton and Koby both showed tremendous leadership and resilience, proving why they're top contenders! 👏

🎉 Congratulations to Koby De La Haye! 🎉

A huge round of applause to Koby for securing 5th place in the Wrestling STATE Finals! 🥇
He proudly represented Mingus Union High School with determination and skill.
We are proud of his hard work and achievement!

🎉 Congratulations to Mingus FFA at Regionals 🎉

MUHS FFA attended the Black Canyon Regional contest and competed in Livestock Evaluation, Food Science, Veterinary Science, and Forestry.

Livestock Evaluation - 1st place team
Trenton Castro - High Individual
Carys Morgan - 9th High Individual

Veterinary Science - 3rd place team
Zachary Myers - 4th High Individual
Elise Phillips - 10th High Individual

Food Science - 2nd place team
Magaly Gonzalez - 2nd High Individual
Jesse Cruz - 5th High Individual
Kambra Hahn - 6th High Individual

Horse - 2nd place team @ Estrella
Emily Land - 2nd high Individual

Forestry - 3rd place team
Brooklyn Bates - 3rd High Individual
Wyatt Graham - 5th High Individual

The Winners are in!

In January, our Visual Arts students participated in the Verde Valley Young Artists Showcase Art show, sponsored by the Yavapai College Art Department on the Verde Valley campus. This is a juried art competition that is open to all of the high school art students in the Verde Valley. Each student has to select and submit their best work of art in order to be invited to participate in the show, meaning that this is a selective Art show that is meant to showcase the best of the best in student artwork in the Verde Valley. The students were competing for Scholarship Awards from Yavapai College to continue their artistic journey at the college level and were judged by the Art Teachers at Yavapai College.

In true Marauder fashion, Mingus Visual Art Students submitted over 50 pieces of high-quality artwork. ***Mingus ended up sweeping all six of the possible awards from the show this year!***

We MUST thank our amazing Art Educators that work on our campus!
Without the guidance of Jason Teague, Beth Detwiller, Oouida Dorr and Ashley Lomeli, our students would not be finding such success!

WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, HERE ARE OUR WINNERS:

IST PLACE:
EVA FRANSK
"MEMENTO MORI"
CHALK PASTEL ON PAPER

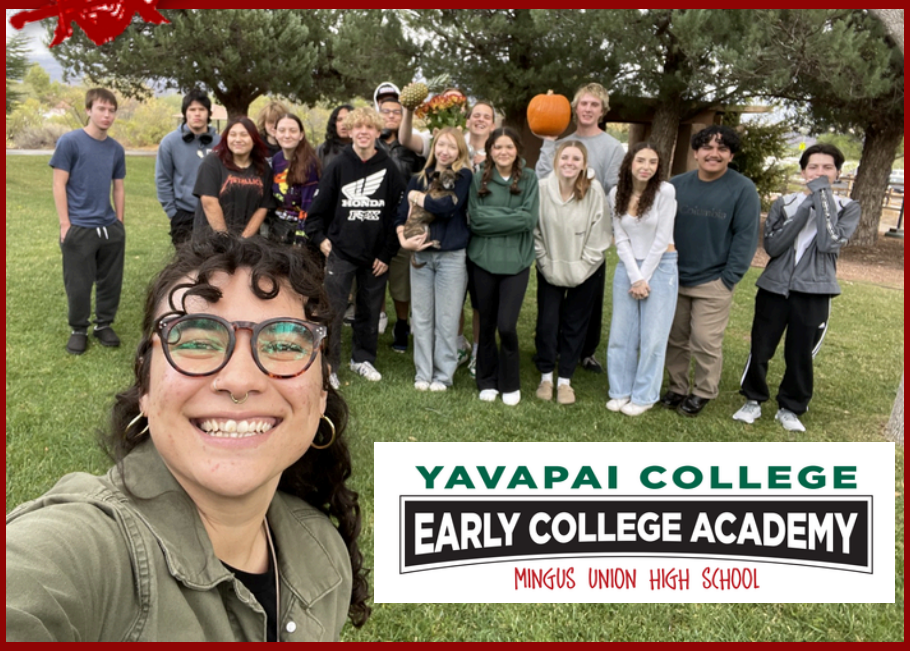
2ND PLACE:
ASHER MCFARLAND
"A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A FRIDGE"
ACRYLIC ON CANVAS

3RD PLACE:
NINA PAGE
"APPLE STILL LIFE"
PASTEL ON PAPER

HONORABLE MENTION
2D ART:
DAKOTA BRUNDAGE
"THE ANIMAL"
PEN & INK

HONORABLE MENTION
PHOTOGRAPHY:
ANDRI ANDERSON
"TIDAL PATTERNS"
PHOTOGRAPHY

HONORABLE MENTION
3D ART:
ALEXIS WILLIAMS
"GARDEN OF BROKEN GLASS"
PAPER MACHE SCULPTURE



This amazing group of seniors are almost done with their first year of college! Throughout the year, they have taken on challenging coursework, developed strong leadership skills, and built lasting connections with their peers. They have excelled in their college classes with grit, optimism, and dedication. Their hard work and commitment to their future is truly inspiring! Watching them grow as individuals, students, and friends has been an honor. We look forward to celebrating their continued success as they prepare for the next steps in their academic and professional journeys!

~Ms. Steph Garcia Hernández
Early College Coordinator

VACTE Valley Academy for Career and Technology Education

The Valley Academy of Career & Technology Education would like to highlight our:

TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM

Learning and Observations in Local Verde Valley Schools

- Camp Verde
- Clarkdale
- Cottonwood
- Cornville
- Sedona

Dual Enrollment

- First-Year Courses
  - EDU200 Cultural Diversity in Education
  - EDU210 Introduction to the Exceptional Learner
  - EDU222 Language and Literacy Experiences
  - EDU230 Introduction to Education
  - EDU180 Technology
  - ECE/EDU234 Child Growth and Development
  - ECE240 Family and Community Partnerships
  - US Constitution (Department of Education Certification Requirement)
- Second-Year Courses

Paraprofessional Certificate

- Literacy Test: Work Keys
- Paraprofessional Test: Work Keys

Ed Professions is a course offered through VACTE and Yavapai College that allows students to be dual-enrolled and earn 12 college credits in a school year. 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 & 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.

Curriculum:

Classroom Instruction

- Experiential Learning
- Hands On
- Collaboration
- Project Based
- Active Participation and Engagement
- Flexible Seating
- Diverse Learning Styles and Preferences
- Strategies for Differentiation

Community Service

Member of FCCLA

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America

Attend	Attend	Choose
Attend Leadership Camp in Winslow, AZ.	Attend Conferences in Phoenix.	Choose a project and compete at State and National Levels.

Baseball. Barbeques. Birthday celebrations.

You've got so much to offer! Wouldn't you love to share your little corner of America with a PAX high school exchange student from the prestigious Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) Program? Established by Congress in 1992 under the FREEDOM Support Act following the collapse of the Soviet Union, the program provides merit-based scholarships for students from post-Soviet countries. Through person-to-person exchange, FLEX students learn about American society and values, acquire leadership skills, develop their sense of civic responsibility, and help educate Americans about their own countries and cultures. Invite an international student into your home —and watch how you all grow! These scholarship students are sponsored by the State Dept. The students will receive a stipend for living expenses and full medical insurance. Families can be single parent, retired, etc and the student can share a room with a closely aged sibling. Students come in August IF they have a family. This is a great way to bring cultural diversity into your world and create global citizenship.

Make a Difference in the World.

For more information contact

Marcia Goebel

Marciagoebel@yahoo.com

(928)301-9868

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.

Inspiring CHANGE

Providing HOPE

OLD TOWN MISSION & THRIFT STORE

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

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

Sharing God's LOVE

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 pm

VISION

1st Tuesday/month
10 am - 11 am

LEGAL

Call: 928-634-7869

MISSION THRIFT STORE

Clothing vouchers can be used Tuesday - Friday 9am to 4pm

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

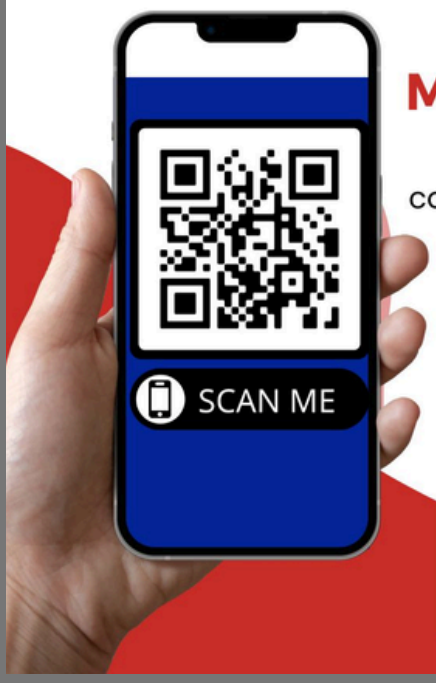
Some ways LISA can assist your student:

- 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



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Bringing Communities Together

MUHS CAFE

BREAKFAST

Students: $1.50 / **Adults:** $3.00

MARCH 2025

Mingus Union High School

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:30 AM – 7:55 AM
Wednesday: 8:30 AM – 8:55 AM

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Chorizo and Egg or Classic Breakfast Burrito	4 Maple Waffle Chicken Sandwich	5 Cinnamon Eggo Waffles w/ Sausage Patties	6 Country Style Biscuits and Gravy	7 Fresh Baked Frosted Cinnamon Roll
10 Chorizo and Egg or Classic Breakfast Burrito	11 Breakfast Corndog or Egg and Sausage Breakfast Tornado	12 French Toast Sticks w/ Sausage Patties	13 Country Style Biscuits and Gravy	14 Fresh Baked Frosted Cinnamon Roll
17 SPRING BREAK	18 SPRING BREAK	19 SPRING BREAK	20 SPRING BREAK	21 SPRING BREAK
24 Chorizo and Egg or Classic Breakfast Burrito	25 Maple Waffle Chicken Sandwich	26 Cinnamon Eggo Waffles w/ Sausage Patties	27 Country Style Biscuits and Gravy	28 Fresh Baked Frosted Cinnamon Roll
31 Chorizo and Egg or Classic Breakfast Burrito				

Alternative Meals: Granola + Yogurt, Uncrustable PB&J, Whole Grain Cereal.
All Breakfast Meals Served with Optional Fresh Fruit and Milk

LUNCH

Students: $3.00 / **Adults:** $5.00

MARCH 2025

Mingus Union High School

Monday, Friday: 11:50 AM – 12:25 PM
Tuesday, Thursday: 11:50 AM – 12:35 PM
Wednesday: 11:50 AM – 12:45 PM

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Boneless Chicken Wings Whole Grain Roll Celery and Carrots	4 Loaded Nachos Refried Beans Lettuce and Tomato	5 Mac and Cheese Soft Pretzel Steamed Peas	6 Chicken Eggrolls Veg Fried Rice Broccoli and Cauliflower	7 Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks Marinara Dipping Sauce
10 Crispy Chicken Sandwich French Fries	11 Enchiladas Casserole Refried Beans Lettuce and Tomato	12 All Beef Hotdog Tater Tots Steamed Carrots	13 Teriyaki Chicken Veg Fried Rice Broccoli and Cauliflower	14 Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Celery and Carrots
17 SPRING BREAK	18 SPRING BREAK	19 SPRING BREAK	20 SPRING BREAK	21 SPRING BREAK
24 Chorizo and Egg or Classic Breakfast Burrito	25 Doritos Walking Taco Refried Beans Lettuce and Tomato	26 Corndog Waffle Fries Steamed Carrots	27 Orange Chicken Veg Fried Rice Broccoli and Cauliflower	28 French Bread Pizza Marinara Dipping Sauce Celery and Carrots
31 Crispy Chicken Sandwich French Fries				

Alternative Meals: Grilled Cheese, Uncrustable PB&J, Hamburger, Cheeseburger, Spicy Chicken Sandwich, Bean and Cheese Burrito, Personal Pizza
All Lunch Meals Served with Optional Fresh Fruit and Milk