

**MAKING A
DIFFERENCE
IN MIDDLE
LEVEL
EDUCATION!**



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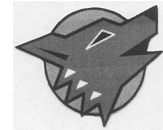
Arizona Middle Level Association

Spotlight on Mountain Trail Middle School



Mountain Trail Middle School opened in the fall of 2002 and is the newest middle school in the Paradise Valley Unified School District. Mountain Trail is located west of Cave Creek Road, just south of Pinnacle Peak Road in Phoenix, Arizona. Mountain Trail is home to 950 seventh and eighth graders. Students are placed on teams that provide a small learning community, which supports each student's intellectual, social, emotional and physical development in a mutually respectful environment.

Core Knowledge, Mountain Trail's signature program, provides our students with a sequenced specific core curriculum that helps children establish strong foundations of knowledge. Mountain Trail is the only middle school in the Paradise Valley District to provide the continuation of the Core Knowledge program offered at the elementary schools within our boundaries. Our goal is to increase student understanding, promote excellence and fairness in learning, increase critical thinking skills, present a diversity of perspectives, and encourage and integrate the use of technology in school.



OUR MISSION

Mountain Trail Middle School is dedicated to providing a comprehensive core curriculum for all students. This is achieved through commitment, collaboration, consistency and community partnership within a safe and orderly environment. We pledge to educate each individual to his/her highest potential, while fostering positive growth in social and emotional behaviors. Together we will prepare our students to become educated, responsible and productive citizens.

Annual AMLA Awards Breakfast

Mark your calendar for Thursday, April 26 at 9:00 AM, for the Annual AMLA Awards Breakfast at Grayhawk Country Club, in Scottsdale. Your school will

nominate either an exemplary middle level educator or interdisciplinary team to be recognized at the breakfast. This is a wonderful opportunity for your school to

recognize educators who are dedicated to meeting the academic, social, and emotional needs of adolescent learners.

Please join us on April 26!

IMPORTANT DATES

▶ SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

▶ OCTOBER

MONTH OF THE YOUNG
ADOLESCENT

▶ NOVEMBER 1

AMLA MEMBERSHIP
DRIVE APPLICATION
GOAL

▶ NOVEMBER 2-4

33RD ANNUAL NMSA
CONFERENCE
NASHVILLE, TN

▶ NOVEMBER 15

SITE VISIT TO EXPLORER
MS OF TECHNOLOGY
10 AM MEDIA CENTER

22401 N 40TH STREET
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▶ APRIL 26

AMLA BREAKFAST
GRAYHAWK COUNTY
CLUB