

**Purpose:** KIDS FIRST! Working with families to get the job done!

**Mission:** Growing Life-Long Learners, One Child at a Time

**Vision:** *ALL Mesa students will be reading and computing at or above grade level by the end of third grade and maintaining that level of proficiency throughout their school careers!*

Thank you to those parents and students who attended parent/teacher conferences. Thank you also to all who supported our Book Fair!

There will be **NO SCHOOL** for students on Friday, April 12th. It is a Professional Development Day for staff.

**Kindergarten Parents** ~ Your kindergarten student will NOT have school on Friday, May 10th. The Preschoolers will be coming to visit us to see what Kindergarten is all about.

All students need to wear tennis shoes every day for the rest of the year.

**Dates to Remember**

- 4/9 ~ PTO (PAWS) Meeting - 3:30 p.m.
- 4/12 ~ **NO SCHOOL** - Staff Professional Development
- 4/30 ~ 4th & 5th Grade Mile Time Trial
- 5/6-5/10 ~ Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/7 ~ 4th & 5th Grade District Mile Run
- 5/9 ~ Community Resource & Gallery Night
- 5/10 ~ No School for Kindergarten Students
- 5/14 ~ K-3 Field Day
- 5/16 ~ 4th & 5th Grade Relay Practice
- 5/17 ~ 4th & 5th Grade District Track Meet
- 5/20 ~ 4th & 5th Grade Track Awards
- 5/22 ~ Last Day of School

**The CMAS Testing Schedule is as follows:**

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| *Monday, 4/8     | Make-ups   |
| *Tuesday, 4/9    | 9:00-11:00 ~ 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade English Language Arts - Day 1 |
| *Wednesday, 4/10 | 9:00-11:00 ~ 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade English Language Arts - Day 2 |
| *Thursday, 4/11  | 9:00-11:00 ~ 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade English Language Arts - Day 3 |
| *Friday, 4/12    | Make-ups   |
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| *Monday, 4/15    | Make-ups   |
| *Tuesday, 4/16   | 9:00-11:00 ~ 5th Grade Science - Day 1                             |
| *Wednesday, 4/17 | 9:00-11:00 ~ 5th Grade Science - Day 2                             |
| *Thursday, 4/18  | 9:00-11:00 ~ 5th Grade Science - Day 3                             |
| *Friday, 4/19    | Make-ups   |
| *April 22nd-26th | Make-ups   |

**Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and a good breakfast if they are not eating one at school. Testing starts promptly at 9:00 a.m., so it is extremely important your child is at school on time and not checked out early!**

**Mark Your Calendars** ~ Our Sixth Annual Community Resource and Gallery Night will be Thursday, May 9th from 5:30-7:00. Many community organizations will be here to hand out information. Some of these are opportunities for activities being offered in the summer and others are services offered to families in the community. It is also our Gallery Night and students will have art work and class projects on display in their classroom.

Celebrate Dia de los Ninos at the Cortez Public Library! Storyteller and author Angel Vigil will share stories about the Hispanic Southwest on Saturday, April 20th at 11 a.m. Refreshments and a taco bar will be waiting for you! This FREE event will take place at the library.

Wednesday Activities Club (WAC) at the Cortez Public Library is on early release Wednesdays from 2:30 p.m. until approximately 4:30 p.m. This is a FREE program for students 8-12 years of age. Please contact the library at 970-565-8117 for more information.

April calendar of activities:

Wed., April 10: Dia de los Ninos/Ojo de Dios

Wed., April 17: Dia de los Ninos/Papel Picado

Wed., April 24: Stress Balls!