

**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!*

**Winter Music Program**

Our Winter Music Program is tonight, Thursday, Dec. 7th, at the MCHS Auditorium.

Grades K-2 need to arrive at 5:30 p.m. Students will be directed to the band room for staging. The concert will start at 6:00 with the auditorium doors opening at 5:30. Grade K-2 students need to wear Red, White, Silver, and Black.

Grades 3-5 need to arrive at 6:35 p.m. The concert will start at 7:00. Students will be directed to the band room for staging. Guests must wait to enter the auditorium until the first program attendees finish exiting. Grade 3-5 students need to wear Blue, White, Silver, and Black.

**NO HATS OR HIGH HEELS, NO PETS/ANIMALS, NO FOOD OR DRINKS**

Students should leave their jackets and hats with parents/guardians, as there will be no where to keep them. Thank you.

**Dates to Remember**

- 12/7 ~ Winter Music Program
- 12/18 ~ K & 1st Grade Literacy Night - 5:00 p.m.
- 12/21-1/4 ~ **No School** - Winter Break
- 1/5 ~ **No School** - Staff Professional Development Day
- 1/8 ~ Students return to school
- 1/9 ~ PTO (PAWS) Meeting - 3:30 p.m.

**Kindergarten and First Grade Families**

Santa loves to read and so do we! Please join us for Santa's Literacy Night on Monday, December 18th.

Please meet in your child's classroom at 5:00 p.m. for a literacy activity, and then we will wander down to the gym for a special visit from a special guest!

Light refreshments will be provided while your child has a visit with our special guest.

We look forward to seeing you!



**4th Graders ~** Home Projects are due Wednesday, December 13th. Students will be presenting at 12:30. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

Thank you to the following parents and staff who attended our December PTO (PAWS) meeting: Shannon Carver, Madi Brock, Diana Rosales, Brittany Forkner, Rachel Caciagli, Michelle Waltman, Crystal Bennetts, Michelle Britton, Roxanne Stevens, and Karlan Sheeran.

Please join us for our next meeting Tuesday, January 9th at 3:30 p.m.

**Support Our Staff ~** Our first grade classrooms are in need of fine tip black expo markers. If you would like to donate markers or money to purchase them, please drop off in the office. Thank you!

**We Listen!**

This is a reminder that words are important to us. Please have a talk with your child about not saying "threatening" comments about themselves or to others. For example, "I am going to kill you" or "I am going to beat you up after school" or "When I get home today, I am going to hurt myself". Unfortunately, in the times we live, we do not consider these comments "as jokes". If a child says something like this at school, we are obligated to contact Social Services, Axis Health Care, or the police. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

As the weather is turning colder, make sure your child is prepared with a warm coat, hat, gloves, and appropriate footwear.

If your child is missing a jacket, hat, etc., please have them check the Lost and Found as it is overflowing with items.

**Excellent attendance ~** Being in school every day means your child won't miss out on learning. Try to schedule appointments and family trips outside of school hours. If he asks to stay home "just because," remind him of what he'll miss, such as his reading group or PE class. Explain that he can be absent only if he's sick or if there's a family emergency.