

**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!*

### Mesa's Daily Schedule

7:40 - First Bell - Students can enter classrooms

**7:50 - Tardy Bell**

8:00-9:30 - SFA Reading

11:25-12:00 - 1st & 5th Grade Lunch and Recess

11:40-12:15 - K & 4th Grade Lunch and Recess

11:55-12:30 - 2nd & 3rd Grade Lunch and Recess

3:00 - Bus Riders dismissed

3:10 - Walker and Riders dismissed

Every Wednesday, the students are dismissed at 1:30 so that staff can meet in Professional Learning Communities (S.E.E.D. teams). It's a time for them to meet as a "team" to study data and improve instruction.

To be counted toward "perfect attendance" students cannot be absent, late for school or checked out before 3:10!

If you are taking your child out of the building for lunch, please make sure you have them back at the end of their lunch time or they will be considered tardy or 1/2 day absent depending on the time they return.

Mesa office hours are 7:20-3:20 and on Wednesdays 7:20-2:20. If you call before or after these hours, you will need to leave a voice mail message.

If you need to leave a message for your child, please call before 2:45 and 1:15 on Wednesdays. Messages will NOT be delivered after these times.

If your student will be riding a different bus or riding the bus with another student, you MUST bring in a note. If you send a note with your student, then you will need to call the office to verify the note. This is for the safety of our students.

### Dates to Remember

- 1/15 ~ PTO (PAWS) Meeting - 3:30 p.m.
- 1/18 ~ **No School** - Staff Professional Development
- 1/21 ~ **No School** - Martin Luther King Day
- 2/18 ~ **No School** - President's Day
- 2/25 ~ **No School** - Staff Professional Development

**It is extremely important that your child is at school on time. Our SFA reading block starts at 8:00 and they are missing crucial reading instruction if they are tardy.**

***If your student is tardy, you must come to the office and check him/her in. For safety purposes, you are not allowed to just drop your child off.***

***Please try if at all possible to not check your child out early. It is very important for students to remain at school for the entire day.***

### Mesa PTO (PAWS)

Please join our parent/teacher organization (PAWS). Meetings are held monthly at 3:30 p.m. in the library. Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 15th.

We need your thoughts, ideas and input. Please get involved and join us!

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 PAWS has a Facebook page. The name of the page is Mesa Elementary PAWS. The school also has a website which is [mesa.cortez.k12.co.us](http://mesa.cortez.k12.co.us). Both of these sites have information about school news and events. Check them out for the latest information!

**As the weather is turning colder, make sure your child is prepared with a warm coat, hat, gloves, and appropriate footwear. At recess only students wearing snow boots can leave the blacktop when there is snow on the ground. No sleds are allowed at Mesa School!**

When school is delayed or cancelled, the auto dialer will call the phone numbers that are in Power School to let you know. Therefore, it is imperative if you have changed your phone number, you let the office know so it can be updated in Power School. Also, if your child becomes ill or we need to get a hold of you, we need to have your updated phone number.

School delays and cancellations are also posted on the District's website which is [www.cortez.k12.co.us](http://www.cortez.k12.co.us).