

**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!*

**Movement Ed Program**

Our Movement Education Program will be Tuesday, March 6th, at the high school gym beginning at 7:00 p.m. Students need to be there by 6:45 in order to be seated and ready to begin by 7:00. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. You may want to arrive early in order to get a seat.

Students are asked to wear Mesa school shirts or school colors which are blue and yellow. Students need to wear movement education attire to the program (jeans, sweats, or shorts; t-shirt, socks and tennis shoes). Tennis shoes are required on the gym floor at the high school.

**Dates to Remember**

- 3/2 ~ Report Cards Sent Home
- 3/6 ~ Movement Ed Program - 7:00 p.m. at MCHS
- 3/8 & 3/9 ~ Student Led Conferences & Book Fair
- 3/11 ~ Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 3/13 ~ PAWS (PTO) Meeting ~ 3:30
- 3/20 ~ Class Picture Day
- 3/20-3/23 ~ CMAS Testing
- 3/26-3/30 ~ **No School** - Spring Break
- 4/4-4/26 ~ CMAS Testing & Make-ups
- 4/27 ~ **No School**-Staff Professional Development Day

**Mesa T-Shirts are available in the office for \$10.**

**Mesa "Kind" T-shirt orders are due tomorrow, 3/2.**

**Student Led Conferences** will be held March 8th and 9th. Each student has a folder, binder, or data sheet to share with you. This is their chance to shine.....celebrating goals that have been accomplished and identifying areas that need improvement and can be worked on through May. Fourth and fifth graders have some great state test scores to share from past years. Many of our students were only a couple points away from scoring in Proficient or Advanced categories. Please make every effort to attend. There is no school for students on these days.

Report cards will be sent home with students tomorrow, Friday, March 2nd. If you do not receive your child's, please contact his/her teacher.

**Please see the back for Mesa's cell phone policy.**

Class picture day is Tuesday, March 20th. Picture information and money envelopes will be sent home later in the month.

**Book Fair**...Please plan on attending our Scholastic Book Fair while attending conferences. Book Fair hours will be:  
March 8th ~ 1:00-7:30 p.m.  
March 9th ~ 8:00-11:30 a.m.

Thank you Conner Speroni, Aleesha Garcia and Savana DeMars for representing Mesa at the District Spelling Bee. Conner took fourth place and Aleesha took sixth. Thank you Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Britton for coaching.

CMAS state testing will soon be upon us. Colorado Senate Bill 163 was created to have common assessments administered to third, fourth, and fifth graders. They take an ELA exam (reading and writing) and a Math exam. Fifth graders also take a Science exam. This year fourth graders will also be taking a Social Studies exam. The State requires each school to have a 95% or higher rate of students taking the assessment. Mesa School has prided themselves for meeting or exceeding this goal every year. We are awarded points for meeting this goal which helps to determine our yearly Accreditation Rating. We are encouraging all Mesa 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students to take CMAS this year. If you choose to opt your child out, you will need to write a letter and make an appointment to meet with the principal.

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

- \*Tuesday, 3/20 Will start after Class Pictures ~ 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade English Language Arts - Day 1
- \*Wednesday, 3/21 8:15-10:15 ~ 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade English Language Arts - Day 2
- \*Thursday, 3/22 8:15-10:15 ~ 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade English Language Arts - Day 3
- \*Friday, 3/23 Make-ups
- \*Wednesday, 4/4 8:15-10:15 ~ 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade Math - Day 1
- \*Thursday, 4/5 8:15-10:15 ~ 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade Math - Day 2
- \*Friday, 4/6 8:15-10:15 ~ 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade Math - Day 3
- \*Tuesday, 4/10 8:15-10:15 ~ 4th Grade Social Studies - Day 1 & 5th Grade Science - Day 1
- \*Wednesday, 4/11 8:15-10:15 ~ 4th Grade Social Studies - Day 2 & 5th Grade Science - Day 2
- \*Thursday, 4/12 8:15-10:15 ~ 4th Grade Social Studies - Day 3 & 5th Grade Science - Day 3
- \*Friday, 4/13-Thursday, 4/26 ~ Make-ups

## **Mesa's Cell Phone Policy**

In this day and age, everyone has use of a cell phone. They are an amazing tool when used at the appropriate time. We find that some of our students misunderstand when that time is, and so we wanted to provide a "policy" to help students, families, and teachers be on the same page.

We feel that students do not need to have their cell phones at school for the following reasons:

We have an efficient message system. Any messages that parents need to give their students can be called in to the office before 2:45 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Messages are delivered to the classrooms by the secretaries and received by the students and teacher. Because a teacher heard the message, they can help ensure that the student understood the direction.

Also, Mesa is fortunate to have Chromebooks for research, therefore we do not need our devices for that purpose.

We understand there may be circumstances in which families feel like they need a phone for contact after school. We respect that and would ask that you write a note to be kept in a file that gives a reason why your student needs a phone and states that you understand the phone is to be off and in the student's backpack until 3:00 p.m.

We would like to keep the consequence simple for any phones that are taken out of backpacks during the school day. If a phone comes out of a backpack during the school day, it will be delivered to the office for a parent to pick up at their convenience. That allows the parent and the teacher and/or administrator time to discuss the reason for the child having their phone out.

Thank you for understanding our cell phone policy, and please contact your child's teacher with any concerns or suggestions. Please note that expensive phones have been stolen every year from classrooms. Although teachers do their best to protect backpacks, there is always a chance it can be stolen, broken, or lost. Teachers and administrators at Mesa are not responsible for lost or stolen devices.