

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!*

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held tomorrow, Thursday, March 7th and Friday, March 8th. There is no school for students on these days.

Book Fair...Please plan on attending our Scholastic Book Fair while attending conferences. The Book Fair hours will be 1:00-7:30 p.m. on Thurs., March 7th, and 8:00-11:30 a.m. on Fri., March 8th.

Dates to Remember

- 3/7-3/8 ~ **No School** - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 3/10 ~ Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 3/18 - 4/26 ~ CMAS Testing Window
- 3/19 ~ Class Pictures
- 3/25-3/29 ~ **No School** - Spring Break
- 4/9 ~ PTO (PAWS) Meeting - 3:30 p.m.

Class pictures will be taken Tuesday, March 19th. Individual pictures will also be offered on this day. Money envelopes will be sent home Thursday, March 14th. The office will not be able to make change, so please ensure you have the correct amount of cash or check in the envelope provided. There will be instructions on the envelope if you prefer to order online.

Daylight Saving Time begins March 10th, so be sure and set your clocks forward one hour.

Thank you Amita C., Connor T., and Savana D. for representing Mesa at the District Spelling Bee. Savana took third place. Congratulations!

The CMAS Testing Schedule is as follows:

- *Tuesday, 3/19 9:00-11:00 ~ 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade Math - Day 1
- *Wednesday, 3/20 9:00-11:00 ~ 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade Math - Day 2
- *Thursday, 3/21 9:00-11:00 ~ 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade Math - Day 3
- *April 1st-5th Make-ups
- *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
- *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!

Here are some test taking tips that will help your child take CMAS. Remind your child to:

- *read the test directions carefully
- *read the questions carefully and be sure of what they are asking
- *read all of the answer choices before responding
- *if you don't know the answer to a question, skip it and come back if there is time
- *eliminate any answers that you know are wrong, and then consider only those that might be right
- *go back and check your answers if time allows

We know that as a partner in your child's education, you will do all you can to help ensure your child's success and we greatly appreciate your support.