

**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!*

### Chili Cook-Off & Dessert Auction

Don't forget to attend our 6th Annual Chili Cook-Off and Dessert Auction, Tuesday, Nov. 6th, at 5:30 p.m. Please bring your family and friends and join us for a night of family fun and friendly competition. There is still time to enter the cook-off. Pick up a registration form in the office.

### School Fundraiser

On Monday, November 12th, the Fundraiser items will arrive at school. If your child sold a lot of items, please pick up your child that day. Otherwise, they will be carrying the items home on the bus or walking with them. Items will be ready for pick up after 2:00 p.m. on the 12th.

### Dates to Remember

- 11/1 ~ PAWS (PTO) Meeting - 3:30 p.m.
- 11/4 ~ Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 11/6 ~ Chili Cook Off & Dessert Auction
- 11/7 ~ Thanksgiving Lunch - Reservations Required
- 11/8 ~ Knowledge Bowl at Mesa - 6:00 p.m.
- 11/9 ~ **No School** - Staff Professional Development
- 11/10 ~ Picture Retakes at Kemper - 9:00-12:00
- 11/12 ~ Fundraiser Items Delivered
- 11/19-11/23 ~ **No School** - Thanksgiving Break
- 12/13 ~ Winter Music Program

All students need to continue to wear socks and tennis shoes for PE classes. We are still doing tumbling.

The Elementary Knowledge Bowl will be held at Mesa Thursday, Nov. 8th, at 6:00 p.m. Come support our Mesa Wildcat Teams. Good Luck!

**Tardies & Early Dismissals ~ We have a lot of students who are coming in late or being pulled out of school early.** Both tardies and early dismissals disrupt the flow of teaching for the other students' as well as the student leaving early or coming in late, as they are all tested on the material they missed. We understand there are family emergencies or doctor's appointments, but when students are taken out of class early, it is difficult for teachers to continue their lessons. Before you pick your child up early next time, please ensure it is really necessary. Additionally, if your child is tardy, you must come in to the office and sign him/her in. Thank you!

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, Nov., 4th, at 2 a.m.  
Be sure and set your clocks back an hour.

Report cards will be sent home with students  
Thursday, November 15th.

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

**Don't let your child miss out on learning!** As we get ready to enter the second trimester, your child should be in the habit of going to school every day. Research shows that missing school regularly can hurt both the students who miss class and their classmates.

We are still taking prepaid orders for Mesa T-shirts through Wednesday, November 7th.

Good Luck to Mesa's Girls On The Run who will compete in a 5K on Sat., Nov. 10th in Durango. Have fun!

When students miss school, they miss out on learning. When they return, they have to work harder to catch up, and since most subject matter builds on previous lessons, it doesn't take long for these students to fall behind.

### ♪ Winter Music Program ♪

Mark your calendars, our Winter Music Program will take place Thursday, December 13th, at the MCHS Auditorium. There will be two programs. K-2 will begin at 6:00 p.m. Students need to arrive at 5:30 so they are ready to go on time. Grades 3-5 will begin at 7:00 p.m. Students need to arrive at 6:30. We will have a dress rehearsal the morning of Dec. 13th. A permission slip has been sent home with students.

As a result, kids who miss school have lower levels of achievement throughout their school careers. Research shows that, by sixth grade, students who miss an average of just one day a week are more likely to drop out of high school.

The students who do come to class also miss out. When teachers have to repeat material or pay extra attention to kids who have been absent, everyone suffers.

# MESA PAWS (PTO) NEEDS YOU!!

Please join us at 3:30 today, 11/1, for our November meeting in the library.

Our December meeting will be Tuesday, 12/4 at 3:30 in the library.

We welcome and encourage all parent/guardian involvement! We need more parent/guardian members!

If you are interested in volunteering at Mesa, please let the office know.

Thank you!