

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!*

*Tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 6th, is Picture Day. The order form and money envelope were sent home Wed., Oct. 4th. The office will not be able to make change, so please ensure your cash or check is correct and in the money envelope provided.

Dates to Remember

- 10/6 ~ Picture Day
- 10/17 ~ Fundraiser Items Delivered
- 10/18 ~ WATCH D.O.G.S. Pizza Night
- 10/26 & 27 ~ **No School** - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Lice ~ There are always concerns about lice in the schools. We do not exclude students from school if lice or nits are found. We do educate and support parents as they work to remove lice and nits from their student. Please contact your student's school nurse if you need help. Please teach your child to use his/her own brush, comb, hair ornaments, hats and coats. Sharing these items is a common way for lice to move from one head to another. For sleep-overs, send your child with their own pillow and sleeping bag, and plan to wash this bedding in hot, soapy water when they return home.

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If you would like more information, there is a Head Lice 101 information sheet available in the office.

WATCH D.O.G.S.

WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) is an innovative father involvement, educational initiative of the National Center For Fathering. There are 2 primary goals of the WATCH D.O.G.S. program.

1. To provide positive male role models for the students, demonstrating by their presence that education is important.
2. To provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying.

We would like to invite all 'DADS' (dads, granddads, uncles, step-dads, or adult brothers) of Mesa students to a FREE 'Dads and Kids' Pizza Night Event on Wed., Oct. 18th, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. An information and sign up sheet will be sent home with students next week.

Notes from the Kitchen ~ If your child needs a new free/reduced lunch application for this school year, please pick one up from the office and get it turned in as soon as possible. Per school district policy, students are only allowed to charge three lunches. After the third charge, your child will receive a peanut butter and jelly sandwich for no more than three days. Lunches are \$2.25 per day. Please send lunch money or a sack lunch with your child. Thank you for your help.

Fundraiser Item Delivery

On Tuesday, Oct. 17th, 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 17th.

10 Reasons to Get Involved at School ~ www.ptotoday.com

1. **Volunteering makes a big difference.** Research consistently shows that kids whose parents are involved in their schools do better.
2. **Volunteering offers tangible ways to be part of things.** Sometimes we might mean well, but our busy lives get in the way of committing. Joining a parent group will provide concrete ways to get involved, whether at events, in the classroom, or on a committee.
3. **It feels great to participate!** Your child spends a lot of time at school, and it's great to share some of her school-related experiences with her.
4. **You'll get to know other parents.** It's powerful to create a circle of adult friends around a school, and having a shared interest is a good place to start. What's more, it can help foster connections between families in your community.
5. **Your help is always needed.** Whether it's helping run the next big event or providing support in the classroom, there are always ways to pitch in.
6. **It's a manageable commitment.** Volunteering can seem daunting, but it doesn't have to be. Spend an hour at a bingo night or talent show, and your efforts will be appreciated. And remember, it's always OK to say no when you're busy.
7. **It's fun!** Even simple events like pizza nights and family reading nights can spice up your week.
8. **You can tailor volunteering to play to your strengths.** Within a parent group or school community there are many ways to contribute, some of which are sure to complement your strengths, interests, or professional skills.
9. **Have a great idea?** Volunteering gives you opportunities to get your ideas out there.
10. **Volunteering provides another way to get to know school and support staff** to better understand their needs and ideas.