

**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!*

**COUNT DAY**

Monday, Oct. 2nd, is "Count Day". **We need every student at school!** The State gives districts their monies per pupil based on the attendance for that day. **Please have your child at school on Monday, 10/2! Thank you!**

Mrs. Umbarger will buy all students who are in attendance on Count Day **CHOCOLATE MILK** for lunch!

\*Friday, Oct. 6th, is Picture Day. The order form and money envelope will be 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.

**MUSIC!**

This month in ARTS class we are focusing on **MUSIC!** We are learning about Beat, Rhythm, Notes, Tempo, and Symbols. We are learning how to **READ** music on a Staff. So far we have learned about whole, half, quarter and eighth notes and rests; high and low notes, including bass and treble clef symbols. We are learning the names of the notes: **A, B, C, D, E, F, G** and where they belong on the staff. I enjoy having your children in class! *Mrs. Britton*

P.S. During this allergy season and as the cold season approaches, we are in need of Kleenex. Feel free to have your student bring any donations to my class or the office. Thank you!

See the back of Cat Tales for the annual Asbestos Notification.

Third, fourth, and fifth graders have to take a test called DAZE. It measures fluency and comprehension.

Third graders have to have a BOY (beginning of year) score of 8. The final goal is 19. The following students scored an 8 or higher:

**Mrs. Croke's Class:** Wyatt, Quincy, Carlisea, Donald, Trey, Madison, Trayven, Saylor and Asher

**Mrs. Laymon's Class:** Angelina, Mike, Jason, Scarlet, Sarah, and Jasper

**Mrs. Mendoza's Class:** AnnaLisa, Julia, Briana, Connor, Mallory, Maleko, Destiny, Madelyn, David, Karmen, Taylor, and Devon

**Dates to Remember**

- 9/29 ~ **No School** - Staff Professional Development
- 10/2 ~ Count Day - EVERY student needs to be here.
- 10/2 & 10/3 ~ Hearing/Vision Screenings
- 10/3 ~ PTO (PAWS) Meeting - 4:30
- 10/5 ~ 4th & 5th Grade Mile Run
- 10/6 ~ Picture Day
- 10/17 ~ Fundraiser Items Delivered
- 10/26 & 27 ~ **No School** - Parent/Teacher Conferences

Hearing and vision screenings for first, second, third and fifth graders will take place October 2nd and 3rd.

**Pickle and Popcorn Sales every Wednesday except if there is no school on Monday then it will be Thursday!**  
**Pickles ~ \$1 Popcorn ~ \$.50**

**Mesa PTO (PAWS)**

Please join our parent/teacher association (PAWS). Meetings are held monthly at 4:30 p.m. in the library. The next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 3rd.

Research shows that students whose parents are involved in their education:

- \*have better social skills, show improved behavior, and are more successful in school
- \*earn higher grades and test scores
- \*are more likely to graduate and go to college!

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

**If you park on the street across from the school to drop off your children, please make sure they cross the street in the crosswalk.**

Check out the cool banner, hanging in the hallway by the office, we received from the Cortez Public Library for having the most readers participate in their Summer Reading Program. Mesa had 31 students participate. Way to go Mesa Wildcats!!! Keep reading!!

**Knowledge Bowl**

Practices for Knowledge Bowl will be starting soon. We are looking for students in 4th and 5th grade that like trivia and finding out new facts and information. If you would like to be a part of the fun, please pick up an information sheet from the table by the office. The sheet needs to be turned in to Mrs. Carr by Monday, 9/25. The meet is November 2nd at Mesa.