

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

Wednesday, Oct. 3rd, is "Count Day". **We need every student at school!** The State gives districts their monies per pupil based on the attendance for that day.

Mrs. Roberts will buy all students who are in attendance on Count Day CHOCOLATE MILK for lunch! Students may also wear pajamas.

Please have your child at school on Wednesday, 10/3. Thank you!

Dates to Remember

- 10/1 & 2 ~ Health Screenings for 2nd, 3rd, & 5th
- 10/2 ~ PAWS (PTO) Meeting - 3:30 p.m.
- 10/3 ~ Count Day - Every student needs to be here.
- 10/3 ~ Fundraiser Packets Sent Home
- 10/4 & 5 ~ Parent Teacher Conferences-**No School**
- 10/4 & 5 ~ Book Fair
- 10/8 ~ **No School** - Columbus Day
- 10/15 ~ 4th Grade Field Trip to Mesa Verde
- 10/17 ~ Fundraiser packets and money due
- 10/22 ~ 4th Grade Field Trip to Lowry Pueblo
- 10/29-11/2 ~ Red Ribbon Week
- 11/1 ~ PAWS (PTO) Meeting - 3:30 p.m.
- 11/6 ~ Chili Cook Off - Flyers will be sent home.
- 11/8 ~ Knowledge Bowl at Mesa - 6:00 p.m.
- 11/9 ~ **No School** - Staff Professional Development
- 11/10 ~ Picture Retakes at Kemper

School Fundraiser

Your student will be bringing home a fundraiser packet Wed., Oct. 3rd. The order forms and money need to be turned in Wed., Oct. 17th. Items will be delivered Nov. 12th. The money raised is used to pay for field trips, assemblies, classroom items, etc. Thank you for your support!

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held October 4th and 5th. Your child should have brought home a note with the date and time of your conference. Please plan on attending and start building a strong partnership with your child's teacher. There will be no school for students on these days.

It is extremely important that your child is at school on time. Our SFA reading block starts at 8:00 and they are missing crucial reading instruction if they are tardy.

If your student is tardy, you must come to the office and check them in. For safety purposes, you are not allowed to just drop them off.

Please try if at all possible to not check your child out early. It is very important for students to remain at school for the entire day.

Scholastic Book Fair

We will be holding our annual Book Fair in conjunction with Parent/Teacher Conferences. The hours for the Book Fair are 1:00-7:30 p.m. on Thurs., Oct. 4th and 8:00-11:30 a.m. on Fri., Oct. 5th. Please plan on visiting the Book Fair while you are here for your conference.

Please remember to stop in the office to sign in and get a pass if you are going to walk your child to his/her classroom.

Notes from the Kitchen ~ If your child brings his/her lunch from home but takes an extra item from the lunch line, that item must be paid for. The Ala Carte prices are as follows: Main Dish - \$1.50, Fruit or Veggies - \$.55, Hot Roll - \$.50 and Milk - \$.50.

If you plan on eating a school lunch with your child, please let the office know by 9:30 a.m. so the kitchen staff can prepare enough food. Lunch is \$3.50 for an adult. Please bring correct change as the kitchen is unable to make change.

Our 6th Annual Chili Cook Off and Dessert Auction will be Tuesday, Nov. 6th at 5:30. A flyer with more information will be coming home later this month.

Please see the back of Cat Tales for more information.

Due to the number of spills and distractions in class, we are not allowing students to bring beverages other than water into the classroom, hallway or out on the playground. Beverages other than water will be allowed during breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria only. Teachers may allow other beverages for class rewards or special events in the classroom. Thank you for your assistance!

Red Ribbon Week ~ October 29-November 2

10/29 ~ *Get Caught Reading and Get a Book Mark*

10/30 ~ *Wear Red*

10/31 ~ *Bring a Jar of Peanut Butter or Jelly and Wear a Hat for the Day*

11/1 ~ *Crazy Sock Day*

11/2 ~ *Crazy Hair Day - No Permanent Hair Color*

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.

PAWS (PTO) Meeting
Tomorrow, Tuesday, October 2nd
3:30 p.m. in the Library
Please join us! Get Involved!
More parent members are needed.

Mark your calendar ~ Our PAWS (PTO) Meeting for November will be held on a different day than normal. It will be Thursday, November 1st at 3:30.

If your child is absent from school, please call and excuse their absence within 24 hours. If you call after the 24 hour deadline, their absence will still be marked as unverified.

Knowledge Bowl

Practices for Knowledge Bowl will be starting soon. We are looking for students in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade that like trivia and finding out new facts and information. If you would like to be part of the fun, please pick up an information sheet hanging by Mrs. Carr's door. The sheet needs to be turned in to Mrs. Carr by Wed., October 3rd. The meet is November 8th at Mesa.