

Mesa Elementary School
March 9, 2007



THE
MESA MESSENGER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Mesa Community,

We recently completed the second formally scheduled sessions of Parent Teacher Conferences. The conferences were very well attended, with approximately 99% of our parents meeting with their respective classroom teacher. We are certain we can make a difference for a child when a positive relationship with parents exists. An additional conference can always be requested as needed, by either a parent or teacher. The Mesa staff appreciates the spirit of partnership with our fantastic parent community. On behalf of teachers and office staff, I want to let you know we truly enjoyed the prepared dinners that were delivered by numerous parents during each of the four evenings. The generous efforts by the Mesa community were extremely special.

This week the Colorado Student Assessment Program (CSAP) is being administered in Grades 3 through 5. CSAP tests student ability in reading, writing, math and science. Please be reminded attendance during the month of March is critical to Mesa's overall performance on these assessments.

As the second open enrollment round comes to an end, we are finalizing our enrollment projections for the next school year. Teacher allocation is based on currently enrolled students plus anticipated new students as per a projected average. The Boulder Valley School District Planning Department provides this valuable data to all schools based on demographic trends over time and the dynamics of population growth and changes. The final allocations provided to all schools are based on budget considerations. It is critical for Mesa to have every student enrolled

and registered for the next school year in order to receive maximum allocation.

It is essential for all prospective kindergarten parents to register their students as soon as possible. Registration information has been collected from current students who will continue at Mesa, as well as those families who plan on moving. In late April or early May we will request information from parents to assist Mesa teachers in placing students into classes for the upcoming school year. More information will follow after our staff development planning day takes place on April 20, 2007.

In Partnership,

Mike Medina

CSAP SPECIFIC TEST DATES

Monday, March 12	Grade 4 Reading/Writing 5 Grade 5 Reading/Writing 6
Tuesday, March 13	Grade 4 Reading/Writing 6 Grade 5 Math 1
Wednesday, March 14	Grade 4 Math 1 Grade 5 Math 2
Thursday, March 15	Grade 4 Math 2 Grade 5 Math 3
Friday, March 16	Grade 4 Math 3 Grade 5 Science 1
Monday, March 19	Grade 3 Writing 1 Grade 5 Science 2
Tuesday, March 20	Grade 3 Writing 2 Grade 5 Science 2

MESA ART SHOW MARCH 20 POSTPONED

Mesa's indomitable art teacher, April Christenson, has been under the weather for the past few weeks and has not been at school. Therefore we are postponing the Art Show, originally scheduled for March 20, to a date to be announced. Please watch for flyers for the new date of this fun event. The Mesa PTO is planning to sponsor an Ice Cream Social at the same time.

CONFERENCE MEAL THANKS!

From Lisa Gillespie, Erin and Avery's Mom

A great big THANK YOU to all the fine parents (and Brownie Troop 1774) who supplied the Mesa staff with delicious, home-cooked meals during conference times. The teachers appreciated the efforts and have expressed how much more relaxing those long days are when dinner is provided for them. (Thank you to Lisa for her efforts in coordinating all the meals!)

Thanks also to the staff members who were set-up and clean-up crews for the meals. My slow cooker has never looked so clean.

It is gratifying to know we have such willing volunteers at Mesa. If anyone has any suggestions for future conference dinners, feel free to contact me at lisamgillespie@msn.com. PARENTS: Don't forget to pick up your utensils and bowls in the Mesa staff lounge.

MESA MAGAZINE SPRING EDITION DEADLINE IS MARCH 23

We are planning to publish a spring edition of the *Mesa Magazine*. The deadline for submission of stories, poems and articles is Friday, March 23 (the last school day before Spring Break). Students, teachers and parents: Please take a moment to make note of this date. In order to publish and distribute the magazine before the end of this school year, it may not be possible to extend the deadline as we have done in the past.

THANKS TO MESA BAKING CREW FOR GREASE GOODIES

From Kate Kupferer, Elena and Vivian's Mom

Thank you to our wonderful Mesa bakers for supplying goodies for both nights of the M&M musical *Grease*. Thanks to: Tammy Livingstone, Clare Stocker, Maggie Janssen, Christy Barth, Kathy Sharpe, Kathy Cornelius Smith, Kim Dorvee, Sarah Heilbronner, Tasha Given, Nan Rosenbloom, Cheryl McCutchan, Susan McVicker, Tamar Krantz, Rachel Muller, Lisa Beauchamp, Erin Moran, Kirk Johnson,

Debbie Gould, Marilyn Decalo and Judson Smith. A special thanks to Tammy Livingstone, Lisa Beauchamp and Diana Fields for helping to set up the bake sale and to sell treats. And Vivian Smith was a super-duper helper both nights of the show! Thank you one and all.

PREVIEW MESA SILENT AUCTION POTTERY

For sale at the Silent Auction on March 17: Beautiful pottery created by all Mesa students. This pottery is now on display in the Mesa library. Be sure to stop by before the silent action for a preview.

PONY EXPRESS UPDATE

From K-Care and kindergarten Classes

We wanted to thank everyone who participated in the Pony Express this year. The children had a blast delivering your mail on (stick) horseback. We collected \$270, all of which was donated to a cancer-related cause. Kudos to all of you! A very special thank you to Ruth Chou, the wrangler for all the little riders. See you next year!

JUNIOR GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUPS FORMING NOW

The Junior Great Books program will be offered this spring for students in Grades 2 through 5. If your child is interested in participating and you have not filled out a permission form, extra forms are available in the office. All permission forms need to be turned in by the end of the day Monday, March 12, because the books need to be ordered right away in order to receive them on time.

YEARBOOK UPDATE

A huge THANK YOU to Brenda Garby, Peggy Kaufman, Erin Moran and Jan North for helping put together this year's yearbook. Thanks to all our photographers for *Grease* and to everyone who submitted pictures. This will certainly be a great yearbook!

EARN FREE SUPPLIES FOR MESA AT OFFICE DEPOT

Office Depot is taking Care of Education in 2007 by providing the essential tools and supplies that students need to be successful in the classroom, plus programs and services that benefit schools and teachers. Every time parents, students and school supporters give Mesa's 5% Back to Schools ID number when buying qualifying school supplies at Office Depot, Mesa receives credits equal to 5% of qualifying purchases to buy supplies. When you shop at Office Depot, be sure you have Mesa's ID number in your wallet: 70017079. Thank you for your continued support of our school!

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

By Terry Snyder and Connie Tadehara
Librarian and Library Assistant

Science Fair Research in the Library

Thank you to all students who participated and parents who volunteered in the after-school science fair research program. We had a great turn out and a lot of fabulous science fair ideas were found in books and on the Internet.

Volunteers Needed to Help Shelve Books

We need more help on Thursday afternoons to support our first grade students and to shelve the many books that circulate in the library. The best time for these classes would be from 12:30 PM—2:00 PM, although we can be flexible. If interested, please contact the library by stopping by, calling 303-494-4704, ext. 234, or e-mailing Ms. Snyder at terry.snyder@yahoo.com. The work with the students and books is fulfilling, and training is provided!

Graphic Novels

We are finally starting to circulate graphic novel picture and fiction books. If you see a book with colorful, comic-like pictures and bubble captions, you know it is a graphic novel. Stay tuned, as there will be three culminating "Writing Your Own Graphic Novel" classes in April.

Barnes and Noble

We have been making good use of the \$1,000 we received from the Barnes and Noble Book Fair last December. Most student requests have been honored, and books are starting to be checked out in the library. The students have come up with great book recommendations, which are enhancing our library selection!

Chris Kauflin, Local Author of Smiletown's Big Snow Day

Chris Kauflin was unable to present on January 5 because school was canceled due to bad weather! Mr. Kauflin will be coming to Mesa on Friday, March 16, to discuss his book and the writing process. KINDERGARTEN PARENTS: If your child does not attend school in the afternoon and you would like to come with your child to watch the presentation, please meet us in the Riser Room, which is located behind Mrs. Thompson's Grade 4 classroom. Kindergarten students are scheduled from 12:25 PM—1:00 PM.

P.E. NEWS

From Jacy Bruno

Jump Rope for Heart was a HUGE success this year. Thank you for your continued support! Mesa was able to raise **\$6076.57** for the American Heart Association (AHA) - that is the most money Mesa has ever raised for this event. Way to go Mesa!

The students did a great job at their grade level event, and Mesa has some of the best jump ropers around. The students who participated in the after-school jump rope clinic also did a great job and were able to demonstrate some of their best skills! At the clinic Grade 5 student Peter Rudman set a new record for jumping the longest without missing. Peter jumped for 30 minutes and 3 seconds. Way to go Peter!

This Monday, March 12, at 2:30 PM we will have a special All-School Assembly. Anyone who donated money to the AHA will get to duct tape me to a wall. They will get an inch of tape for every dollar they donated. Come join the fun—and thank you again for your support of this worthy cause.

Fitness Club is right around the corner. Be looking for information to come home in your child's Friday Folder soon. If you have any questions, you can e-mail me at jacy.bruno@bvsd.org.

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES FOR WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME FROM SCHOOL

The BVSD Health Department reminds parents of the following district guidelines:

Fever, vomiting or diarrhea: Your student should remain home for **24 hours** after symptoms end. *Do not send your student to school the next day if any of these symptoms occur during the previous night.*

Colds/respiratory viruses: Keep your student home at the beginning of a cold. This is the time when one is most infectious. *When your student no longer has a persistent cough, it is permissible to return to school.*

Strep throat: Your student may return to school after taking antibiotics for **24 hours**, when he/she is feeling better and is free of symptoms.

Chicken pox: Your student should stay home until there are no new lesions AND all existing lesions have scabbed over.

Eye: Any eye infection must be treated by a physician before the student can return to school. If antibiotic therapy is prescribed, the student must remain home for **at least 24 hours after treatment has begun AND the eyes must be free of any drainage.**

Open sores on skin: All skin lesions must be covered by a bandage or clothing during the school day. This includes impetigo, ring worm, scabies and other fungal, bacterial or viral skin infections.

Generalized skin rash: Any student with an undiagnosed skin rash must be seen by a physician for diagnosis and/or treatment before returning to school. The student must bring a note from the health care provider before returning to school.

Head lice: Your student may return to school only after treatment with lice shampoo.



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**A Triple 'A' School
Academics
Arts
Athletics**

Winner of the:
 ?? **John J. Irwin Excellence Award**
 1999/2000, 2000/2001, 2001/2002,
 2003/2004, 2004/2005 and 2005-2006
 ?? **Kennedy Center Schools of Distinction Award**
 for Arts Education
 ?? **Colorado Department of Education**
 2004 **Accomplished School Award**

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PTO CORNER

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Many hours of planning and work have been spent by Mesa parents getting ready for the PTO Silent Auction next **Saturday, March 17, 2007**. Many Mesa families and staff have donated valuable items that will be auctioned to benefit the school. Many local businesses and organizations also are supporting our school with their donated auction items. **NOW, it's your turn . . .** please help support the school and plan to attend the Mesa Silent Auction--a fun, adults-only evening. All funds raised through the auction directly support PTO programs, such as teacher mini-grants (costs for field trips, guest speakers, music copyright fees, literacy books, dictionaries, etc.), salaries for academic tutors (computer, math, and literacy support), and Outdoor Education. None of these programs could be possible without the continued, generous support of our Mesa community. Thank you!

Thank you to **Juli Pearce, Jan North, Tammi Willmarth, Julia Holien, Amy Shanahan, Eve Rose, Maggie Janssen, Debbie Gould, Thomas Cope,** and **Dian Kiwiet** for helping at the Scholastic Book Fair, and to all who purchased books to support Mesa (approximately \$950 earned; under budget by approximately \$850). Thank you also to **Kate Kupferer**, her faithful bakers, and all Bake Sale patrons for helping

MESA CALENDAR

Tues. 3/13 3:30 PM

SIT Meeting

Mon. 3/12 2:25 PM

All-School Assembly

Sat. 3/17 6:00 PM

Silent Auction

Mon. 3/26—Tues. 4/3

NO SCHOOL/Spring Break

Mon. 4/9—8:45 AM

All-School Assembly

the PTO earn approximately \$320 at both Bake Sales during the productions of *Grease*. Finally, thank you to **Lisa Gillespie** and all the Mesa cooks who helped supply teacher dinners during the parent-teacher conferences.

Please mark your calendars for upcoming PTO events:
 March 17, 2007—PTO Silent Auction, 6—9 PM
 March 20, 2007—Pizza Fundraiser at Cici's
 Spring 2007—PTO Spring Donation Campaign
 May 20, 2007—Shoelace Frenzy/Mustang Stampede Fun Run/Walk

Next PTO Meeting, April 10th, 2007, 6:15 PM
*(Childcare and pizza available
 for children under 12-- \$4/child)*

**DON'T FORGET TO BUY KING SOOPERS AND
 WILD OATS GROCERY CARDS
 ON SALE IN THE OFFICE EVERY DAY**