

# Mesa Elementary School

## June 6, 2007



# THE MESA MESSENGER

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parent Community,

This will be my last newsletter as Principal of Mesa Elementary School. What a privilege it has been for me to work in such a vibrant community! I want to extend **a special thank you** to students, parents and the wonderful Mesa staff. Collectively you all make Mesa a very special place. The memories I have of this school community will guide me as I move on to new challenges and endeavors as Principal of Angevine Middle School. Once again, **I sincerely thank all of you**, and extend to all of you, the very best of luck!

On Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> students met their next year's teacher. Class lists were posted during the same day. We would like to remind parents it was a very difficult task to assign classrooms at each grade level. We encourage you to be positive with children as they transition to next year's class. **No changes will be made after the postings are made. We thank you for the consideration.**

Please take time to sign up for the **assessment week testing all students must participate in during the week of August 13, 2007.** Each student must be present for one hour on either day of the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> of August 2007. Teachers will be able to do a much better job of planning instruction for their classes as a result of these assessments. During this one hour time period parents may drop off their student and pick them up at the end of the one hour period. Parents may desire to wait in the library where our PTO and staff will arrange coffee and baked goods. Reading materials will be available and several computers with internet service will be provided, kind of like a Starbucks set up. We are planning to supervise students for only the one hour time slot so please be courteous and drop off and pick them up in a timely manner.

Sheri Williams, Director of Elementary School for BVSD is coordinating the process to hire Mesa's new Principal.

**By Request of Mesa Parents and Staff  
the date for the Mesa Principal Interviews and  
Community Forum  
has been moved up to June 19, 2007**

Screening Interviews will be conducted by a team of Parents, Faculty and Staff on June 19 in the Curriculum Conference Room at the Education Center from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**The whole school community is invited to meet  
the finalists for the Mesa Elementary Principal at  
the  
Community Forum in Mesa's gym  
on June 19 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

All Mesa parents, community members and staff are encouraged to attend the Community Forum, to ask questions of the finalists, and to complete a feedback form on each of the finalists. Each of the finalists will then participate in final interviews with district staff on June 20. Announcement of the permanent position is expected late June.

If you wish to participate in the principal selection process and are unable to attend the Community Forum, please send your input to Sheri W. Williams, Ed.D., Director School Leadership at [sheri.williams@bvsd.org](mailto:sheri.williams@bvsd.org).

In Partnership,

Mike Medina

**LIBRARY NEWS- From Terry Snyder and Connie Tadehara, Librarian and Library Assist- Have a Terrific Summer Break!**

We've had a wonderful year in the library, and look forward to many fun activities next year. Thanks for keeping those books and magazines flowing to and from the library during the school year.

**Class Ice Cream Parties**

Congratulations to the following classes for earning an ice cream party on Friday, June 1st. To qualify, all students in the class had to turn in all of their library materials by Friday, May 25th.

A.M. Kindergarten-Orr  
P.M. Kindergarten-Orr  
Mrs. Jemenez-1st Grade  
Mrs. Nankervis-1st Grade  
Mrs. Schoolmaster-3rd Grade

**"Mesa Magic" Summer Reading Program**

Please come to the Mesa Elementary south playground to experience some reading magic this summer! Hopefully by now you've received information and a reading goal sheet for your child and can attend any or all of these dates from 7:00-8:00 p.m.:

Thursdays June 28, July 26, August 16

An e-mail reminder will go out to all families a few days before each event. Your child and you just need to bring the reading goal sheet. We'll have ice cream treats, prizes, and lots of fun celebrating each time. Don't forget to bring books for the book swap!

Please register with Karel Boswell by e-mailing her at: [karel.boswell@bvsd.org](mailto:karel.boswell@bvsd.org) by June 8th if you know when you'll be around. If you have any questions, please contact Terry at [terry.snyder@bvsd.org](mailto:terry.snyder@bvsd.org). The reading goal sheet and information is also on the Mesa website under "library".

**Volunteer Thank You**

Special thanks to Stephen Topping and Jenny Knuth for the fabulous "Reading is Magic" summer reading window displays. Check it out for some great summer reading ideas.

Also, thanks to Sue Bryant, Dian Kiwiet, Stephen Topping and Gail Cooper for their help with developing and implementing the summer reading program.

And, to all the wonderful volunteers we've had throughout the year, THANK YOU!

**TAG TALK - From Betsy Puls- MANY THANKS !**

Several activities have taken place this past year, spearheaded by various parents, and I want to make sure everyone understands that without these wonderful volunteers, we could not provide such fine enrichment programming for our students. There are many more supportive people than I can name here, and if I have forgotten anyone, I apologize, but SPECIAL THANKS go to our coordinating volunteer chairmen as follows:

**Junior Great Books: Adrienne Lee.** Scores of students benefited from this wonderful program, and nearly a dozen parents helped lead groups this Spring. Thank you Adrienne for leading this effort.

**Destination Imagination: Barry and Pam Berdanier.** For many years this wonderful parent team has coordinated and coached at Mesa, supported by other parents who also coach. We have consistently placed teams at district and state D.I. competitions, including this year. Pam and Barry are "graduating" in June, and we are looking to pass the leadership to some others. If you are interested, please contact Betsy Puls, 303-494-4704. Thanks Pam and Barry; we are going to miss you.

**Math Counts: Kirk Johnson and Pascal Ledru.** If your child is keen about Math, this venue is a great way to additionally challenge them. Thanks for getting up so early Kirk and Pascal.

**Science Fair: Julie Gelderloos and Terry Snyder.** Once again Thanks for all the work involved to make such a terrific opportunity available for more than ninety children. High Fives Gals!

**Chess League Team: Joel Parker and Kim Hansen.** These two have ensured that Mesa had a solid competitive team which entered all district and league meets and provided intellectual, social, and emotional challenges for students. Thanks to both of you.

**Chess Club: Laura Spicer and Richele Mein.** These two ladies built, and maintained a huge

chess program over the past two years. From teaching beginning moves to providing membership in the Mesa "Royal Court", Laura and Richele, along with their team of helpers, have served at least a third of our student you and watch out Chess League Team because here come the third graders!

**Spellathon: Portia Hinshaw.** As I write, even more envelopes are being turned in for the Mesa 2007 spelling challenge, which was a huge success, especially for the primary grades. Mr. Converse's class outdistanced all others in having the greatest number of accurate spellers, thereby winning the "Pizza With The Principal" party. Many Thanks Portia for coordinating this for Mesa.

Finally, a huge Thank You to the PTO, without whom most of these activities simply could not happen. For your moral support and financial help, we all give a huge THANK YOU !

An additional note concerning TAG testing and evaluations is warranted here. Because of my recent eye surgery, I will not be able to finish testing for TAG this Spring. If you have already completed the nomination paperwork, I suggest that you contact me in order to sign up to have your child tested during the first few weeks of school. Additional info will come out in the August newsletter concerning time frames. Call me this summer or early Fall if you have questions. Thanks. Betsy Puls 303-494-4704 or 303-499-3033.

#### **MUSICAL NOTES - From Sarah Knoebel -**

If you ordered a Kindergarten Spring Sing DVD and it was not sent home before schools end, please pick it up at the office during normal school hours. Last day school will be open is June 15th.

#### **P.E. NEWS - From Jacy Bruno**

Fitness Club and Pasta Pig Out were a huge success this year!!! I want to congratulate everyone who was involved in such successful events. Without such great parent volunteers it would not have been possible. I want to thank everyone who helped and especially thank Diana Tanner, Karen Jones and Jennie Whitcomb for taking on the large roles that they did! Another huge thanks to the entire Mesa Community for making another year at Mesa wonderful. You are the best!

#### **PASTA PIG OUT - from Jennie Whitcomb:**

A BIG thanks to all who helped make the Pasta Pig Out 2007 a great celebration of the Mesa Fitness Club members' accomplishments this spring.

Many hands do make light work. The following folks volunteered (and I hope I have not missed any one!): Aline Christianian, Amy Paa-Rogers, Amy Winters, Ann Fedor, Ann Lamson, Bill Robinson, Brenda Garby, Cassy Matthews, Chris Hamlyn, Christy Barth, Clare Stocker, Dan Kelman, Dian Kiwiet, Diana Tanner, Elizabeth Reed, Emil Tanner, Gina Kelman, Janice Vlachos, Jennie Whitcomb, Joanne Greene, Jon Jones, Julie Gelderloos, Julie Hoilien, Karen Jones, Karen Meyer-Arendt, Karen Nielson, Karen Richards, Katie McDowell, Katrina Walsh, Kim Hansen, Lara Robinson, Leisha Connors Bauer, Leslie Hartten, Linda Garby, Lisa Jansen, Louisa Baker, Marilyn Fausset, Nancy Kinney.

#### **ART SKETCHES - From April Christenson-**

A **big huge** thank you to all those who helped hang the art show! It was a great success and the kids loved it! Thanks so much, Mrs. C

**BADGES**– We are missing several badges which we cannot trace. If you have accidentally taken a badge home, please return it to the front office. Thank you.

**SUMMER ACTIVITIES-** Please come in and check the table located across from the office for flyers on various activities. In addition to the flyers, if you're interested in the following classes, please call: **Sports Camps — Dean 303-441-4427 or [www.boulderparks-rec.org](http://www.boulderparks-rec.org), FALL ACTIVITES– Elementary Spanish Program (ESP)- 303-440-7196 or [www.kidsspeakspanish.org](http://www.kidsspeakspanish.org).**

### **Special Announcement**

**We would like to welcome Mr. Tanner to our Fourth Grade Class and Mrs. Stephens (pending formal hiring in progress) to our Kindergarten A.M. Class.**



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

**Winner of the:**  
**John J. Irwin Excellence Award**  
**2000 - 2006**  
**Kennedy Center Schools of Distinction Award**  
**for Arts Education**

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**June 6th**  
Grade 5 Continuation Ceremony

**June 7th**  
Awards Assembly  
Last Day of School

**June 13th**  
Deadline to schedule one hour  
assessment for **Aug. 15 & 16 2007**

**June 19th**  
Open Forum for  
New Principal finalists

**August 20**  
First Day of School

We're on the web  
[www.bvsd.k12.co.us/schools/mesa/](http://www.bvsd.k12.co.us/schools/mesa/)

# PTO CORNER

Thank you from the PTO Board to all who have given so much time, money, and support to programs and events sponsored or organized by the PTO this year. This is our final thank you to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents and others leaving Mesa this year, including Mr. Medina, Barbara Knox, and Cathy Conery. New and returning families and staff will continue to do wonderful things for Mesa, but know that all of you will be missed!

Approximately **190** students, parents, teachers, and race marshals participated in the **Shoelace Frenzy** raising approximately **\$3,000** for the PTO through entrance fees. The expenses for the event were entirely underwritten by our generous sponsors: **Interlocken Mortgage Group, Lori Kemmet, DDS, Mike's Camera, Premiere Member's Credit Union, OSI, Pharmaca, King Soopers, Eldorado Artesian Springs Water, Micky C's, Moe's Bagels, and David and Elizabeth Reed.** The drawing items were generously donated by **BolderBoulder, Boulder Running Company, Active Imprints, Play It Again Sports, Boulder Bike & Ski, Colorado Rapids Soccer, Giambrocco & Son's Table Mesa plants/flowers, RedFish New Orleans Brewhouse, Elizabeth Decker, D.C. and Lindy Winkelbauer, D.C., and LolliLocks Kids Salon.** The parents/staff who helped make this event possible are: **Rob DeVoto, Mindy Sooter, Pat and Tom Felt, Erin Moran, Tammy Livingstone, Joanne Greene, Tony Walsh, Karen Jones, Diana Tanner, Aleta and Alden Sherman, Gail Ross, Susan Wortman, Bob Kershner, Jan North, Gina and Dan Kelman, Lori Kemmet, Lee Wherry, Jacy Bruno, Dian Kiwiet, Elizabeth Reed, and Todd Fisher.**

The PTO Spring Donation campaign has been successful to date (approximately **\$8,000** earned), but additional funds would ensure that money will be available for increased expenses anticipated for the academic tutor program next year. Please send your tax-deductible donations to the PTO (c/o Mesa) over the summer or at any time.

Several parents will assist in conducting the full-day interviews for candidates for Mesa's new principal on June 19: **Catie McDowell, Leisha Conners Bauer, Stephen Topping, and Diana Fields.** Please contact any of these parents if you have specific input for the interviews, and plan on attending the Community Forum for the three finalists on the evening of June 19 (6:30-8 p.m. in the Mesa gym).

Finally, a special farewell to our beloved principal, Mr. Medina, whose partnership with Mesa parents and staff made all of the PTO's efforts worthwhile. We wish him well at Angevine Middle School!

**DON'T FORGET TO STOCK UP FOR THE SUMMER  
ON KING SOOPERS AND WILD OATS GROCERY  
CERTIFICATES!**