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## THE MESA MESSENGER

May, 2008

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Dear Mesa Families,

*As the 2007-2008 school year draws to a close, I wish to extend my thanks. I have really enjoyed my first year at Mesa. When I interviewed for the principal position, I heard about the wonderful Mesa community. One year later, I'm happy to report that its' true---- Mesa is a positive, supportive, caring community. I also recognize that our community is the sum of many parts: students, families, teachers and staff. Mesa is much bigger than anyone of us, but we each play a role.*

*I am really looking forward to the 2008-2009 school year and the second year in my role. It will be nice to begin the school year with some familiarity with students, families, and staff. I know we're going to do great things for our students. In that theme, there are many items in this newsletter related to next year, and I hope you'll take time to review.*

Go Mustangs!

Josh

### **CLASS LISTS AND MEET THE TEACHER**

*On the morning of May 28<sup>th</sup>, students who are currently in grades K – 4 will have the opportunity to meet their respective 2008-2009 classroom teachers. Class lists will be posted after school on that day, in the hallway outside the office. The list will stay up for through the rest of the school year and summer. If you have questions or concerns about class lists, please contact Josh.*

### **AUGUST ASSESSMENT**

*Just as we did this previous August, Boulder Valley schools will be administering literacy assessments to elementary students prior to the start of the school year. Mesa's assessment days will be held on August 13 and 14 (the first official day of school is August 19. After you know your child's placement from the class list posting, please sign up for a time slot on one of those two days. The sign up sheets will be on the table near the office.*

### **STAFFING FOR 2008-2009**

*During the previous week, we completed interviews for an additional 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher and an additional 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher. We anticipate that we'll complete the process in time to announce the new teachers on the 28<sup>th</sup>.*

*We are also pleased to announce that we are planning for additional teacher support in next year's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades to address higher class sizes. This support will allow us to reduce class size in math and writing instruction*

*Finally, with the continued generous support of our PTO, we expect that we'll be able to provide academic tutors in key instructional areas (very similar to this year).*

## NEWS AND UPDATES

**P.E. News:** from Jacy Bruno

Mesa Field Days were a huge success a couple weeks ago! The kids did an amazing job! I want to send a special thank you to the 5th graders who helped with the K/1 and 2/3 Field Days. Everyone had a great time!

Our annual Pasta Pig-Out will be held on **May 23<sup>rd</sup>** for those involved in Fitness Club. The food will be served in shifts to make it run smoothly.

Wave 1	families bringing sauce	6:00
Wave 2	last names Q-Z	6:00
Wave 3	last names A-E	6:10
Wave 4	last names F-K	6:20
Wave 5	last names L-P	6:30

After dinner, we will have our awards ceremony starting approximately at 7:00.

### **SKIP - IT JAMMIN' JUMP ROPE WORKSHOP**

The Skip-It Jump Rope Team is hosting a summer workshop. All skill levels from beginning to advanced will be taught. Single rope, double Dutch, Chinese Wheel and a routine included. You're sure to learn new tricks and have fun!!

The Skip-It team is an American Heart Association Jump Rope for Heart Demonstration team, and a competitive team featuring many National and World title holders. Recently, they have performed at numerous CU basketball games, Nuggets games, and at many local school assemblies. They will perform at the Bolder Boulder Memorial Weekend. Check out our web site at [www.skipits.org](http://www.skipits.org)

**PLACE:** Monarch K-8 Elem. School Gym - 263 Campus Dr., Louisville, CO 80027

**DATE:** June 2, 3, 4-Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

**TIME:** 9:00am - 12:00pm

**FEE:** \$60, includes a jump rope

**OR**

**PLACE:** Douglass Elem. School - 840 75<sup>th</sup> St., Boulder, CO 80303

**DATE:** July 7, 8, 9-Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Same time and fee as above (Space limited to 60 Jumpers @ Douglass Elem.)

Please bring a water bottle and an easy snack each morning. Wear athletic shoes that support your feet and ankles.

Jumpers, male and female, from ages 6 years and up are welcome. Adults & Teachers welcome. Come have fun with us and learn some new ways to "JUMP START" your summer.

Questions call:

Cathy Douglas, 303-926-5588, [bcjdoug7@aol.com](mailto:bcjdoug7@aol.com)

or Joyce Mina, 303-494-7940, [molokai1@earthlink.net](mailto:molokai1@earthlink.net)

**To register:** Please fill out the following registration form and send it with a check for \$60.00, made out to BVSD-Skip It. Registrations need to be received by May 27, to order ropes.

**Please mail to :**

Skip-It, 909 St Andrews Lane,  
Louisville, CO 80027

# SKIP IT JAMMIN' SUMMER WORKSHOP

Location: Monarch K-8 (June 2-4) \_\_\_\_\_  
Douglass Elem. (July 7-9) \_\_\_\_\_  
Both workshops \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF JUMPER/S \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

School attends \_\_\_\_\_ Participates in jump club \_\_\_\_\_ ?

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ CELL \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE: MOM \_\_\_\_\_  
DAD \_\_\_\_\_

HOSPITAL PREFERENCE \_\_\_\_\_

INSURANCE CO. \_\_\_\_\_ POLICY # \_\_\_\_\_

## MEDICAL RELEASE:

I/We \_\_\_\_\_ parents of \_\_\_\_\_ give consent for emergency medical and surgical treatment of this minor in a licensed hospital by a Colorado physician should he/she condition so require it in my absence. I understand that in such a case reasonable attempts would first be made to contact me/us time and conditions permitting. This authorization is good only for the date(s) of June 2-4, or July 7-9, 2008. (Please circle.)

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency # \_\_\_\_\_

Other responsible party, name and phone number:

E-mail address, if you wish to be sent information on our recreational jump group during the school year, or other workshops. Please print carefully. We do not share this.

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**Library Update:** from Terry Snyder and Connie Tadehara  
Teacher-Librarian and Library Assistant

## **Retirement**

I wanted to thank everyone for making my retirement so special at the end of this year. Your good wishes and congratulations have been much appreciated. I am leaving Mesa with many lovely memories of the children and families I have worked with over the years. Thank you for sharing your amazing children with me. I will miss all of you.

## **Mesa Book Swap-Wednesday, May 28th**

Parent volunteers and the Mesa library will be sponsoring the spring book swap, which will be held on Wednesday, May 28th in the gym from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Students are asked to bring in books they would like to trade. Boxes will be located in each classroom, and collected from May 12th through May 23rd.

Please make sure to put a rubber band around the books your child brings, with his/her name and class code clearly marked. Bring books that are appropriate for kindergarten through sixth grade level in good condition. Your child will be able to swap one book for one book.

Adults may participate in swapping books, too. Please make sure to put your name and bundle your books with a rubber band and put in Terry Snyder's box or bring them to the library. A special section will be created for your contribution. All books leftover will be donated or used to build an account to purchase used books for the library at the Bookworm.

If you could help with setting up books on May 28th, please e-mail Terry at [terry.snyder@bvsd.org](mailto:terry.snyder@bvsd.org), stop by, or call at (303) 494-4704. Thanks for your support!

## **Mesa Summer Reading Program**

The literacy and library is sponsoring another summer reading program. We need parent volunteers to help support our events (see event information below). Please e-mail Terry at [terry.snyder@bvsd.org](mailto:terry.snyder@bvsd.org) or call (303) 494-4704 ext. 234 if you could help with organizing and/or coming to help one or two times this summer (one event per month). A flyer, similar to the one below with a goal sheet, is being sent in Friday folders on Friday, May 23rd.

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD'S LIBRARY BOOKS AND MATERIALS ARE RETURNED OR PAID FOR A.S.A.P.**



*Ollie, Ollie Oxen Free! Calling all players! Are you game for some fun this summer? Then do not pass go, but run directly to the Mesa Elementary Library to "Be an Olympic...Reader". Come join our team as we score big for summer fun in Mesa's summer reading program with ice cream parties, Olympic Games and prizes!*

*There will be two identical Olympic events, registration is encouraged, but not required. Please e-mail [karel.boswell@bvsd.org](mailto:karel.boswell@bvsd.org) by June 2nd if you plan on participating.*

*Event #1 is played from June 1 through June 26.  
Event #2 is from June 27 through July 24.*

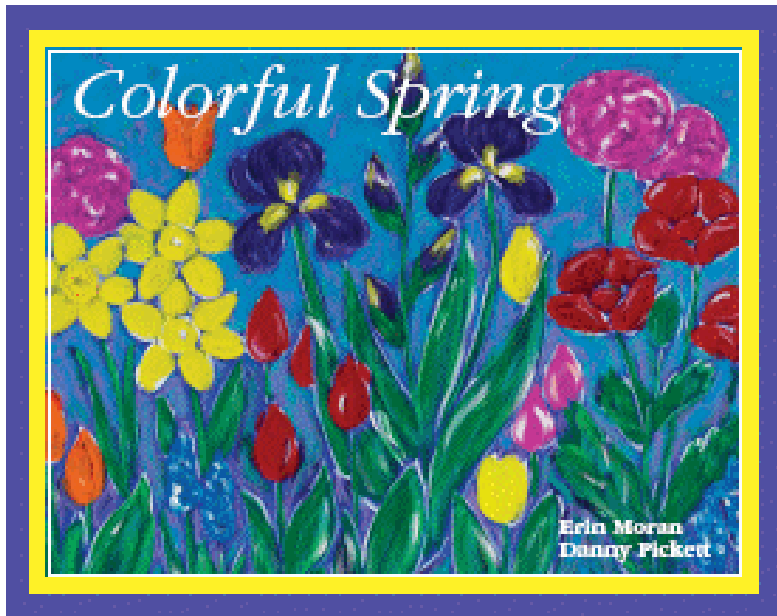
***Ice cream parties**, complete with **Olympic Games** and **prizes** as well as a "**book swap**" to trade books, will be held on the south playground on:*

*Thursday, June 26      6:30-7:30  
Thursday, July 24      6:30-7:30*

### ***Be a winner! Go for the Gold.***

*Just decide how many books you can read in each event, write down your goal and have your parents sign the plan.  
Keep track of the books you read.*

Spring is in the air!!!  
Mesa mom and author, Erin Moran, will be visiting  
with all of the kindergarten through second grade  
classes to share her picture book – Colorful Spring.



Buy the book for \$10  
~ \$6 below retail ~  
70% (\$7) goes to the  
Mesa Library  
for Art Books.

[www.colorfulspring.com](http://www.colorfulspring.com)

[www.dannypickett.com](http://www.dannypickett.com)

Fill out an order form and make a check payable to Mesa School.  
Personalized copies will be sent home with your child.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Childs' Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Personalized Inscription: (example – To Susie, To Michael, etc.)

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Number of Books: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$10 each

Total Amount to Pay: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to  
Thanks for your support!

**Music Notes:** from Sarah Knoebel

The Kindergarten Spring Sing is on Friday, May 23rd at 10:30 a.m.

Ms. Knoebel is going to be teaching summer music lessons at Mesa, if you would like to sign up or if you would like more information, please see the bulletin board outside the music room.

**CREATIVE COMMUNICATION SPRING 2008 ACCEPTED POET LIST**

The following students' poems have been accepted for publication.

**Jake Blank with Invisible Child, Jena Brooks with Whoosh, Maddie Haimes with Friends, Samuel Alipour-fard with Citron, Laila Bevan with Hills, Will Chambers with The Stream, Hannah Drescher with Poems, Isaac Kelman with The New Kid, Noah Mihelic with Dirigible, Arthur Sinclair with Hot Pink and Madi Wolf with Sweet Taffy Pink. Congratulations!!**

**NEW VACCINE REQUIREMENTS (08-09)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> dose Varicella (chickenpox) REQUIRED FOR ALL KINDERGARTNERS AND 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADERS**

Varicella (chickenpox) is a disease that is very contagious, and there continue to be outbreaks of the disease in Colorado as well as other states around the country. As a result of continued outbreaks, even in children who have had one injection of Varicella vaccine, next year the state of Colorado requires a second dose of Varicella vaccine beginning at kindergarten as well as 1<sup>st</sup> grade entry. It is the responsibility of the parents to provide an updated record of immunization to the school.

It continues to be a rule, that if a child has had chickenpox disease, a laboratory test showing immunity or a documented disease history from a **health care provider** is acceptable. In Colorado, children will need to have the appropriate documentation of two doses of Varicella vaccine at entry into Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade as well as the other vaccine requirements.

If you do not wish your child to have this vaccine for personal or religious reasons, please sign a waiver that is available in the Health Room. A medical exemption must be signed by a physician.

**Reminders**

**Lost and Found**

The last day to pick up your lost and found is May 30<sup>th</sup>. Don't lose out.

Please pick up any left bowls, platters and pans that were left from dinners and bake sales. They are located on the back shelf in the teachers lounge. Thank you!

## PTO CORNER



### *From the Garden...*

**Harvest Day is Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** –We have tiny little, tender lettuce that Ms. Orr and Ms. Aderman-Hagerty's classes will harvest in the morning. The greens will be available to everyone during lunch on Friday.

**A second round of planting** will also happen on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. We hope to have a bountiful harvest this summer!

**Get involved!** Contact any of the leads below to find your niche and grow your own interests!

#### **Garden Leads**

Garden Coordinator:	Cassy Matthews	<a href="mailto:cassymatthews@comcast.net">cassymatthews@comcast.net</a>
Garden Co-Leads:	Joanne Greene	<a href="mailto:jgreene@frii.com">jgreene@frii.com</a>
	Kenny Matthews	<a href="mailto:kenny.matthews@avnet.com">kenny.matthews@avnet.com</a>
Harvest Day:	Sarah Volkman	<a href="mailto:sarah_volkman@comcast.net">sarah_volkman@comcast.net</a>
Education/Curriculum:	Lara Robinson	<a href="mailto:ldqrobinson@earthlink.net">ldqrobinson@earthlink.net</a>
Wellness:	Anita Schumann	<a href="mailto:schumannbldr@yahoo.com">schumannbldr@yahoo.com</a>
Sustainability:	Bill Robinson	<a href="mailto:bill@flatironspc.com">bill@flatironspc.com</a>

Over the summer, please stop by to watch **our garden grow!** If you'd like to be kept up-to-date on the summer happenings, please send an e-mail to: [cassymatthews@comcast.net](mailto:cassymatthews@comcast.net) to be added to the *Garden to Table* alias. See you in the fall!

#### IN THE NEWS. . .

#### **YEAR BOOKS**

There are still a few extra copies left. Check with the office they are \$18.

#### **PAYBACK BOOKS**

We still have a few copies left if you are interested. Because we are late in the season, the cost is \$10. Check with Judy or Lori if you are interested.

**New PTO Officers and Board members**—At the last PTO meeting of the year, new officers and Board members and non-officer Board members were elected for the 2008-09 school year. Congratulations to:

#### **Officers and Board members:**

**Co-Presidents:** Jennifer O'Brien and Renae Foxhoven

**Vice President:** Gina Kelman

**Treasurer:** Jeff Mason

**Co-Secretaries:** Linda Garby and Anita Schumann

**Non-officer Board members:** Gail Ross, Cassy Matthews, and Diana Fields

**Shoelace Frenzy Fun Run/Walk/Hike and Picnic**—Thanks to all who came out to enjoy a beautiful sunny morning last Sunday. Over 220 students and parents participated in the Shoelace Frenzy and many more joined the group at the all-school picnic. Not many kids stayed dry, but all enjoyed the run/hike, water fights, bike rodeo, jumping castle, live band, and rugby and Frisbee demonstrations. Everyone in attendance pitched in to make the event a success, but a special thanks to the race marshals: **Tom Felt, Bob Kershner, Sue Melville, Gail Ross, Karen Meyer Arendt, Patty Lang, Joanne Greene, Lee Wherry, and Karen Jones**; thanks to **Nigel Melville** and **Jonathan Willett** for the rugby and Frisbee demonstrations; and thanks for help with paperwork and other details: **Gina Kelman, Jan North, Catie McDowell, Eun-Hye Cho, Nance Helmig, Erin Moran, Tammy Livingstone, Alison Smits, Renae Foxhoven, Julie Smith, and Pat Felt**. Please support and thank our event sponsors who provided financial donations to underwrite the costs of the event and donations for the post-race drawings: Mike's Camera, Output Services, Inc., Premier Members Federal Credit Union, The Bernardi Real Estate Group, Boulder Running Company, Wallaroo Hat Company, Boulder Bike & Ski, Lucy, Kelty, Play it Again Sports, The Hotel Boulderado, Micky C's Bagels, King Soopers, Active Imprints, the Denver Nuggets, the Southern Sun Pub & Brewery and Wells Fargo Marketing.

### **MORE THANK YOUS. . .**

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Teacher Appreciation Meeting/Luncheon held at Chautauqua's Community House on the teacher's last Professional Day, April 29: **Jan North, Nancy Kinney, Karen Jones, Susan McVicker** (with baking help from her daughter and husband), **Paula Dhillon, Tammi Willmarth, Carrie Noonan, Julia Hoilien, and Polly Dawkins**. A special thanks for providing the teachers' gifts: Wallaroo Hats (**Stephanie Carter**); Savitri's (**Savitri and Kishin Wadhvani**) and Chocolove (**Margaret Blank**).

Thanks, again, to **Polly Dawkins** and the Mesa bakers for goodies all year and at the Mesa M&M's Surfin' Safari show. Bakers: please make sure you have picked up your baking dishes (some still in the back of the office).

Finally, thank you to 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents leaving Mesa who served many years as PTO officers and Board members: out-going Treasurer and former President, **Jan North**, and **Stephen Topping**, former Secretary, DPC, SIT, and Mesa Magazine Editor. We also thank all departing 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents who have given so much to Mesa and its students—we'll miss you!

### **REMINDERS. . .**

**Spring Donation**— It's not too late to make a donation to the PTO to support the programs that distinguish Mesa as a great school. Please send a check (payable to the "Mesa PTO") to the office.

**King Soopers Certificates**—Stock up for the summer and buy your grocery certificates now to benefit Mesa.

### **Don't forget these additional ways to support Mesa over the summer:**

- **Open an account at Premier Members Credit Union:**  
Premier Members Credit Union will donate \$100 to the PTO each time a new member from Mesa opens an account at the credit union.
- **E-scrip:**  
Sign up at [escrip.com](http://escrip.com) (Group: Mesa Elementary; ID: 6536652), and Mesa PTO receives a rebate when you use your registered credit card at participating merchants (Eddie Bauer, OfficeMax, Safeway, Macy's and more).

- **Recycle printer cartridges and cell phones:**

A Boulder company, B2B Direct, will pay the Mesa PTO for used printer (inkjet and laser) cartridges and cell phones. Please save them over the summer for drop off in the collection box by the front office.

**Shop at Boulder toy stores:**

**Grand Rabbits and Play Fair** accumulate store credits when you specify Mesa

- General commentary on what's going on with the PTO – maybe highlights of last meeting, etc.