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The Mesa Messenger

May 2009

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Message from the Principal

Dear Mesa Families:

This is a joyous time of year. We get the opportunity to celebrate with our students and reflect all that they have learned and all the ways that they have grown. Through performances, special classroom activities, and end-of-year parties, we are full of Mesa Pride.

As you well know, this also can be a hectic time of year, so I'm going to attempt to simplify my May letter with just a few very important points (for the close of this year and into August 2009).

- Report Cards will go home with students at the close of this school year. If your family is planning to miss the last day(s), you may provide a self-addressed stamped envelope, and we'll be sure the report card is mailed

to you.

- We need accurate email addresses! We will use our Mesa News distribution list for important communication over the summer, so please inform us of any changes or concerns with your email address.
- Class Lists will be sent to the Mesa News via email on the evening of August 12th. In the same email, we will provide you with a link, at which you can sign up for your child's August Assessment time on either August 17th or August 18th.
- When you come to Mesa on August 17th or 18th for your child's assessment time, we are asking all families to come to the cafeteria for 2009-2010 school year

registration (signature forms, fees, PTO information, etc.)

- With the late posting of class lists, we have decided to hold an Open House "Meet the Teacher" time on Thursday, August 13th, from 3:00pm to 4:00pm. This event will be an opportunity for students and parents to visit, see the classroom, and say hello prior to Assessment Days.
- The first day of school for 2009-2010 will be Thursday, August 20th. It'll be here sooner than we think.

In the meantime, here is wishing everyone a successful end to this school year and a fabulous summer.

Go Mustangs!
Josh

PE Class News

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/1st and 2nd/3rd Field Days. Everyone had a great time!

~ Jacy Bruno

Library News

Ice Cream Parties

Congratulations to classes that got all of their books returned by Friday, May 15th! These classes earned an ice cream party. The winning classes were Ms. Nankervis, Ms. Jimenez, and Ms. Swearingen. An extra thank you goes out to them for that extra effort to have all of their books back on time! Way to go!



person to have supporting me every day, and having Terry Snyder come back to offer her advice and support is a special gift. Also standing out as very special is all of the help from parent volunteers who have assisted with check in, check out, shelving, and so many other ways. **The support from the Mesa parent community is incredible.** I have really enjoyed this opportunity.

End of the Year

I can't believe how fast this year has gone by. I have found many

challenges as I got going in a new position, but with the support of so many people it has been a wonderful year. Connie has been an incredible

~ Stan Converse, Mesa Librarian/Teacher
 Connie Tadehara, Library Assistant

Superior Track & Field

K-6th Grades – All Abilities
 Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:15-6:45pm, June 2nd - July 9th
 Fairview High School Track
 Fee: \$115*
 Limit 100 children.

personal bests. Visiting coaches will include both professional and Olympic athletes!

We aim to give each child a positive and encouraging experience and to promote a sport that has an event for every kid of every shape and size. In track & field, no child is left on the bench. Everyone plays!

Sessions are held rain or shine, and only delayed or cancelled for lightening.

Contact Amy Manson at (303) 494-4681 for more information.

*Take \$10 off total if parent is willing to time/measure 5 or more occasions. (Hint: children like it when their parent is involved!) Discount for 3 or more children is \$10 per kid.

Each night children will be divided by age and rotated through a running, a jumping, and a throwing event. Times and marks are recorded, and children earn points for their team by improving their

Party with the Planet: Zero Waste B-Earthday Parties

Eco-Cycle B-Earthday parties combine fun activities with green values.

Planet plates, cups, napkins, and utensils.

- All parties include 1 ½ hours of games and activities.
- Activities are tailored to each age group (4 and above).
- A pre-made invitation template will be emailed to you.
- We bring all materials and compostable *Party with the*

- You provide the food, location, and children who are ready to have fun.
- The cost is \$235 for up to 10 children. Add \$12 for each additional child.

For more information, call Kate at (303) 444-6634, ext. 103.

We're looking forward to partying with you!

Support your Green Star School

PARTY WITH THE PLANET!

Zero Waste B-Earthday Parties

Eco-Cycle B-Earthday parties combine fun activities with green values. Suitable for ages 4 and up. Choose one of these exciting themes:

- 🌱 Eco-Art: Recreate, Reinvent, Recycle
- 🐸 Green Thumbs Garden Party: Buds, Bugs, Bees & More!
- 🍷 Creative Papermaking: Make Paper with Pizzazz
- 🌿 Green Teams: Ultimate Planet Challenge
- 🐸 Jungle Jam: Frogs, Toucans and Monkeys, Oh my!

All parties include 1.5 hours of games and activities tailored to each age group. We bring all materials needed, including our special compostable PARTY WITH THE PLANET plates, cups, napkins and utensils. You provide the food, location and kids who are ready to have fun.

Now taking reservations!
www.ecocycle.org/kids/parties
 303-444-6634, ext. 103
schools2@ecocycle.org

Proceeds benefit Eco-Cycle's Green Star Schools Program. (A portion of the cost is tax deductible.)



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 Working to Build Our Green Communities

Mesa Mustang Chess Club and Chess League: A Huge Success!

Mesa Mustangs showed up in force again this year and proved to everyone that they are truly the Kings and Queens of Chess! Nearly 75 students participated in Chess Club and Chess League from all grade levels. Mesa's **Chess League** finished 2nd in the final tournament and impressed everyone! Our Chess League is a fairly young team, and we can expect more exciting tournaments in future years. Our **Chess Club** was busy with

chess players this year practicing moves, playing Chess Olympics, and turning out dozens of Royal Court members! Congratulations everyone!

We rounded out the year with our annual Human Chess Tournament and a party. Thanks again to all the wonderful parent volunteers and student teachers. We couldn't do it without you! Until next year ... Checkmate!

~ Laura Spicer



Art Views

Thanks to those parents who helped hang artwork for the Mesa Art Show! A special thanks to Luchi Ball. She started hanging art at 8:30am and helped all day long until 3:30pm!

Also, all artwork from the Art Show will be coming home soon.

~ April Christenson, Art Specialist



Mesa Health Room Scripts

Immunization Requirement for Kindergartners

The Colorado School Entrance Immunization Law requires all students to provide proof of immunizations to be enrolled in school. For Kindergarten, the requirements are:

- Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (DTaP) ~ 5 doses
- Polio ~ 4 doses
- Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) ~ 2 doses (the 1st dose must be given

after age 12 months)
 Hepatitis B ~ 3 doses
 Varicella (Chickenpox) ~ 2 doses (the 1st dose must be given after age 12 months)

If a child has had chickenpox disease, a laboratory test showing immunity or a documented disease history from a health care provider is acceptable.

Please deliver this record to the school no later than the first day of school. If your child's immunization record does not meet all the above

requirements, contact your health care provider or the county health department to obtain the required immunizations.

Please contact the school if you would like to obtain a personal, religious, or medical exemption. The statement for exemptions is on the Certificate of Immunization and must be signed. It may also be found at:

<http://www.bouldercounty.org/health/hpe/iz/pdf/ExemptionCertificate.pdf>

~ BVSD Health Services

Happenings

May 22nd

Last Day to Order DVD's!

May 27th

5th Grade End-of-Year Pool Party, 10:00am – Noon

May 27th

Kindergarten Picnic, 10:00am - Noon

May 27th

4th Grade End-of-Year Pool Party, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

May 28th

Awards Assembly, 9:00am

May 28th

5th Grade Continuation Ceremony, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

August 12th

Class Lists Released via Email

August 13th

"Meet the Teacher" Open House, 3:00pm - 4:00pm

August 17th and 18th

August Assessments (Classrooms)

August 17th and 18th

Student Registration (Cafeteria)



August 20th

First Day of School

September 8th

First PTO Meeting of the School Year

Foothills Parenting Classes for Summer

Love and Logic Early Childhood Parenting Made Fun!® (Birth-6)

Mondays, June 1-29
6:30pm - 8:45pm

OR

Tuesdays, June 2-30
9:15am - 11:30am

Cost: \$125 per person plus \$20 materials fee

(Sponsored by Boulder County Healthy Youth Alliance, BVSD Safe and Drug Free Schools, Becoming Mothers and The Kangaroo Kingdom)

Becoming A Love and Logic Parent® (Any age)

Tuesdays, June 2-30
6:30pm - 9:30pm

Cost: \$125 per person plus \$20 materials fee

For more information, contact Stephanie Bryan, LCSW, CAC III
Telephone: (303) 397-0646
Email: stephanie@REALparenting.net
<http://www.realparenting.net/index.html>

Fairview Bands' Annual Flea Market and Peach Festival

Don't miss this annual South Boulder Event! You can decorate your house, buy a new wardrobe, find a great bicycle, and much more at unbelievable prices. You can also use the sale as an excuse to clean out your closets and donate useable items to a good cause. (We will give you a receipt for your taxes!) We take almost anything.

When: Saturday, August 29th,
8:00am - 2:00pm

Where: Greenbriar Parking Lot
Items can be dropped off at the Greenbriar Parking Lot on



Saturday, August 22nd, from 9:00am until 3:00pm.

We will also be selling delicious Western Slope peaches and pears. Our fruit is picked the day before delivery, so it is exceptionally delicious. Organic peaches are also available this year!

Thank you for supporting Fairview's Bands Programs. Call Mary Sue Rogers at (303) 499-8698 with any questions.

PTO Corner

Wow – the school year is almost over! The PTO held its last meeting of the year on April 12th. We had a fantastic year, and we could not have done it without the support of the Mesa community! We would like to thank this year's officers – Gina Kelman (Vice President), Linda Garby (Co-Secretary), Anita Schumann (Co-Secretary), and Jeff Mason (Treasurer) – for all of their time and dedication to Mesa. We would also like to welcome/introduce our PTO officers for the 2009-2010 school year:

President – Jennifer O'Brien
 Vice President – Christy Earles
 Co-Secretary – Betsy Shehigian, Stephanie Swope
 Treasurer – Renae Foxhoven

Our planning is already underway, and we look forward to another successful year. We will be in touch before the start of the next school year with information and details on our fall fundraising. In the meantime, we would like to wish you a fun and safe summer break.

PTO Budget

King Soopers: Don't forget to stock up on King Soopers gift cards before the summer break. They are available every day at the Mesa Morning Table, and the



Mesa PTO receives 5% for every purchase. Stop by and pick some up!

Box Tops for Education: If you have any Box Tops for Education, please drop them off at the Mesa Morning Table or office. We will be counting and mailing them to General Mills over the summer. This school year, Mesa earned \$433 through our participation in this program!

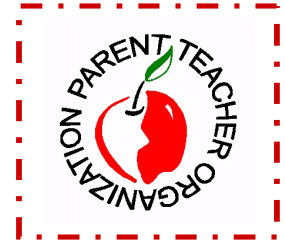
Bake Sale: The proceeds from the final bake sale of the school year have been donated to the Share Our Strength program through the Great American Bake Sale. We made approximately \$150 at the bake sale, and we are very happy to be able to give back to the community.

PTO Events and Thank You's

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon: Thank you to Betsy Shehigian and Stephanie Swope for organizing the annual teacher appreciation luncheon. Their hard work made for a wonderful luncheon filled with great food and treats. The list of donors and volunteers is extensive and will be listed at the end of this newsletter. Thank you!

Mesa G2T Earth Day Event: Thanks to all who helped make Mesa's G2T Inaugural Earth Day Pick Up 2 Picnic happen, with special thanks to: Tabitha Manresa, Diana Fields, Chris Hunt, Joel Kertzer, Gina Kelman, and Joanne Greene. What a great event!

Next Meeting: Our next meeting will take place in September. We will be moving the meetings to the 2nd Tuesday of each month. This will allow us time to update the financials from the prior month. Our first PTO meeting of the new



school year will be on Tuesday, September 8th.

Thank You to Our Volunteers: We would like to thank the following individuals for dedicating their time to our recent activities and events. The success of everything would not have been possible without their help.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Sponsors

- Margaret Blank
- Kelty (Gail Ross)
- Incredible Smiles (Lori Ann Kemmet)
- King Soopers
- Sturtz and Copeland
- Ten20 Nail Salon
- Violette (Gina Kelman)
- Whole Foods

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Volunteers

- Cheryl McCutchan
- Laura Baer
- Vicki McPherson
- Shelly Mahon
- Polly Dawkins
- Carol Haggans
- Debbie Gould
- Gina Basso
- Diana Fields
- Cathy Tallerico
- Nan Rosenbloom
- Catie McDowell
- Christy Earles
- Paula Tawa
- Lois Sorlie
- Julie Abel
- Gina Kelman
- Anita Schumann
- Renae Foxhoven

From the Garden...



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We're on the Web!

See us at:

<http://bvsd.org/schools/mesa>

Earth Day Thanks

Thank you so much to all of the families who braved the drizzle and came out for the postponed Earth Day Pick-Up² Event. We got a new bed dug (and it's already been planted!), and the event spilled over into the following week with finalizing the playground line painting. A special thank you to Gina Kelman for coordinating the paint, to Simple Solar for bringing their display for us to enjoy, and to Chris Toney of TLC Tree Expert and David R. Walker of Walker Tree Care for donating tree chips and mulch for the garden beds.

Table Talk

You may have noticed the beautiful table with attached benches that has taken up residence under the front walkway. The garden team is having four of these built to accommodate classroom writing and art activities in the garden! We owe a big thank you to John Bacus for the table design and construction.

On Patrol

We've started signing up volunteer families to help patrol the garden during the summer months. If you're interested in sharing a week or chipping in, please contact cassymatthews@comcast.net. We hope to incorporate a donation to EFAA into our summer plans.

The Dirt on the Garden

The Mesa garden has been a hotbed of activity all spring with the hands-on assistance of volunteer

master gardeners (thank you Val Havlick and Carolyn Brigham), energetic students, interested teachers, and many parent volunteers. Here's a recap of what has been happening by grade level:

- K: Harvested pumpkin seeds from last spring, started seedlings in the classrooms, took home pumpkin starts, and will be planting seedlings to start the cycle again for next year's Kindergarteners. Look for pumpkins again at next year's Fall Fest!
- 1: Started tomato and pepper seedlings in the classrooms and planted the starts in the garden. Teachers can look forward to fresh tomatoes at the Back to School luncheon!
- 2: Designed the garden map, taking into account plant compatibility and pest control. Having cooked chard with chefs from The Kitchen this fall, they planted chard for next year's 2nd graders and planted carrots and broccoli for the Back to School luncheon.
- 3: Studied soil composition, planted cabbage, and will plant the 3 Sisters crops (beans, corn, and squash) with their 1st grade buddies, completing their Native American studies.
- 4: Planted peas and are graphing their growth (see which student is winning!). Both classes will harvest our salad greens and prepare

salad dressings with chefs from The Kitchen for the Fitness Club's Pasta Pig Out and lunch room Harvest Bar.

- 5: Studied soil composition and worm composting. They recently incorporated their math study of Fibonacci ratios in nature by planting sunflowers. Check out the seed patterns in our sunflowers next fall!

Ongoing: G2T @ Mesa Keeps Up the Challenge

With the help of CarbonRally.com, we are challenging Mesa families and staff to lead a more sustainable life. Parents and teachers, your family can go online and sign-on as an individual or join our team:

<http://www.carbonrally.com/teams/663>

By creating an account you can track challenges and the amount of CO₂ reduced by taking on different challenges. In the future, we may compete against other area schools to see who can lead the way to a more sustainable future.

Can you DIG It?

Join G2T@Mesa for Fridays in the Garden (FIG) for some homegrown fun. FIG resumes on the first Friday after summer break!

Get Involved

If you're interested in getting involved with our effort, please contact Cassy at cassymatthews@comcast.net.