



MESA MATTERS







Create, connect, and collaborate...for life!

December 12, 2016



Upcoming Events

See attached flyers and the Announcements section for details

Tue Dec 13	Coffee with the Superintendent & Principal 8:25am, Cafeteria 
Fri Dec 16	8th Grade Winter Banquet
Fri Dec 16	Parent Technology Tutoring Drop in for Tech Help with Mrs. Waggoner Gmail, Google Docs/Classroom, Twitter 8:30-10:00am, Room 3
Fri Dec 16	Start of Winter Break 12:30pm Dismissal ALL Students
Dec 19 - Dec 30	Winter Break - 2 weeks No School 
Mon Jan 2	New Year's Day Holiday No School 
Tue Jan 3	School Back in Session
Wed Jan 4	PFO General Meeting 2:05pm, Library 
Wed Jan 4	School Site Council/English Learners Advisory Committee Meeting - 3:15pm, Library
Fri Jan 6	Student of the Month Assembly PFO Hospitality - Free Krispy Kreme/Coffee 8:45am, Grades TK-2  9:15am, Grades 3-5
Jan 9 - 13	Mesa Community Clean-Up Week
Tue Jan 10	Coffee with the Superintendent & Principal 8:25am, Cafeteria 

Principal's Message

Dear Mesa Families,

It's hard to believe that winter break is nearly upon us. If I do not see or talk with you before then, please accept my warm thoughts for a safe, and joyous new year and holiday. In your travels near and far, I wish you a safe and enriching journey.

The charter trait word of the month is **kindness** for December and it is so gratifying to see the many, many acts and expression of kindness that are occurring (and supported by the teachers in their instruction) in all classes, kindergarten to 8th grade. Going hand-in-hand with kindness is Mesa School's "Fifth C," **compassion**. As you have time to spend with your children over this break, a good discussion might be ways to show active compassion.

Here are seven ways for all people (not just kids) to exhibit active compassion: (1) cultivate encouragement at all times; cultivate positive expectations for others and share these with them; (2) smile, and mean it, and hug appropriately, then couple this with words of encouragement or positive reinforcement; (3) be courteous at all times, and promote courteous behavior in the home, classroom, and school; (4) allow your children to take ownership of their learning and experiences, that is, involve them in decisions that affect them; don't be afraid to take a risk by giving them the "power" to make decisions; (5) promote and cultivate a deep appreciation of others by taking time to get to know them, asking carefully thought-out questions, and listening carefully to their answers; develop the ability to sense how others are feeling by closely studying body language; (6) maintain your temper and a calmness of mind even when faced with chaos or an agitated situation; (7) respect children's friendships and make positive comments about the friendships. These tenets of compassion go well with what you child studied in October, which as **empathy**.

As I said last month in my Thanksgiving message, Mesa School is a truly unique place be a student, to work, and to be involved in. If I had met Mesa 15 years ago, I would of surely been fortunate to have my own children attend the school. Thank you for all you do, families! I plan to spend the winter break in town and with my family.

If there are any urgent matters that come up, and you need to reach me during the winter break, please feel free to email me (and include your contact information) and I'll get back to you forthwith, sbluestein@mesaschool.org.

Warmly, 

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Announcements

◆ **2016-2017 Read to Succeed - Now thru Feb 17, 2017**



The Read to Succeed program for students at Mesa Union School has begun. Students who read for a total of six hours will receive free tickets to Magic Mountain. Remember to log your hours in over the break! See flyer.



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12 de diciembre 2016



Próximos Eventos

Ver volantes adjuntos y la sección de avisos para los detalles

Mar Dec 13	Café con el Superintendente y Principal 8:25 am, Cafetería	
Vie Dec 16	Banquete de Invierno de 8vo Grado	
Vie Dec 16	Tutoría de Tecnología para Padres Entre en ayuda técnica con la Sra. Wagoner Gmail, Google Docs / Classroom, Twitter 8:30-10:00am, Sala 3	
Vie Dec 16	Inicio de las vacaciones de invierno 12:30 pm Despedida TODOS los estudiantes	
Dec 19 - Dec 30	Vacaciones de invierno - 2 semanas No hay clases	
Lun Jan 2	Día de Año Nuevo No hay clases	
Mar Jan 3	Escuela de vuelta en sesión	
Mie Jan 4	Reunión General del PFO 2:05 pm, Biblioteca	
Mie Jan 4	Junta del Consejo Escolar y Reunión del Comité Asesor de Estudiantes de Inglés - 3:15pm, Biblioteca	
Vie Jan 6	Asamblea del Estudiante del Mes Hospitalidad de PFO - libre donuts/café 8:45am, Grados TK-2 9:15am, Grados 3-5	
Jan 9 - 13	Semana de Limpieza de la Comunidad de Mesa	
Mar Jan 10	Café con el Superintendente y Principal 8:25 am, Cafetería	

Mensaje del Director

Estimadas familias de Mesa,

Es difícil creer que el descanso del invierno está casi sobre nosotros. Si no veo o hablo con usted antes de eso, por favor acepte mis cálidos pensamientos para un nuevo año seguro y feliz y unas vacaciones. En sus viajes cercanos y lejanos, le deseo un viaje seguro y enriquecedor.

La palabra charre del mes es la bondad para diciembre y es tan gratificante ver los muchos, muchos actos y expresiones de bondad que están ocurriendo (y apoyado por los maestros en su instrucción) en todas las clases, de kindergarten a octavo grado. Va de la mano con la bondad es "Quinta Escuela" de la Mesa School, la compasión. Como usted tiene tiempo para pasar con sus hijos durante este descanso, una buena discusión podría ser formas de mostrar la compasión activa.

Aquí hay siete maneras para que todas las personas (no solo los niños) muestren compasión activa: (1) cultiven el estímulo en todo momento; Cultivar expectativas positivas para los demás y compartirlas con ellos; (2) sonreír, y decirlo, y abrazar apropiadamente, y luego esto con palabras de estímulo o refuerzo positivo; (3) ser cortés en todo momento, y promover el comportamiento cortés en el hogar, aula y escuela; (4) permitir que sus hijos se apropien de su aprendizaje y experiencias, es decir, involucrarlos en las decisiones que los afectan; No tengan miedo de correr el riesgo dándoles el "poder" de tomar decisiones; (5) promover y cultivar una profunda apreciación de los demás tomando tiempo para conocerlos, haciendo preguntas cuidadosamente pensadas y escuchando atentamente sus respuestas; Desarrollar la capacidad de percibir cómo se sienten los demás al estudiar de cerca el lenguaje corporal; (6) mantener su temperamento y una calma de la mente incluso cuando se enfrentan con el caos o una situación agitada; (7) respetar las amistades de los niños y hacer comentarios positivos sobre las amistades. Estos principios de la compasión van bien con lo que usted niño estudió en octubre, que como empatía.

Como dije el mes pasado en mi mensaje de Acción de Gracias, Mesa School es un lugar verdaderamente único ser un estudiante, trabajar y participar. Si hubiera conocido a Mesa hace 15 años, seguramente habría tenido la suerte de tener mis propios hijos Asistir a la escuela Gracias por todo lo que hacen, las familias! Planeo pasar el descanso de invierno en la ciudad y con mi familia.

Si hay asuntos urgentes que surgen, y usted necesita para llegar a mí durante las vacaciones de invierno, por favor no dude en enviarme un correo electrónico (e incluir su información de contacto) y me pondré en contacto con usted de inmediato, sbluestein@mesaschool.org.

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Sólo tienes que seleccionar **Mesa Union School** como su Caridad.

Noticias

♦ **2016-2017 Leer para tener éxito - ahora hasta el 17 de febrero**

El programa Read to Succeed para los estudiantes de Mesa Union School ha comenzado. Los estudiantes que lean por un total de seis horas recibirán boletos gratis para Magic Mountain. Vea el folleto.




MRS. WAGGONER

Technology Tutoring

FRIDAY DECEMBER 16, 8:30-10:00 AM

ROOM 3

PARENTS- PLEASE DROP IN FOR TECH HELP
GMAIL
GOOGLE DOCS
GOOGLE CLASSROOM
TWITTER





Thank you to all the families who came out to support our Polar Express Family Night!

It was a successful night with about 300 people in attendance. We went through 360 hotdogs, over 150 cups of hot coco, loads of popcorn and cotton candy! See you all again next time!

Thank you to our special merry guest, spirited elf and excellent conductor.

A special thanks to those who volunteered their time to set-up, decorate, help run the event, clean-up, and donated items to help make our event a success!

A special big thank you to GC Concrete for the donation of the 2 Christmas trees & the Camarena family for donating all the poinsettia plants.

PFO thanks all our Mesa families for their continued support and wishes you all happy holidays! See you in 2017!



Gingerbread House Contest Results!

Thank you families for bringing in your gingerbread houses!



Congratulations to our Gingerbread House Decoration Winner!

Please come claim your prize in the office!

See honorable mentions below.



Thank you wonderful Mesa community!

Our annual canned food & jacket drive was a success. We were able to supply 36 families with with a box of canned food, a turkey or ham, a certificate for a pie, warm clothing, and a poinsettia plant to spread some holiday cheer.

Special thank you to the following people:

- Amazing families, staff, and administration who donated money, turkeys, and hams
- PFO for the coordination of poinsettia plants and pie certificates
- MEF for bringing awareness to the cause
- Trader Joe's Camarillo for their donation of hams
- Marie Calendars for their donation of pie certificates
- Camarena family for their donation of poinsettia plants
- 4th/5th grade and junior high student councils for their help and organization with the food and jackets
- Office staff, especially Irene Ramirez for her coordination with the families, donations, and distribution
- Ms. Sakai and Dr. Bluestein for their help with the distribution

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to announce the classes that brought in the most food items.

The following classes will win an extra recess:

K-2: Garza, 1st grade
3-5: Kuklenski/Hocamp, 4th grade
6-8: Jahr, 7th grade

Combined these classes brought in over 250 canned food donations.

Thanks again for continually making Mesa an amazing community!

Kim Kuklenski



Pajama Day

December 15, 2016

wear any pajamas TO SCHOOL!!
ALL 6TH - 8TH
Grades!



Pajama Day

You are finally able to wear PJ's to school!



Grades K-5 show your school spirit and wear pajamas to school on Friday, December 16th





Dear Families,

Welcome to the Six Flags® Read to Succeed Six Hour Reading Club!

Your child's school is participating in an exciting program that encourages students in grades K through 6 to read for fun. *Read to Succeed* is a free program sponsored by Six Flags Theme Parks. Every student who completes six hours of recreational reading before the school's deadline listed on the bottom of this page is eligible for a free admission ticket, valid at the participating Six Flags Theme Park that the school has selected.

Students will develop a greater appreciation for books when they see that you think reading is important too. You are sure to have fun as you investigate the world of reading together!

Here's what you need to know:

- Only students in grades K through 6 are eligible to participate.
- Review the attached reading log. Your child should use this sheet to record what and how long he/she reads.
- Your child must complete 6 hours, or 360 minutes, of recreational reading.
- Please initial each entry and then sign the reading log to verify that the 6 hours of reading has been completed.
- Your child can read books, magazines, newspapers, or comic books (digital or hard copy). Reading for homework or a class assignment does NOT count.
- Students can read silently, aloud, or with an adult—you can read to your child, or your child can read to you.
- Remind your child to return the reading log to his/her teacher by the deadline. Your child's school will submit your child's information and hours read.
- Late entries will NOT be accepted.

About the Tickets

- Tickets will be awarded to students by their teacher/school coordinator.
- The ticket is valid for admission to **ONE** Six Flags theme park on **SELECT DATES ONLY** during the 2017 season. Park name and valid dates will be printed on the tickets. Please understand that the school can only select one Six Flags Theme Park. The ticket will only be valid for the park that is listed on the ticket. The valid dates will not be announced prior to the ticket award date in early May.
- Tickets are valid for students in grades K-6 only and are not valid for anyone over the age of 13. No exceptions.
- Each ticket is valid for one free student admission only.
- A Season Pass upgrade offer will be available during the ticket valid dates. The upgrade offer information will be printed on the ticket.
- Tickets are **NOT** for resale and are **nontransferable**.
- They **cannot** be replaced if lost, stolen or damaged.

We hope that you and your child enjoy this free program and spend time reading together. If you have any questions about the program or have ticket questions, you will need to contact your child's teacher or school before the school year is over.

Happy Reading!

The Six Flags® Read to Succeed Team

School Deadline, please return the reading log to the teacher by:



2016-2017 STUDENT READING LOG

Complete and return this sheet to your teacher by:

February 17, 2017

(Teacher/Coordinator to fill in due date)

Student Name (first and last name): _____

School: _____

Grade: _____ **Teacher:** _____

Welcome to the Six Flags® Read to Succeed Six Hour Reading Club!

To participate, you need to read for fun for a total of 6 hours or 360 minutes. You can read books, magazines, newspapers, eBooks or comic books. Reading for homework or a class assignment does NOT count.

This log will help you keep track of all your reading. List what you read and the time you spend reading (use the back of this sheet if necessary). Have a parent or teacher initial this log. When you reach the goal, return this log to your teacher by the date listed above in order to qualify for a free ticket to a Six Flags® theme park. Your ticket will be given to you by your teacher/school coordinator.

Date	What I Read	Time	Parent/Teacher Initials
Total Amount of Time Read (Must be at least 6 hours or 360 minutes)			

Please use the back of this page or additional sheets, if needed.

Parents, if you have any program or ticket questions, you will need to contact your child's teacher or school.

I certify that student named above has completed 6 hours of recreational reading.

I am aware that the one free admission ticket that my child will receive is valid only at ONE participating Six Flags® theme park on **select dates** during the 2017 season. Dates will be included on the tickets. I also understand that late entries will not be accepted, and tickets are NOT valid for anyone over age 13, are not for resale and cannot be replaced if lost, stolen or damaged.

Parent/Teacher Initials

Mesa Community Clean Up Week

January 9th - January 13th

4th/5th grade and junior high Student Councils have made a New Year's resolution to do our part to keep Mesa clean, and we need your help!

We will kickstart this resolution with a campaign to bring awareness to others on how to keep our school clean, and the importance of taking more pride in our school campus.

Each day we will focus on a particular area of the campus:

Monday: cafeteria

Tuesday: cafeteria

Wednesday: bathrooms

Thursday: outdoor areas

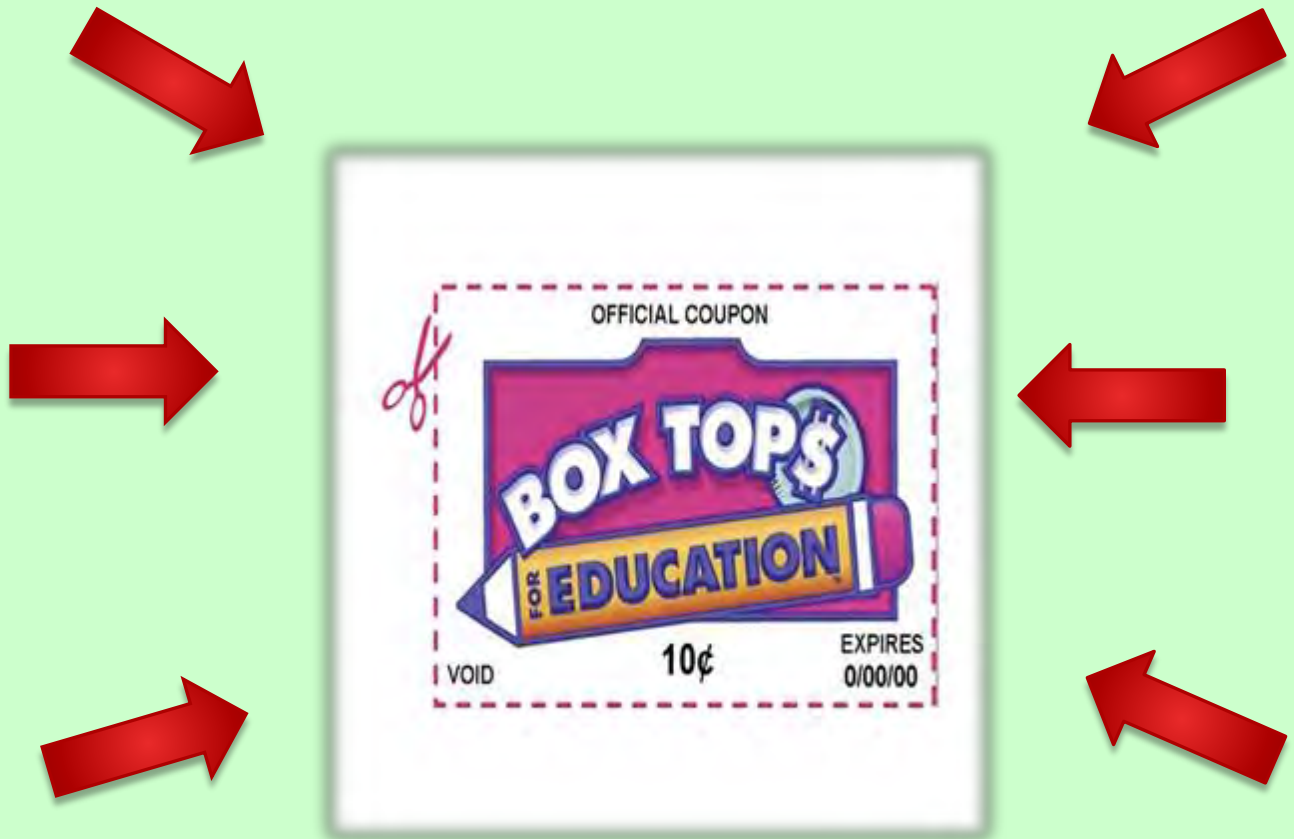
Friday: inside classrooms

Our goal is for Mesa Community Clean Up Week to bring an understanding to all students of how our actions affect the cleanliness of the school, and for everyone's awareness and efforts to continue well beyond the week.



ATTENTION, TIGERS!

DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE



BOX TOPS EXPIRING ON 12/31/2016?

It's not too late! We are still collecting your Box Tops! Don't forget you're automatically entered into a monthly raffle no matter how many Tops you turn in! Thank you for your support in earning funds for Mesa Union! Go, Tigers!



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Funds raised promote the general welfare of Mesa Union students through educational and philanthropy services