



Roadrunner Tracks

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Working Together to Create Success; Empower, Achieve, Celebrate!

From the Principal



Dear Families,

In this last month of the school year we are focusing on the mindset of Attitude of Gratitude, one of the seven mindsets of happy and successful people. This mindset is about focusing on the good in our lives by recognizing the growth we make as we put in effort, our own uniqueness, focusing on the positive, and thanking people for what they do for us.

Please join me in celebrating our wonderful teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week May 2-6 and as we close out the school year. Their dedication and unending efforts during another year of uncertainty have been amazing. There is so much work to do as a teacher that goes unseen to make an effective classroom run and advance student academic growth. Our families and community are encouraged to reach out and thank them. Teachers are key to student success.

Please note that the first day of the 2022-23 school year is Monday, July 25. A 2022-23 school calendar can be downloaded from the district website. Mark your calendar for our Meet the Teacher event on the afternoon of Friday, July 22. More details will be posted on social media and our marquee this summer.

Thank you to those that recycled with us this school year and to Mr. Wilson and the many volunteers who sort, bag, and haul each week. Proceeds collected throughout the year topped \$5,000 and will be donated to the food bank and humane society. The recycling program will continue through the summer. Only #1 plastic and aluminum cans are accepted.

Invitations will be sent to Kindergarten, first grade, and second grade students to participate in our summer reading club. The focus of the two-week tutoring program is to continue building reading skills progress in letter and word recognition, phonetics, and fluency in a small group setting.

We wish you a safe and happy summer with your children!

Sincerely,

Ms. Holdsworth
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Bell Schedule

- 7:20-7:50 Breakfast Served
- 7:55 First Bell—Line Up
- 8:00 Tardy Bell
- 2:45 Dismissal Bell (12:45 Early Out)

Lunch/Recess Schedule

- 10:50 Kindergarten
- 10:50 1st
- 11:30 2nd
- 11:30 3rd
- 12:10 4th
- 12:10 5th



Important Dates

- 3: Student Council 2:45-3:30
- 4: 5th grade middle school visits
Early dismissal
- 9: Gr 4 - band in 5th gr meeting
- 9-13: Gr 2-5 music showcase (invites sent with students for times and days)
- 12: PTO 3:00
- 18: Early dismissal
- 19: Student Council 2:45-4:00
- 23: Uniform survey due (survey on last page)
- 26: Last day - Early dismissal
Kindergarten Promotion
5th Grade Celebration
Report cards sent home
- July 22: Meet the Teacher
- July 25: School begins



On the Trail of Van Gogh and Picasso

Casa Grande Main Library featured student artwork April 4-16, with a special opening reception April 1. With several families in attendance and students receiving certificates. Principal Julie Holdsworth gave an introduction on the importance of art education in the elementary grades, Mayor Craig McFarland spoke about supporting the arts, and art teacher Daniel Pelissier explained the background of the exhibit, which was titled On the Trail of Van Gogh and Picasso. Mr. Pelissier focused on the history and techniques of these two master artists, and he secured grant funding to purchase frames for the students' pieces. The various artwork depicted landscapes, animals, objects, and people. Students with work on display were Jolieth Armenta, Traris Douglas, Jenesis Taimanglo, Inara Sedillo, Ethan Macias, Isaac Mejia Antillo, Alessi Velazco, Melenna Newcomb, Auvianna Rich, Daisy Soto, Madison Taylor, JenCarlos Lara, Edgar Perez Ramirez, James Welckle, Maiya Yon, Paula Soberanes Nicola, and Walter Rodriguez.



Yearbook Artwork

Congratulations to Traris Douglas and Cindy Velasco Herrera! Their yearbook cover designs were selected by the yearbook committee to be the front cover (Traris) and back cover (Cindy). All students that entered the contest have their designs in the yearbook as well! Those students are: Aleah Aydent, Benjamin Whitfield, Alessi Velazco, Adalena Lewis, Guadalupe Casarez, Aiyana Douglas, Inara Sedillo, Leland Poehlman, Hunter Alvarado-Robertson, Mayzie Gonzales, Reyna Frisby, Wendy Mejia Santos, Payton Levario, Temperance White, Qamariah Bishop, Spencer Dudley, Michelle Mejia, and Talon-Kassie Kekino Marzon. All of the designs were very well done with Rocky the Roadrunner as the focal point of each.

Yearbooks can be purchased in advance for \$25. There are about 40 yearbooks left. If purchasing, send a check (payable to Mesquite PTO) or cash in a marked envelope with student and teacher names and room number printed on the outside.

PTO

PTO met March 31 at 3:00 in the library. Officers are Crystal Castro and Mary Newcomb. Ideas for 2022-23 events were discussed. Principal Julie Holdsworth will check on new t-shirt designs for students and adults to make available for purchase next year and will share the designs and costs at the next meeting. Yearbook sponsor Sarah Pyle gave a report on yearbook sales. Next meeting will be Thursday, May 12 at 3:00. PTO would love to see more parents come to share their ideas, meet others, and set goals for Mesquite PTO. Have an idea but can't attend? Call the school and leave your idea for PTO and it will be put in the PTO mailbox!



Get Involved!

Looking for ways to be more involved in the school and your child's education? With Covid numbers waning, Mesquite has opened its doors to volunteers again! Applications can be found on the district website under the families tab. Next year we will host family academic nights, 7 Mindset events, and "just for fun" activities. Parent participation is welcome in PTO and site council. Look for the Save the Date magnets at our Meet the Teacher event on July 22!



Uniform Survey for 2022-23 School Year

Family input of those students gr K-4 is being requested in regards to uniforms for next year. Please fill out this survey, cut out, and return to school by Monday, May 23. Final results will be shared. Regardless, the district student dress code will continue. The basic uniform consist of dark blue, light blue and white polos, khaki or denim bottoms, pants, skirts, and dresses. Mesquite t-shirts are optional.

Print Student Name(s): _____

Print Grade(s): _____

Check only one:

Yes, Mesquite should go back to requiring uniforms. No, Mesquite should not require uniforms.

Feedback (optional): _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____



PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention & Support) School Expectations

Be Kind. Be Safe. Be Respectful. Do No Harm.

On Wednesday, May 25, we will celebrate our first year of PBIS implementation with golden ticket drawings, school spirit assembly, and dress up in this year's theme of Road-runner Royalty.



Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home with students on the last day of school, May 26!

School Spirit Dress Up Days

Wednesday, 5/4: Star Wars

Friday, 5/13: Cat and Dog

Friday, 5/20: Sports

5/23-26: Friendship Week

Monday, 5/23: Kind Messages

Tuesday, 5/24: Disney

Wednesday, 5/25: Royalty

Thursday, 5/26: Favorite Color

