

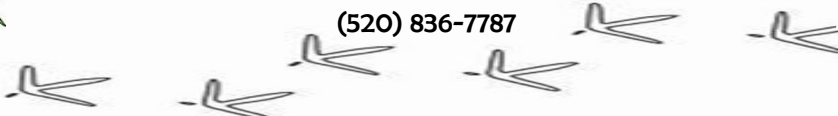


# Roadrunner Tracks

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**Working Together to Create Success: Empower, Achieve, Celebrate!**

## **From the Principal**

Dear Roadrunner Families,

As we round out the last month of 2022 focused on academics, we also look forward to celebrating the season together in various ways.

PTO is hosting Gingerbread House Night on December 9 from 4:00-6:00. In addition to building gingerbread houses, there will be make and take crafts, visiting and picture taking with Santa, listening to guest readers, reading and math home activities, book giveaway, cupcake walk, and refreshments. The public library will be there to sign up anyone for library cards and the U of A extension will be there to share family resources on nutrition, meals together, and physical activity. Students will also perform carols on stage at 5:00. Everyone is encouraged to wear festive clothes. Hot cocoa or cider and cookie can be purchased for \$1.00 and the mini cupcake walk will be 25 cents. Any parents that would like to help PTO at the event can call the school office and your message will be given to the officers. Becoming a PTO member is a purposeful way to be involved and support Mesquite! A big thank you to officers Crystal and Mary for their work to make this event happen and also to the many of you that made donations of gingerbread house supplies.

Families are invited to eat with their children during our winter holiday meal on December 14. Cost for an adult lunch is \$4.00 and \$2.35 for children not enrolled at Mesquite. Exact change is appreciated or at least small bills. The special meal will be tamales, chips and cake! As the year comes to a close, please consider making a tax credit donation during the upcoming tax season to our school. Forms are available at the bottom of the district homepage. These donations in the past have funded educational field trips to the zoo, Butterfly Wonderland, Shamrock Farms, and for transportation to various Central Arizona College events.

Mesquite wishes all of you a happy holiday season and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Holdsworth



## **Bell Schedule**

7:10 Students may begin to arrive and walk directly to breakfast  
7:15-7:35 Breakfast served  
7:40 First Bell  
7:45 Tardy Bell  
3:00 Dismissal Bell (2:45 Extended Resource)

## **Lunch Schedule**

10:45 Kindergarten  
10:55 1st      11:25 2nd  
11:35 3rd      12:05 4th  
12:15 5th



## **Important Dates**

9: Gingerbread House Night 4-6:00 PM  
12: 5th Gr Band Concert  
13: Gr 3-5 School Spelling Bee  
14: Holiday Meal  
15: Gr 2 & 5 Winter Concert 9:00 AM  
16- Jan 2: Winter Break  
Jan 3: School Resumes  
Jan 5: Report Cards Sent Home

See also School Spirit Days on next page!



## Building Updates



Thanks to a building renewal grant from the state School Facilities Oversight Board, our school's exterior is being painted for the first time since being built in 1994! Other improvements for our building are HVAC duct cleaning and cleaning and replacement of carpeting. We also look forward to the replacement of the playground structures on the intermediate playground in the coming month!

## School Spirit Week



Monday, 12th: Rudolph Red (wear red)

Tuesday, 13th: Grinch Green (wear green)

Wednesday, 14th: Winter Wonderland (wear blue and white)

Thursday, 15th: Deck the Halls (Your choice—dress festively!)

## Holiday Meal

We look forward to enjoying our holiday meal with you on Wednesday, December 14! Arrive according to your child's scheduled lunch time. Sign in at the front lobby, get a visitor sticker, and proceed to the café/gym. There you can purchase your meal tickets. Cost of an adult meal is \$4.00 and \$2.35 for children that do not attend Mesquite.

**Be kind, be safe, be respectful.**

**Do no harm.**

***Additional Support may be available for students whose families are experiencing transitional housing situations (such as foreclosure, doubling up with friends or relatives, or homeless).*** If your family lives in any of the following situations you may qualify for services: in a shelter, motel, vehicle or campground; on the street; In an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodation; or doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing. **Contact: Patricia Luna, School District McKinney-Vento Liaison, at (520-876-3245) for information.**

## PTO Clothes Closet Opening Soon!

Mesquite Clothes Closet is looking for donations! Donate your clean, gently used clothing of any size, shoes, and school supplies for our fellow Roadrunner families that currently have a need. Donations are being collected in the front lobby. Look for the big donation box! This is an ongoing collection. If you need your donation picked up, please contact PTO member Lori at 419-343-2700. You can call or text. We anticipate opening the Clothes Closet in January. More information will be sent out. If you have a student in need of a certain item such as pants, coat, etc, let us know and we will help.

*#MesquiteStrong*

*#RoadrunnerStrong*

*#LiveToGive*



## iReady Winter Diagnostic Testing



Students are taking their iReady Winter Benchmarks in reading and math, which are tests to see how much progress students have made since the beginning of the year. This data will be reviewed by individual teachers, grade level teams, and as a whole staff. This information will inform our instruction and intervention grouping decisions as well as after school tutoring that will begin mid-January. Please make sure your children are present at school and remind them to take their time and do their best! Our Roadrunners have worked hard all semester, and we want to see them shine!

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