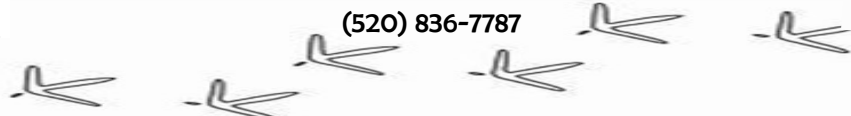


Roadrunner Tracks

Mesquite Elementary School
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September, 2022



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

From the Principal

Dear Roadrunner Families,

Getting to school on time begins with a successful morning routine. Here is a 3-step plan to follow:

Step 1: Work backwards to find the departure time. What time does your child need to leave home if he/she is going to eat breakfast at school? To get to school prior to the 7:40 AM bell?

Step 2: From the departure time, figure out how long is needed to complete morning tasks. Morning tasks include cleansing, brushing teeth, combing hair, and getting dressed. Don't forget giving pets some attention! Determine what can be done the night before such as picking out clothes, showering, packing up the back pack and placing shoes to be worn next to it! This will save morning time.

Step 3: How long will step 1 and 2 take? That is wake up time. Make a list of the morning tasks to be completed and post in a prominent place, such as the bathroom mirror. Your child can draw pictures of each task next to them so he/she feels included in the process.

Getting to school on time means no tardies on attendance records and no lost learning time. Showing up for school every day ready to learn is imperative for maximizing student achievement. Checking students out early also interferes with academics. We run a school-wide math intervention and enrichment as our last instructional block of the day.

Truancy letters will be sent to families of students that are approaching or have crossed excessive tardiness, too many early check-outs, and all-day absences. Please help your child develop successful habits for getting to school on time.

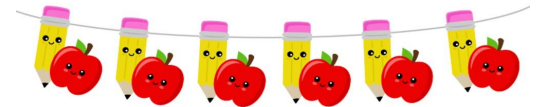
Thank you,

Julie Holdsworth



Bell Schedule

- 7:10 Students may begin to arrive and walk directly to breakfast
- 7:10-7:40 Breakfast served
- 7:40 First Bell
- 7:45 Tardy Bell
- 3:00 Dismissal Bell



Lunch Schedule

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

Important Dates

- 19-21: Sun Life Dental Health Program
- 21: K-3 Mayor's Reading Club
- 22: Super Hero Day (dress up day)
- 22: PBIS Store Opens
- 27: Student Council, 3:00-3:45
- 27: PTO, 3:00

Oct. 6-7: Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences

Fifth Grade Band

Band is led by Mrs. Cathy Moore. They practice on Mondays and Wednesdays. Members are:

Alto sax: Trevor Bingham, Clarlex Dameon Villegiante-Reynoso, Abraham Sala Arenas

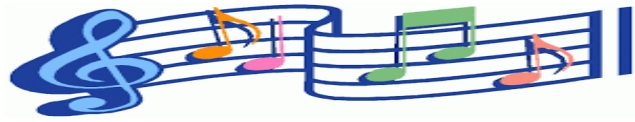
Clarinet: Alexandria Santiago, Hunter Alvarado Robertson, Mariah Beavers, Ariel Hernandez, Robert Muraira, April Soto-Marolejo, Aaliyah Stewart, Jayden Varela Vargas

Flute: Jordan Alvarez, Julianna Gutierrez, Inara Sedillo

Percussion: David Castro, Timothy Parsons

Trombone: Trent Bingham, Annabel Brady

Trumpet: Seth Rodriguez, Annaleigh Escarcega Tristan, Arius Allen



7 Mindsets

7 Mindsets is a character education program based on research, the 7 common mindsets of happy and successful people. These mindsets are: We are Connected, Everything is Possible, Passion First, Live to Give, 100% Accountable, Attitude of Gratitude, and The Time is Now. Each month as a school we focus on a different mindset. September's focus for living a happy and successful life is We are Connected. This mindset teaches us to build positive relationships with each other, build our support teams to help us fulfill our dreams, and discovering fulfillment by being kind.

PBIS

Our social skills and positive behavior choices are reinforced through our school-wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS). This year's theme is super heroes! Our positive character traits are our super powers! Golden Tickets are given to students following the expectations of Be kind, Be safe, Be respectful. Do No Harm. Students can save their tickets and redeem them in our PBIS Store once a month. Tickets are also read on morning announcements.

Picture Day is Coming!

Individual student pictures will be taken Wednesday, October 19! Information will be sent home as well as posted on social media.

Plan your outfits and hairstyles, and bring your smiles!



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: Zayda Boudreau, School District McKinney-Vento Liaison, at (520-876-3245) for service information.**

Recycling Club News

Everyone in the community is invited to recycle in the south parking lot bins. We take aluminum and #1 and #2 plastic. These items are sorted by school and community volunteers and taken to the redemption center. Funds generated are given to the food bank and the humane society. Last year over \$5,000 was raised and over \$790 this summer. If you would like to volunteer, leave a message with the office for teacher Mr. Wilson, the club sponsor. Student officers are co-presidents Raquella Cardenas and Jayden Varela Vargas, vice president Jordan Alvarez, treasurer Rubyann Bautista, and secretary Londyn Grinage.

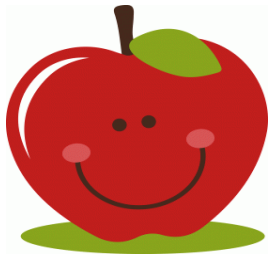


Mesquite Expectations:
Be kind. Be safe. Be respectful.
Do not harm.

Follow us on Facebook (MesquiteCGESD), Instagram (@mesquiteelementaryroadrunners), and through Class Dojo (school story feed)

School-Wide Academic Goals

- K-5 ELA (English Language Arts) and math proficiency will increase by 30% from August, 2022 to May, 2023 as measured by the iReady assessment.



- Gr 3-5 ELA and math proficiency scores will increase by 30% from state assessment Spring, 2022 to Spring, 2023.

Action steps we are following in our school's Integrate Action Plan (IAP) to meet these end goals include following the master schedule which has daily intervention small group time for reading and math to fill learner gaps in foundational skills, intentional lesson planning and focused instruction during whole group and small group time, and data chats and goal setting with students.

Safety Drills

We practice school-wide safety/emergency drills throughout the school year with students and staff. Fire drills occur monthly and other safety response drills referred to as Secure, Hold, Shelter, Evacuation, and Lockdown occur on a rotating schedule, one a month. When we prep the students that we are going to conduct a drill, we do so in a way that does not cause panic. These drills inform and increase our awareness of what to do no matter where we might be in the building or at recess. Practicing safety response protocols is an integral part of our emergency operations plan at Mesquite. Drills give us time to reflect and improve our protocols.

Please note that some safety features we have in place are all perimeter doors are locked at all times. The only door not locked is the one front entrance door out of the four that are in the front. The front interior hall doors are locked the entire school day. The door to breakfast is monitored by staff before school and closes promptly at first bell. All staff members have keys to padlocks should exiting school grounds be needed from the south field or the north primary playgrounds.

The safety and well-being of students and staff is our priority. Please reach out to Ms. Holdsworth if you have any questions.

PTO

PTO's first meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday, September 27, at 3:00. Officers Crystal Castro and Mary Newcomb along with Ms. Holdsworth invite all interested parents and teachers to join them for light refreshments in the conference room by the front office. Getting to know each other, sharing interests in PTO, and ideas for the year will be discussed in this informal setting. If you are interested in getting involved in your child's school, please plan to attend!



PTO Box Tops Fundraiser

This is a simple fundraiser! Download the Box Tops for Education app and follow the simple directions. How does it work? After purchasing items in a store, scan your receipt with the app within 14 days of purchase. Box Tops are identified and automatically given to the school's PTO fund. A full list of participating products can be found on the app and by visiting Boxtops4education.com Funds raised go toward such things as PBIS and academic celebrations and PBIS store incentives!

