

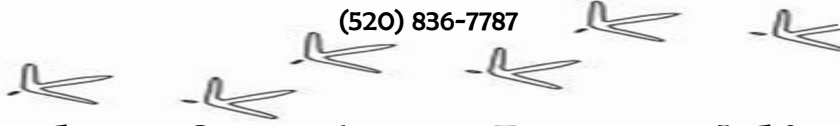


Roadrunner Tracks

Mesquite Elementary School
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October, 2022



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

From the Principal

Dear Roadrunner Families,
Conferences will be held Thursday, Oct 6, 4:00-8:00, and Friday Oct 8, 8:00-4:00, during pre-arranged times. Students are encouraged to be a part of these discussions so they can share their goals and progress academically and socially. Attending conferences is a great opportunity for staff to work with you to ensure your child continues to have a successful year. In addition to discussing your child's report card, work samples and All About Me binders, consider asking the following questions:

1. Is my child actively participating in class discussions and learning activities?
2. How is my child being challenged/supported to reach his/her potential?
3. Is my child handing in assigned homework? How do I know if there is homework other than daily reading as stated on the parent compact?
4. What can I do at home to help support his/her academic progress?

We look forward to seeing you at conferences and hope you can enjoy some family time away from work over the fall break.

Sincerely,

Ms. Holdsworth



Bell Schedule

7:10 Students may begin to arrive and walk directly to the MPR for breakfast
7:10-7:35 Breakfast served
7:40 First Bell
7:45 Tardy Bell - School Begins
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

- 6: Conferences 4:00-8:00
- 7: Conferences 8:00-4:00
- 8-16: Fall Break
- 17: Classes resume; 7:45 Start Time
- 19: Picture Day
- 21: Boo Bash at Peter Piper Pizza
- 25: Student Council 3:00-3:45
- 25: PTO 3:00
- 31: Costume Day

Student Council Representatives

Congratulations to the elected officers for the 2022-23 school year: President- April Soto-Marmolejo, Vice President- Trent Bingham, Secretary- Ontay Davis, Treasurer- Daisy Soto. Officers meet with class representatives and the council sponsor, Ms. Kisil. Student council voted on Pajama Day being Thursday, Oct. 6. The next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 25. Class representatives will have their names published in an upcoming newsletter. We are happy to hear these student voices and look forward to their suggestions and ideas for improving and celebrating school!



School Pictures—October 19

Individual pictures will be taken Wednesday, October 19. Plan your outfits and hairstyles, and bring your smiles! Order forms will be sent home this week. Online ordering can be done at www.gradphotography.com



7 Mindsets - Everything is Possible

The 7 Mindsets is a character education program in which anyone, students and adults, can participate in. Based on research, the 7 common mindsets of happy and successful people are of focus. 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. October's focus for living a happy and successful life is **Everything is Possible**. This mindset teaches us to dream big, make plans, push fear aside, and take action to make our dreams become a reality. It is amazing the possibilities that await each of us beyond our immediate perceptions!

Be kind. Be safe. Be respectful.
Do not 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: Zayda Boudreau, School District McKinney-Vento Liaison, at (520-876-3245) for service information.**

Art and Music

In art class, students are learning to draw historical buildings such as the Egyptian pyramids of Giza, Eiffel Tower, and Katskhi Pillar in Georgia. Starting with a letter, number, or simple shape, Mr. Pelissier teaches students step by step how to create these structures with perspective, texture and shading. In music class, Ms. Teti incorporates rhyming, letter sounds, and numbers in singing with Kindergarten students. Students in grades 1-5 are learning note values. They use drums and keyboards to apply their note knowledge skills to play pieces of music. We thank you Ms. Teti and Mr. Pelissier for enriching our students' minds, developing their artistic skills, and building their background knowledge!



Cell Phone Policy

Students may bring a cell phone to school. The following is a summary of the District Student Handbook:

- Cell phones must be turned off during the school day and stored away so as not to distract from learning or lead to theft or damage.
- Cell phones in use during the school day are subject to being stored in the principal's office, and the parent asked to pick up the phone.
- Schools are not responsible for loss, damage, or theft of cell phones.
- Offensive photos or texts on phones may be subject to disciplinary action, even if they did not originate on campus.
- District policy JIH provides that school officials have the right to search a students' phone when there is reason to believe that the search will provide evidence of a law violation or school rule.
- Violation of cell phone rules may result in detention, suspension, or even expulsion.



TOA Talk: Bark Alerts

Our school district utilizes a free service called BARK, which monitors potential problems across G Suite, including YouTube, games, apps, etc., used while on their student accounts/devices. These potential safety concerns include online predators, adult content, cyberbullying, drug use, depression, suicidal thoughts, violence, and more. We know many times our students are simply trying to look up a video game or song they like on YouTube or other social media platforms. However, many have inappropriate content, whether it is violence, weapons, profanity, etc.

Have you signed up for BARK alerts? Earlier in the school year, you should have received an email from BARK inviting you to take advantage of the free opportunity to benefit from receiving real time alerts. If not, please utilize the link below that gives step-by-step instructions for setting up your account. As soon as you set up your account and opt in, you'll start receiving alerts when *BARK detects potentially time-sensitive issues*.

Link to the *BARK* parent portal:

<https://help.bark.us/en/articles/3807544-how-to-activate-your-parent-portal-account-bark-for-schools>

If questions, please ask!
Sincerely,
Mrs. Rice



PTO

The first meeting for PTO was held on Tuesday, September 27, at 3:10. Officers Crystal Castro and Mary Davey welcomed parents and staff. There was discussion about fundraisers, providing teachers dinner the night of conferences, planning family events, and student t-shirts. PTO would love to see more parents join the group and the fun! The next meeting will be Tuesday, October 25 at 3:00. Pick up your students from school and bring them along! Students can read, color, or play with the school's Legos while the parents meet.



PTO Box Tops for Education

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 Box-tops4education.com. Funds raised by PTO go toward such things as student celebration needs and PBIS store incentives!



enjoy
FOOD
 &
FUN

AND RAISE SOME DOUGH

15% of all food, beverage and funpass game credit sales benefit

Mesquite Elementary BOO BASH Costume Contest @ 6PM!

Date: Friday, October 21, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Place: Peter Piper Pizza at
 Casa Grande
 1355 E. Florence Boulevard, #127
 Casa Grande 85222



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