

**Purpose:** KIDS FIRST! Working with families to get the job done!

**Mission:** Growing Life-Long Learners, One Child at a Time

**Vision:** *ALL Mesa students will be reading and computing at or above grade level by the end of third grade and maintaining that level of proficiency throughout their school careers!*

Mesa Staff

Office

Robert Laymon ~ Principal  
Crystal Croke ~ Assistant Principal  
Raleigh Marmorstein ~ School Psychologist  
Della Pope ~ School Social Worker  
Meg Roedner ~ Speech Therapist  
Emily Pearson ~ Connect for Success Grant Coordinator  
Connie Ruggles & Kristy Aiken ~ Administrative Assistants

Kindergarten

Anna Edgerton & Jackie Mitchell  
Karlán Sheeran & Daphne Shorty

First Grade

Andrea Hatter-Shry, Roxanne Stevens & Paula Frazier

Second Grade

Gina Duncan & Megan Bates

Third Grade

Suzanne Deane & Natalie Tamminga

Fourth Grade

Deb Laymon & Lisa Mendoza

Fifth Grade

RayLynne Braun & Milinda Carr

RTI & Reading

Julie Engel, Jennifer Paschal & Jennifer Lard

ESS Staff

Alexis Rice, Colindra House & Chuck Story

Specials

Kd Choate ~ Teacher of the Arts  
Beth Domenichini ~ PE Teacher  
Chelsea Philpott ~ Library/Computer Teacher

Online Teachers

Deb Luchtel, Danna Syra, Rebecca Thompson & Kayla Watkins

Custodians

Pedro Sanchez, Leandrea Yazzie, & Jacquie Allen

Nurse's Office

Karen Ragland

Kitchen

Deb Hager, Maria del Carmen Reyes, & Crystal McNutt

**Welcome Back Mesa Wildcats!!**

**Mesa's Daily Schedule**

7:40 - First Bell - Students can enter classrooms  
7:50 - Tardy Bell  
8:00-9:30 - Wit & Wisdom Reading Groups  
11:25-12:00 - 1st & 3rd Grade Lunch and Recess  
11:40-12:15 - K & 5th Grade Lunch and Recess  
11:55-12:30 - 2nd & 4th Grade Lunch and Recess  
3:00 - Bus Riders dismissed  
3:10 - Walker and Riders dismissed

Every Wednesday, students are dismissed at 1:30 so staff can meet in Professional Learning Communities (S.E.E.D. teams). It's a time for them to meet as a "team" to study data and improve instruction.

To be counted toward "perfect attendance" students cannot be absent, late for school or check out before 3:10!

If you are taking your child out of the building for lunch, please make sure you have them back at the end of their lunch time or they will be considered tardy or 1/2 day absent depending on the time they return.

Mesa office hours are 7:20-3:20 and on Wednesdays 7:20-2:20. If you call before or after these hours, you will need to leave a voice mail message!

Students being dropped off/picked up will need to be dropped off and picked up in the lower west parking area. All students will enter the school at the west side door. The front of the school is a "car-free" zone. Only school buses will be allowed in this area. Cars left in the red zone can be ticketed by the police.

There will not be a staff member at the drop off zone in the morning to unload your child, but a staff member will be at the west side door to let them in the school.

**Dates to Remember**

- 9/7 ~ **NO SCHOOL** - Labor Day

**Please do not drop your child off before 7:20 as there will be no adult supervision before then.**

**For safety purposes, if your child is tardy you are not allowed to drop them off. You MUST come to the office and check them in.**

If you need to leave a message for your child, please call before 2:45 and 1:15 on Wednesdays. Messages will NOT be delivered after these times.

If your student will be riding a different bus or riding the bus with another student, you MUST bring in a note or if you send a note with your student then you will need to call the office to verify the note. This is for the safety of our students.

Parent communication is very important to our school and one way we accomplish this is our Cat Tales Newsletter. It will be sent home with your student the 1st Thursday of each month. There will be a calendar on each issue listing the month's events. You will also find it on our website, [mesa.cortez.k12.co.us](http://mesa.cortez.k12.co.us) and our PAWS (PTO) Facebook page, Mesa Elementary PAWS. Please check your student's homework notebook for events and important dates as well.

Friday's are Mesa Spirit Day.  
Wear your Mesa shirt and show your Wild Cat Pride!!!!

3rd-5th Girls ~ The last day to register for Girls on the Run is this Friday, 8/28. The registration is online only.

If your student is doing the CDLS Online Program, you will need to contact Jim Parr at [jparr@cortez.k12.co.us](mailto:jparr@cortez.k12.co.us) with any questions, concerns, or problems that may arise.

Breakfast is served starting at 7:20 and is free to all students. The cost for a student lunch is \$2.75.

Chocolate milk will be available every Friday at lunch. The cost is \$.65 if your student is bringing a sack lunch from home and it cannot be charged.

If you have not filled out a free and/or reduced lunch application yet, please do so as soon as possible. Your child will be charged for lunches until the application is turned in.

If you send lunch money with your child, please put it in an envelope with the student's name on it or write their name on the check so our kitchen staff will know whose account it belongs to.

Due to COVID-19, the Wednesday Pickle and Popcorn Sales have been cancelled until further notice.

Ms. Domenichini will be sending home a PE letter. The second page needs to be signed and returned.

All students need tennis shoes for PE.