



# Roadrunner Tracks

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

Dear Families,

Here are some items to note for May:

**Teacher Appreciation Week:** Join me in recognizing our hard-working teachers for their dedication to educating our students and helping them to become responsible, caring citizens. Writing a note of gratitude with your child to give his/her teacher would be a wonderful gift.

**School Attendance:** The year is winding down, but learning is still happening at Mesquite and students need to be in school through May 26. Please make sure your children get to school on time and stay for the day.

**Soaring into Summer Family Literacy Night:** Come Friday, May 12 from 5:30-6:30 to make and take literacy resources to keep your children busy reading and learning this summer! There will be free food, a free book for each student, mini book fair, and Middle School representatives for fifth graders and their families to visit with! **Dress up like a super hero because reading is our super power!** More information will be sent home.

**Congratulations & Thank You:** Congratulations to Mrs. Pam Kimberlin, second grade teacher. She was recognized as an influential teacher by the Church of Latter Day Saints on April 20. Congratulations to Ms. Margaret Wootten, fourth grade teacher. She will be recognized as an influential teacher on May 3 at the district's Every Scholar Has a Teacher event. Congratulations to Mrs. Abigail Meerdink and Mrs. Kimberlin for being accepted into the district's Math for Change program. Thank you to Ms. Charlotte Cates, 4th grade teacher, and Mrs. Laurie Escalante, school nurse, for your years of service. We wish them both a happy retirement.

**2017-18 School Year:** Save the dates! Meet the Teacher is Tuesday, Aug 8. First day of school is Wednesday, Aug 9.

Follow us on Facebook (search MesquiteCGSED) and Twitter (search Roadrunners@CGMesquite)!

Thank you for your support!

Mrs. Holdsworth

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## Please Note

*It is imperative the office be called by 2:00 if there is a change in dismissal plans, 12:00 on early dismissal days, in order to guarantee the change can happen. With 10 buses and 475 students, your cooperation and understanding is needed.*

*Late students are to be walked into the school by someone 18 yr or older and signed in after first bell. Do not drop off late students.*

*Thank you,*

*Mrs. Holdsworth and office staff*

## Important Dates

- 2-5: Teacher Appreciation Week
- 3: April Character Celebration  
Early Dismissal, 12:45
- 5: Student Council, 2:45-3:30
- 9: 5th grade band concert
- 10: 5th grade middle school visits
- 12: Box Tops collection ends  
Family literacy night, 5:30-6:30
- 15: PTO/Site Council, 3:05, library
- 17: Early Dismissal, 12:45
- 19: Brown Bag Lunch
- 20: Superintendent Retirement Celebration, 2:00, CGMS
- 23: Talent show, 1:00
- 26: Last day of school - early dismissal, 12:45; report cards sent home; Kindergarten promotion at 9:00; 5th grade Luau. All students may come in regular clothes instead of in uniforms.



For those that attend the club after school, the last day will be Tuesday, May 23. Please make alternative arrangements for May 24-26.

### **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)

**Math Fair** These students represented Mesquite at the district elementary math fair in April: Abigail Miles, Rafael Ramos, Sebastian Kinne, Juliana Miguel, Ethan Rosales, Jocy Walker, Jay Varela Vargas, Eric Fernandez, Sonny Bridgewater, Vinz Josh Limbaga, Micaela Flores, Vianey Negrete. Many ribbons were won and Vianey placed 10th over all! Way to go, Roadrunners!

**Pesticide Spraying** Pesticide/herbicide applications take place regularly. Mesquite will have their next treatment on May 12. Information can be obtained through the office or by calling Facility Services at 836-4782.

**Lost and Found** Missing a jacket or other items? Please check the lost & found in the gym. All items remaining after May 18 will be donated to charity.



**Yearbooks:** If you would like a yearbook, send \$20 and a note in a marked envelope with your child's name and teacher's name. Checks should be made out to Mesquite PTO.

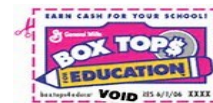
**Arizona Revised Statute 15-701** Due to an amendment to the Arizona Revised Statute 15-701, school districts are required to notify parents of a new promotion requirement for students in third grade. This change requires third grade students to score higher than "Falls Far Below" or equivalent score as determined by the Arizona State Board of Education on the Reading portion on the state-wide achievement assessment in order to be promoted to the fourth grade. The law does provide for exemptions for some students and parental appeals if warranted. If you have questions or would like more information on this law the full document can be found online at: <http://www.azleg.state.az.us> or you may contact Dr. Barbara Wright, CGESD Assistant Superintendent for Instruction at 836-2111.

**Parent Surveys** – It is parent survey time. Last year we had 276 surveys returned! Please fill out the survey attached and return it to school by Friday, May 12. Your feedback is shared with the staff, and your suggestions are used to improve your children's education and elementary school experience. You do not need to put your name on it. Thank you!



### **PTO/Site Council News**

**Thank you** to our families that came to Bingo Night on Friday, April 28! Theme baskets and donations by area merchants were the prizes, along with raffles. Just over \$1,554 was raised, all going toward the shade structures! Please attend our next meeting on May 15 to talk about future ideas and moving forward with the Kindergarten shade structure. We appreciate your ideas! **Please continue to save Box Tops over the summer!** Next collection will be in September. Thank you for your support!



**Congratulations!** Roadrun-athon winners are top fundraiser: Sawyer Gal; top runner: Salvador Acosta Barajas; highest lap average for a class: Mrs. Steiner's; top runner for staff: Mr. Dichoso. Thank you for your donations! - Coach W

**Kindergarten Registration** We are accepting registrations for the upcoming school year! Forms can be picked up in the office or downloaded at [www.cgesd.org](http://www.cgesd.org). Spread the word!

## Mesquite Parent Involvement Survey 2016-17

Please take a few minutes to provide us some feedback to help make Mesquite even better! Please only fill out one survey per family and can send it back with your child no later than **Friday, May 12**. Thank you for taking the time to do this.

1. Describe the good things going on at your child's school.

2. The Parent Involvement Plan and School-Parent compact were provided at the beginning of the year in a packet of information. Did you refer to this throughout the year?  
(please check one below)

Yes

No

3. Do you feel welcome to be involved at Mesquite in any of the following ways?  
(please circle yes or no)

Assisting in the classroom	Yes	No
Developing or revising school policies	Yes	No
Helping on field trips or parties clubs or activities	Yes	No
PTO	Yes	No

4. Does the school let you know how well your child is doing in his/her schoolwork other than report cards? (please check one below)

Yes

No

5. Does the school provide information in all or any of the following ways? (please circle yes or no)

School information was mailed to me.	Yes	No
School information was sent home with my child.	Yes	No
School information was received by phone.	Yes	No
I did not receive information from my child's school	Yes	No

6. Did you attend the Title I Open House Night at the beginning of the year?

Yes

No

If no, why not?

7. Do you feel there is a partnership between you and your child's teacher?

Yes

No

8. Were you notified of your right to ask about qualifications of your child's teachers?

Yes

No

9. Does the school help you in any way in learning how to help your child with homework?  
(yes or no)

Yes

No

If so, how?

10. Do you have any suggestions or comments