



- 21– No School Martin Luther King Day**
- 29– One Book One School Kick Off**
- 29– Volunteer Training 9:00 AM**
- 31– Look for the Good Starts**



- 4- PTO Meeting**
- 11– No School Elementary Plan Day**
- 13– Look for the Good Ends**
- 18– No School President’s Day**
- 25– No school Parent Teacher Conferences**

Rappin’ and Chattin’ wth Ms. MC and The Shep

Dear Families,

As we approach Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and consider how far we have come as a nation to ensure that every single citizen benefits from the protections, rights, and freedoms that our Constitution and laws provide, my thoughts have turned to my home of New Orleans and the history of the struggle to provide a Fair and Appropriate Education to all children, that is now guaranteed by the 14th Amendment, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA, 1990), and the Free Appropriate Public Education Act (FAPE, 1973).

In 1960, a little girl named Ruby Bridges found herself in the midst of the educational fight as she was escorted into a newly de-segregated school, only about six miles from my home. Crowds of protestors gathered, while families chose to boycott the school by refusing to send their children to class, all from the fear of their children being educated in a diverse environment.

Fast forward to Mesa View in 2019. We are a school that prides itself on inclusion, sees diversity as a gift, and believes it is our charge to inspire, educate, and empower every single child in the least restrictive environment possible. We know our learners come to us with different strengths and needs, and we believe in the District 51 Learning Model that honors learners for who they are by seeking their next best learning.

We know kids have great days and rough days, but we also know that each day is a new start. We reflect and make adjustments. We try out new methods and make new plans. We keep trying until we find what works for each individual learner. What we don’t do is quit. We never stop believing in the potential of each child.

As we celebrate the spirit and strength of diversity and inclusion, inspired by MLK Day, we are grateful to you for believing in our staff and our learners, as we work together to grow every child every day.

In gratitude,

Stacey Morton-Cohen
Principal

Amy Shepherd-Fowler
Assistant Principal

February 4- PTO Meeting, 5:15 PM, in the school Library - Babysitting will be provided.

**Candy Bar Sales are coming in March
More info to come soon!**



Mesa View Student Council and The Kindness Club will be running the Look for the Good Campaign from January 31st to February 13th. Our school is going to run a two week Gratitude Campaign through the Look for the Good Project. Some of you may remember it from last year. This campaign will begin with an assembly on January 31st and run for two weeks. All students and staff will participate and parents are welcome to join in too! The Look for the Good Campaign will include "The Gratitude Spot," for on the spot gratefulness, "Kindness Cards," to circulate the appreciation throughout the building, and the majestic "Wall of Gratitude" to remind us all of the many, many things we can be grateful for. Be sure to ask your child about Look for the Good starting January 31st!

Julie Broughton
Mesa View GT



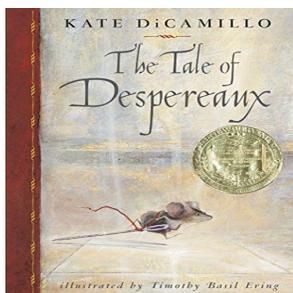
One Book, One School Is Back!

We are excited to have One Book, One School back this year.

Our book will be *The Tale of Despereaux!*

We will have an all school kick off on January 29th.

Look for more information to come home soon.



Are you A Mesa View Volunteer?

Are You Interested in Volunteering?

We are having a mandatory volunteer meeting January 29, 9:00 AM.

This meeting is for all volunteers old and new! Please RSVP at the office or call 970-254-7970 by January 25 to hold your spot.

We look forward to seeing you!

Office Reminders

*Please call the office with any end of day changes by 3:30 PM

*If you are picking your student up for an appointment, please allow plenty of time.

We can not pull students from class until you have come in to the office to sign them out.

*All Visitors **MUST** check in at the office and get a visitor sticker. This includes being on the playground before school.

Congratulations to our Hoop Shoot Representatives

8-9 Age Group Winners

- Kylee Decock 9
- Derik Bolla 9
- Graydan Espinoza 8

10-11 Age Group Winners

- Samiyah Adams 10
- Bianca Berens 11
- Noah Rosales 10
- Hunter Howard 10-2nd Place!
- Blake Rooks 10

12-13 Age Group Winners

- Alexandria Clarke 12
- Brooklyn Wright 12



We have a newly organized Lost and Found area!

Thank you to the Knowles and Hale families for donating shelving and hanging racks.



The area looks great and it is easy for the students to locate their lost items!

Snowy Day Reminder

Students must have appropriate snow clothing to play in the field when it is covered with snow.



This includes snow boots, snow pants, coat, and gloves.

We are collecting gently used shopping bags. There is a drop box by the main office. These bags will be turned into sleeping mats for those in need.