

Irving Iguana Issues

School Phone Number 480 472-1700

Brenda Petties, Principal

October 2, 2009

MESA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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October

9 Early Release@
11:45AM
12-16 October Break, No
School
19-23 Early Release
1:15 pm Parent/
Teacher Conference
26-30 District Testing,
3rd-6th Grades

Early Release
Friday, October 9
11:45AM
No School
October Break
October 12-16

Free Flu Shots

October 5, 2009
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Red Mountain High
School
7301 E. Brown Rd.

October 14, 2009
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Mesa Fire Department
Clinic
1105 E. 2nd Ave.

Mon.-Wed. & Fri.
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Mesa Immunization Clinic
635 E. Broadway

Top 5 Ways Parents Can Help Their Children Succeed in School*

1. Make sure your child is at school every day possible. There is no substitute for attendance.
2. Designate a time and place for your child to do homework. If he does not have homework, have him use the time to read.
3. Keep in touch with teachers, but don't overdo it. Most teachers appreciate parents caring enough to keep in touch a few times a term but do not appreciate parents expecting contact on a daily basis.
4. Teach your child character—it will improve social and academic skills more than anything else.
5. Make time every day to talk with your child about the day's activities. Let them know you care, and really listen to what they have to say.

*From SchoolFamily.com

Maricopa County Department of Public Health

Irving has received Pandemic Influenza brochures for our families from the state. These brochures will be sent home during Parent/Teacher conferences. Additionally, parents may stop by the Irving office to pick up an Emergency Preparedness Brochure. These brochures are in limited supply.

5 Key Tips to Keep Your Kids Safe From Swine Flu This Year

The Swine Flu, the H1N1 Virus— call it what you will— has parents worried sick across the country now that kids are back in school. Here are five fast and easy things you can do to keep your kids safe and healthy.

We call it *The Parent Checklist*:

1. **Don't send your child to school when they're sick;** They can't focus, they can't function and you don't want other parents sending their children in when they're sick.
2. **Make sure your children have had all their immunizations for school and when the Flu shot is available get it.**
3. **Teach your children about hand washing or let them teach you.** You may find they know more about this than you do. It's easy: wet your hands, lather for 20 seconds and rinse.
4. **Teach your children to cover their coughs and sneezes.** Have them cough or sneeze into their arm and not their hands. It may seem silly but it works.
5. **Make sure your family starts every day with a healthy breakfast.** This will give your children the energy they need to focus in school and the healthy bodies to stay well.

Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day

Irving Students of the Month for September

Character Trait- Respect

Kindergarten- Emily Richardson B2

1st Grade- Brooklynn Bragna A3

2nd Grade- Taylor Richardson C2

3rd Grade- Anthony Burgess D4

4th Grade- Ashley Goodman D3

5th Grade- Mia Moreno E3

6th Grade- Yajaira Mendoza F4

Gus 6th Grade- Gavin Jack T5

Art Contest for Kids

The North East Mesa FASTFRAME, located at the north east corner of Power and McKellips is gearing up for the 2009 Kids Art Contest. They will be accepting artwork between September 14th and November 14th. The

theme of the contest, "My Favorite Place" is open to all children ages 6-10. One entry per child.

A first and second place winner will be chosen from all entries at this store and will receive their artwork back custom framed, for free, from the NE Mesa FastFrame. One national winning artist will receive a \$250 gift card for art supplies, with an additional \$250 gift card going to his or her school. In addition, the national winning piece will be displayed on the home page of the corporate website for the month of January 2010.

For more information please contact NE Mesa FastFrame at 2025 N Power Rd. (NE corner of Power and McKellips), call (480) 325-4911 or visit the website www.FastFrame.com.



Encourage, Challenge Your Gifted Children

Mesa Supporters of the Gifted and Talented invites parents and educators to Practical Ways to Improve Writing and Critical Thinking in High Ability Learners. The fun and informative evening features nationally renowned author and humorist Nathan Levy. A book sale and signing follow his presentation. He will encourage and challenge you to encourage and challenge your kids!

When: Thursday, Oct. 8, 7-8:30 PM

Where: Mesa Academy for Advanced Studies, 6919 E Brown Road, Mesa 85207

Admission: \$5 donation per family requested. Educator admission free.

Information: Contact Kris Mason
E-mail krismason@msgt.org,
Phone (480) 832-6450,
Website: www.mpsaz.org

Visit us on the web at:

www2.mpsaz.org/Irving

Parent Pick-up/Drop Off

Have you noticed an improvement in the flow of traffic and pedestrian/student safety during the afternoons in the west parking lot? The credit goes to four parent volunteers and your cooperation. These volunteers chose to be "A part of the solution" in the parent pick-up area. Please consider volunteering to help maintain this improvement in the traffic congestion and safety procedures at Irving.

Contact the Irving office at 472-1701 about your interest in volunteering to help out-even if it's for one afternoon per week. The ultimate goal is to have five sets of four volunteers (one group for each day of the week).



Volunteers Needed

Residents and business people can be a source of special skills, personal attention and an extra pair of hands- if they become school volunteers.

Irving teachers need parent volunteers to help in many ways, working directly with students or behind the scenes.

Interested parent volunteers should contact their child's teacher to volunteer their time and efforts or if you're not sure where you're needed contact the Parent Educator Noemi Burgos @ (480) 472-1651. Thank you in advance for your time and help!