



Mesa Alta Junior High School



Dear Students and Families,

Welcome to a new semester at Mesa Alta! We look forward to continuing the positive work we have done as a learning community so far this year.

We will be continuing with Edulastic CIAs to help all students succeed. Additionally, we will continue careful monitoring of student attendance. Many of you have received letters regarding your students' attendance. It is mandatory we send home letters once a student has missed 3, 5, 7 and 10 days. It is also state mandated that we send these letters to the District Attorney's Office once a student has 10 unexcused absences. If the student has more than 10 unexcused absences we must then discuss the situation with the Juvenile Probation Office. Please remember to call in and send a note to verify your student's absences to avoid any issues. In addition, **any student missing more than 5 that are not medically excused or prearranged per semester will have to attend Saturday school, ASD, or lunch detention as outlined by the handbook.** Students are allowed 10 days of pre-arranged absences per year, see the front office for a form.

Thank you!
Elvira Crockett
Principal
Dannette Lopez
Assistant Principal

Mesa Alta 8th graders are BIG PARCC Winners!

It pays to do well in school! The following students each received a \$100.00 check from Dr. Jaques for scoring ADVANCED on the 2017-18 ELA PARCC test. The students are Kylee Bonnie, Karsyn Johnson, Jayden Smith, and Hennessy Walter.

COLD Weather ALERT!



We are concerned about student safety due to the cold temperatures. Please make sure students are dressed appropriately and families are not dropping off students too early. Staff do not begin duty until 7:45 am, and students will not be allowed inside the building until then. Students who are dropped off will have to walk around the outside of the building to get to the front door. Please remember that it is our policy at Mesa Alta to have students enjoy time outside whenever possible. We also have to take students out for fire drills so it pays to be prepared for the weather. **All students need a warm coat, hat, and gloves.** If you are financially unable to get your student a coat, please call the office. We may be able to help. Also remember that our lost and found is located by the vending machines in the lobby, and we have many coats in the lost and found. Reminder: Whenever the outside temperature is 19 degrees or lower, the students will remain indoors.

School Website

Mesa Alta has a very interactive school website, there you can find Athletic Schedules, the latest school news, how to log on to PowerSchool, contact information for all teachers, and weekly lesson plans for all classes. This awesome tool can be found at:

<http://mesa.bsin.k12.nm.us/>

Mesa Alta Salutes Our Highly Effective Teachers

The following Mesa Alta teachers were classified as Highly Effective for the 2017-18 school year by the New Mexico Public Education Department: Lollie Casaus, Paul Benedict, Dannette Lopez, Valerie Martinez, and Cathy Smith. Congratulations!

Parents Guide to Student Success

The SRCL Grant is providing Mesa Alta parents with *The Parent's Guide to Student Success*. This helpful guide includes ideas for activities to help your child learn at home and topics of discussion for talking to your child's teachers. You may access the guide at the following link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OySXUaZEiWLstoWPVN-vT2gaZifoHhrx/view>