





MARCH 2014



DATE	 EVENTS
4 th	<p style="text-align: center;">Road To Success Reading Assembly MES Gym – 10:30-11:30 AM Staring “Chief” and his amazing magic!</p>
5 th	<p style="text-align: center;">Fire & Lockdown Drill 8:20 AM</p>
7 th	<p style="text-align: center;">End of Term 3 Term 3 Report cards will be sent home with students by the 21st of March.</p>
10 th – 14 th	<p style="text-align: center;">Spring Break – No School!</p>
17 th	<p style="text-align: center;">Term 4 Begins HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY</p>
17 th – 21 st	<p style="text-align: center;">DATAWISE Benchmark 3 Assessment Grades 3-6</p> <p>Please remind all students to do their very best on this assessment. Datawise assessments measure mastery on the learning standards that have been taught in English Language Arts and Mathematics throughout Term 3. These tests are designed to prepare our students for our End-of-Year SAGE Assessments.</p>
20 th	<p style="text-align: center;">School Community Council Meeting Library – 3:15 PM</p>
24 th	<p style="text-align: center;">MES Talent Show <u>Practice & Dress Rehearsal</u> MES Stage - 12:30 -2:00 PM</p> <p>All MES students are invited to participate in the school-wide talent show on March 25th. Sign-up sheets are posted on the office window. Any student wishing to participate must sign up with their grade level group. Students may only participate in one talent. The talent show is limited to MES students. Talents must not exceed a total time of 2 minutes. All music and talents must meet MES standards. All talents will be screened by our MES Student Body Officers.</p>
25 th	<p style="text-align: center;">MES Talent Show MES Cafeteria – Stage 1:30 PM</p>
26 th	<p style="text-align: center;">Kindergarten Registration Day! MES Foyer – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Students must be 5 years old by September 1, 2014. Please bring your Kindergarten child with you for academic and vision screening. Please see flyer for more information.</p>
26 th	<p style="text-align: center;">Math Fact Day! Practice, Practice, Practice!</p>
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24th –
April 4th

SAGE Writing Assessment – End-of Year Testing
SAGE: Grades 3-6 I-ready & DIBELS: K-Grade 2

IMPORTANT – Please read carefully! SAGE is an acronym for “Student Assessment of Growth and Excellence”. SAGE will replace our State CRT testing. Students in grade 3 will be administered assessments in the academic areas of writing, language arts and mathematics. Students in grades 4-6 will be administered assessments in the academic areas of writing, language arts, mathematics and science. We will begin our writing assessment during the weeks of March 24th – April 4th. The language arts, mathematics and science assessments will be completed from April 7th to May 1st. All assessments will be completed electronically using our lab computers.

Parents and students have access to the SAGE Portal by going to the following link: www.sageportal.org. We encourage parents and students to browse this website and become familiar with the training tests as well as the various family and student resources. Please feel free to contact your child’s teacher or the school if you have any questions regarding the SAGE end-of-year testing.

Our teachers are providing training for students in class on the tools and resources needed to be successful in manipulating the testing site. The overall electronic and academic expectations are much more rigorous than those required previously in the CRT testing site. As a staff, we have been preparing students for the intensity of this testing all year by using higher level thinking strategies in reading, mathematics, science and writing. We have also implemented multiple electronic learning and testing programs in an effort to support the deepening of knowledge needed for the SAGE Assessment.

Students in kindergarten through second grade will be assessed using I-ready (mathematic/reading) and DIBELS Fluency to measure end-of-year mastery (April 25th – May 9th).

PLEASE help us encourage your child(ren) to do their very best on all of the assessments. These assessments follow each student in their permanent records and are reported to the Utah State Office of Education. We appreciate the efforts you are making at home to ensure that your child(ren) are at school and on time each day, nourished, happy and ready to do their best!

April 3rd

MES Art Festival!
MES Gym 6:00 – 7:00 PM

We invite you to mark your calendars for this special event! All parents, grandparents and community members are invited to attend our school-wide Art Festival showcasing all MES students and their artwork. Come and enjoy an evening of singing and art displays with your families and friends. We hope to see you there! (All students will need to be seated by 5:45).

2014-2015 Teacher Request Procedures

Any parent wishing to make a written teacher request for the 2014-2015 school year **must complete the teacher request form and return it to the MES office by 4:00 PM on Thursday, May 1st. Request forms are available at the office.** If your child currently attends MES during the 2013-2014 school year this will be the **only** opportunity to submit a request for the upcoming school year. All written requests turned in by May 1st will be considered based upon the individual reasons for the request.

Please be cautious in making verbal requests with current teachers for your child/children to be placed with friends or with a particular teacher. Written requests must be made at the office to be considered. Verbal requests will not be considered. Students at MES have multiple opportunities to interact outside of the classroom with a variety of friends. Please be cautious in requesting that students are or are not placed with certain students. We prefer to allow children the opportunity to learn the life skills of getting along with everyone and develop friendships no matter whom their classmates may be. Consideration for student placement or teacher request will not be considered after class lists have been posted during the summer/fall of 2014. If you feel strongly about making a request it must be documented in writing and submitted to the office by May 1, 2014.

Please understand that it may not be possible to honor all requests and still keep the classroom balanced considering student personality, teacher instructional styles, gender, academic abilities, and positive social relationships. Personnel changes may also impact student placement if teaching assignments change. Additional enrollment over the summer can also impact a class list.

Thank you for your support and understanding in this matter.

Julie B. Holt, Principal

