

## Strong Parent Community

At Mesa, the parent community is a key to the school's success. Whether as volunteers in the classroom, leaders of extra-curricular activities, or organizers of fun, fund-raising events, parents at Mesa are committed to creating the most positive atmosphere and experience for students. Mesa's parents coordinate many community activities and raise approximately \$50,000 every year to enrich children's learning experiences.



Discovery



Creativity



Inspiration

## Mesa's Mission Statement

- Mesa is a caring and supportive community.
- We foster a positive learning environment.
- We value the unique potential of all individuals.
- We empower students to become lifelong learners.
- We encourage cooperative, responsible involvement in society.

"We chose Mesa for its excellence in academics, arts and athletics, but we fell in love with this school for its commitment to our children."  
—Anne Fedor, parent

"I can honestly say that we have not had one regret about making the decision to open enroll our child at Mesa."  
—Portia Hinshaw, parent

"I was so impressed with the way the teacher differentiated the curriculum to allow for the needs of different learners. Assignments were structured in a way to encourage slower learners as well as challenge students who learn more quickly ... any learner would benefit and grow in this classroom."  
—Sue Erickson, parent



Visitors  
Are Always  
Welcome!

Mesa enrolls approximately 350 children from kindergarten through fifth grade. The school offers both traditional and multi-age classrooms. Under the District's open enrollment policy, students from any attendance area may attend Mesa, subject to available space.

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# Mesa

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

An Award Winning, Nationally-Recognized School



We're so much more than a  
neighborhood school!

Come experience our community.  
**You'll feel the difference!**

# Mesa Elementary School—A Unique Community

**M**esa Elementary is a nationally-recognized, award-winning school in South Boulder with an emphasis on providing a K-5 experience that is integrated across subject areas and grade levels. At Mesa, our challenging academic program is enhanced by a rich curriculum in Art, Music and Athletics.

However, the critical attribute that distinguishes Mesa from other schools is our **STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY**. From the moment you walk through our front doors, you'll notice—

## There Is Something Special Happening Here!

- Genuine warmth between teachers, staff and families
- Superior academics balanced with fun and playfulness
- Parent volunteers who are welcomed and in abundance
- A principal who is caring, accessible and a strong advocate for our school
- All-school assemblies featuring multi-cultural presentations, student awards and performances
- Respect and camaraderie among students of all ages



Fun



Fitness

## Excellent Teachers—The Research Is Clear

What has the research shown to be the most important factor in your child's success as a student?

**Answer:** Excellent teachers.

- Our teachers have an average of 15 years experience
- Many have graduate degrees
- All bring unparalleled inspiration and enthusiasm to their teaching
- Mesa teachers have received additional training in "differentiation" so that students across the spectrum of abilities reach their full potential



Curiosity

## Mesa Students—Being the Best They Can Be!

- Mesa is consistently one of the highest-scoring schools in Boulder Valley. In 2005, CSAP reading and math achievement averaged 95% in all grade levels.
- Mesa has earned the **John Irwin Award** every year, since its inception in 2000, for exemplary student academic achievement on the CSAP.
- Mesa received **The Accomplished School Award**, given to schools that have maintained CSAP achievement at or above the 90th percentile for three consecutive years.
- Parents of middle school students repeatedly say that Mesa students are extremely well-prepared—academically and organizationally—for the challenging middle school experience.



## Learning Through Doing

At Mesa, children are engaged in academic explorations that encourage them to see learning as an active and creative adventure. We believe in educating the whole child.

To meet this goal, Mesa has specialists in

**Art • Library • Literacy • Math • Science • Music  
Physical Education • Technology**

Some of our students' favorite learning activities include:

### MUSIC

- M&Ms choral group and Handbell Choir
- Full musical theater production
- 5th grade instrumental music instruction
- Grade-specific musical productions based on classroom learning

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- Jump Rope for Heart fund-raiser
- Fall mile runs at the Fairview High School track
- Mesa Fitness Club/Bolder Boulder 10K training
- Outdoor Education overnight trips for 4th & 5th graders

### VISUAL ARTS

- Study of traditional art concepts & techniques
- Art history as inspiration for students' own creativity
- Spring Art Show for all students
- All-school Arts Day featuring visiting artists

### OTHER PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

- New state-of-the-art computer lab
- Many club offerings including Chess, Knitting, Destination Imagination and Math Olympiad
- Science Fair, Junior Great Books and Student Literary Magazine
- Extensive Library with Media Center, comprehensive Special Education services, integrated Talent & Gifted program and concentrated K-5 Literacy support

