

# Get Involved!

There are many ways to get involved at MMES. You can: attend Community School Council meetings; volunteer as a community mentor in our literacy program; volunteer in a classroom; teach an after school club; help in the library; join Helping Hands; offer financial support as a business owner; offer services as a provider; attend parent workshops; teach a parent class; bring your preschooler to story time; lead a Walking School Bus; join Watch D.O.G.S; bring your family to Homework Diner; visit the Parent Resource Room; offer feedback; offer to help a family in need; build your community through service and participation!



*Community Literacy Mentoring*



*A visit from Mayor Berry*



*Homework Diner*



*Preschool Parent Co-Op*



*Sandia  
Science  
Club*

*Welcome to*

## Manzano Mesa Elementary School



**Vision:** Manzano Mesa is a supportive community of involved citizens.

**Mission:** It is our mission at Manzano Mesa Elementary School to provide quality learning in a safe, productive and supportive environment. Students, parents, staff members, and the community work together to foster independence and lifelong learning.



Manzano Mesa  
Elementary School  
*"Together we can!"*

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Manzano Mesa Elementary is a Community School located in the south east quadrant of Albuquerque, NM. Our community school work is supported by the ABC Community School Network.

### Great Things about MMES

- Excelling Community School
- Unique Demographics
- Community School Council
- Most tenured Principal-Coordinator team
- Diverse Partnerships
- First Watch D.O.G.S in APS
- Community Mentoring Program
- K-Kids Student Council
- Preschool Parent Co-Op
- Preschool Story Time



- Adult Education (ESL, Parenting)
- Family Strand (optional K-5 community building continuum)
- The Original Homework Diner
- Early Childhood Connections
- Partnership with New Mexico Asian Family Center
- Target Teaching
- Walking School Bus (before school)

## Fun Stuff!

### After School Programming

- Managed by Children's Choice utilizing multiple funding streams
- Lion Dance
- Flash Mob
- Wrinkle Writing
- Kids Cook!
- Learner's Chess
- Lego Robotics
- Sandia Science Club
- Coding with Robots
- Aerospace Engineering
- Martial Arts
- Ballet



### Events...

- Picnic in the Park
- Family Fitness-thon
- Astronomy Night
- Family Math, Literacy Nights
- Walk and Bike to School
- Fall Festival
- Run for the Zoo
- Step into Summer Learning
- Family Game Night
- Boo Hoo Breakfast
- Mobile Food Pantry
- Food Backpack Program

## What does it mean to be a Community School?

A community school is both a place and a set of partnerships between the school and other community resources. Its integrated focus on academics, health and social services, youth and community development and community engagement leads to improved student learning, stronger families and healthier communities. Schools become centers of the community and are open to everyone.

### Why do we need Community Schools?

We need community schools because all our children regardless of their economic, racial or family circumstances deserve access to quality education, family support, and community engagement.

### What is the difference between a Community School and a regular school?

Community Schools like MMES offer integrated services to the students and their families.

Services include:

- Extended Learning Opportunities
- High Expectations for Learning
- Community Development
- Parent/Community Engagement
- Early Childhood Services
- Student Involvement
- Family Support
- Mental Health
- Physical Health
- Youth Development

# Demographics!

## **Manzano Mesa is a Title I School**

- 67% of our students receive free and reduced lunch

## **We are a new school:**

- Our doors opened in 2004

## **Race and Ethnicity:**

- 57% Hispanic
- 30% Caucasian
- 11% Asian
- 2% Native American

## **Manzano Mesa is an ESL School:**

- 26% of our students are English Language Learners
- There are 9 known spoken languages

## **Special Education:**

- >20% gifted
- 25% cross categorical

# Inside Scoop!

Here is more information about some of the great things we listed in the brochure.

- **Community Literacy Mentorship-** background checked volunteers from the community come for daily 30-minute sessions to work with struggling second graders on fluency, comprehension and sight word memorization. Childcare for the mentors' children is available.
- **Community School Council-** Representatives from the staff and community partnerships meet twice a month to discuss ways to help meet our students' and community's needs using the Community School Framework.
- **Family Strand-** This is an optional K-5 continuum in which the students stay with the same classmates their entire school career. The students get to know their future teachers during activities and community-building events. There are currently two family strands. The rest of the school changes classmates every year in a traditional manner.
- **Food Backpack Program-** Students that are in need of assistance are sent home additional food weekly in discreet backpacks to help them make it through the weekend.

- **Helping Hands-** parent organization with representatives from each classroom that help coordinate class events, special community events, and organize other parent volunteers.
- **Homework Diner-** on Mondays from 5:30-7:00 pm, families, teachers, K-Kids peer tutors, and community members come together in the gym to do homework and eat a homemade meal. There are books, games, PBS I-pads, and activities for younger siblings and students who finish homework early
- **K-Kids Student Council-** is a group of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders partnered with the Kiwanis International Volunteer Organization. They do service projects and fundraisers in the school and community. They deliver "Positive Messages of the Day" in the daily school-wide announcements to encourage their fellow students to make good decisions and show good character. They act as peer tutors during Homework Diner.
- **Preschool Parent Co-op-** This is a bilingual preschool program for Spanish speaking children taught by their parents. The parents have Early Childhood Certificates from Central NM Community College and they prepare these students to transition into kindergarten at MMES.

- **Target Teaching-** Teachers and staff identify needed student learning goals based on assessments. The students are then placed in groups and retaught the missing skills or given extra challenge work during a bonus school-wide 30 minute math session every Wednesday morning.
- **Wrinkle Writing-** partnership with local Blackout Theatre Company- An actress from Blackout comes for an hour every two weeks to teach theater and play writing. Then the class works together to write and perform their play on an actual stage.
- **Sandia Science Club-** Volunteer scientists from Sandia National Laboratory come to teach an afterschool club once a week.
- **Walking School Bus-** is a group of children walking to school under the supervision of background checked adults. It is a planned walk that either picks students up at home or at a designated meeting spot to make sure that everyone gets to school on time.
- **Watch D.O.G.S.** (Dads of Great Students)- national organization that promotes male role models volunteering in schools. Watch D.O.G.S assist in classrooms, patrol the school, help with crosswalk duty, and interact with students on the playground.

<http://www.fathers.com/watchdogs>