



Welcome Back!

The sun smiles on the promise of a new school year at Mesa Union School District. The summer chores on the Mesa farm are winding down with the anticipation of the arrival of students. During the 2017-2018 school year, I challenge each student and Mesa families to find the farmer within by dreaming big, unleashing your talents, working hard, making new friends, playing in the dirt, and planting seeds of kindness.

The bounty from the 2016-2017 harvest provides reason to celebrate! The ongoing cultivation, nurturing, and commitment to long days on the farm have created new opportunities to bud and grow. I would like to thank parents for supporting our new Learning Wednesday schedule. This gift of time will allow staff to participate in essential professional development and collaboration as teachers implement new English Language Arts and English Language Development curricula. Mesa Union School is excited to announce a newly formed Special Day Class that will give students and families the opportunity to grow up on the farm. The transformation of the District's Gifted Education and Response to Intervention models will leave a living legacy of academic excellence for years to come. Finally, the introduction of a full-time speech and music teacher will add new melodies to the landscape.

As every farmer knows, there is always work to tend to. As we prepare to get back into the field, I would like to thank the many parent and community volunteers that give of their talents, time, and financial resources to create educational and extracurricular opportunities for Mesa students. I would also like to invite all families, new or returning, to partner with the District and School by joining our Parent Facility Organization, Mesa Union Education Foundation, or volunteering in the classroom or on one of our many parent advisory committees.

As we all know, every day is a good day on the farm!

Best wishes,

Jeff Turner
Superintendent