



Welcome Back Mesa Union Families!

As the sun sets on the last days of summer, the promise of a new school year at Mesa Union School District is upon us. The summer projects on the farm are winding down with the anticipation of the arrival of students and families. The 2018-2019 school year will be a year of cultivating a model of tiered academic, social-emotional, and behavioral supports for our school community. I challenge each student and Mesa Family to unleash the inner farm kid within. I encourage you to build upon your talents, work hard, make new friends, play in the dirt, and plant seeds of kindness.

The hard work, struggle, and personal growth experienced in 2017-2018 provide reason to celebrate! The ongoing cultivation, nurturing, and commitment to long days on the farm have created new opportunities to flourish and grow. The school community has given us the opportunity to pursue a school bond in November, which would provide nearly \$10 million of funding for long overdue facility repairs and improvements. Embedded in the recommendations of the Middle School Climate Task Force are lessons for all of us on ways to support students. The implementation of PBIS/CHAMPS will provide teachers with new strategies and techniques to foster the development of positive school climate, school safety, and student-educator relationships. The year ahead will also provide an opportunity for teachers to evaluate and pilot new Social Studies curriculum and materials.

As every kid, growing up on the farm knows, there is always something to tend to, but before we get back into the field, I would like to applaud the many parent and community volunteers that continue to give of their talent, time, and financial resources to create educational and extracurricular opportunities for Mesa Students. I would also like to send a personal invitation to each family new or returning, to partner with the District and school by joining our Parent Faculty Organization, Mesa Union Education Foundation, or volunteering in the classroom or one of our many parent advisory committees.

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

Respectfully yours,

Jeff Turner
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