

# MESA ALTA JUNIOR HIGH NEWSLETTER



August, 2023

## Welcome Back to the 2023-2024 School Year!

Welcome back to school! As we embark on another exciting academic year, we are thrilled to embrace our core values: respect, responsibility, and safety. These principles lie at the heart of our school community, guiding us to create an environment where every student feels valued, empowered, and secure. With these foundational values as our compass, we are confident that together, we will achieve great heights and make this academic year one to remember. Let's embark on this journey, ready to learn, grow, and support one another every step of the way. Wishing everyone a successful and enriching school year ahead!

## Parent Advisory and Equity Council



At Mesa Alta Junior High (MAJH), we believe that parental involvement is crucial in creating a supportive and inclusive educational environment for all students. As a member of this council, you will have the opportunity to play a significant role in shaping the future of our school community. Your unique perspective, experiences, and ideas will help us enhance our programs and policies, ensuring that they are inclusive, diverse, and equitable for all students.

### What is the Parent Advisory and Equity Council?

The Parent Advisory and Equity Council is a group of dedicated parents and guardians who collaborate with school staff and administrators. Our primary goal is to address issues related to diversity, equity, and inclusion within the school environment. By working together, we can identify areas for improvement and implement meaningful changes that benefit all students.

### Why Join the Council?

- **Make a Difference:** Your involvement will directly impact the educational experience of all students by promoting an inclusive and supportive atmosphere.
- **Share Your Ideas:** The council is a safe space for sharing ideas, concerns, and suggestions, ensuring that your voice is heard and valued.
- **Engage with the Community:** Forge connections with other parents, teachers, and staff who share a common passion for creating positive change within our school community.

### When and Where Does the Committee Meet?

- Quarterly - First Meeting Date tbd
- MAJH Library

## Important Upcoming Dates

*(Athletics Schedule on Page 2)*

- August 10 5:00-6:00 PM** Open House
- August 14** First Day 7th Grade
- August 15** First Day 8th Grade (all students reporting)
- August 21** Imagine Galileo/WIDA Assessment Window Opens
- August 23** NWEA Reading Assessment (BOY Data)
- August 24** NWEA Math Assessment (BOY Data)
- September 4** **LABOR DAY HOLIDAY (No School)**
- September 11** Early Release Mondays begin (1:50 pickup/release)
- September 12** SOS\* Presentation (7th Grade)
- September 15** First Day Hispanic Heritage Month
- September 19** SOS\* Presentation (8th Grade)
- September 29** Homecoming (2 Hr Early Release)

\*SOS = Signs of Suicide; Opt Out Form will be provided.

329 N. Bergin Lane, Bloomfield, NM 87413



### Changes for 2023-2024

Students will be issued lockers.  
Appropriate hats are allowed.

## MONDAY EARLY RELEASE

To provide time for staff professional development schedules, Bloomfield School District will have **Monday Early Release Days to begin September 11. The final Monday Early Release Day is April 29th.** MAJH will release at 1:50 on all early release days.



*Don't Forget*

## Early Release Day



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## Athletics

## Fall Athletics Schedules

### Football

Aug 23	4:15 PM	@ Hermosa	Hermosa Middle School
Aug 30	4:15 PM	@ Heights	Heights Middle School
Sep 6	4:15 PM	@ Mesa View	Mesa View Middle School
Sep 13	4:15 PM	vs Shiprock	Bobcat Stadium
Sep 20	4:15 PM	@ Aztec	Koogler Middle School
Sep 27	4:15 PM	vs Tibbetts	Bobcat Stadium
Oct 4	4:15 PM	vs Kirtland	Bobcat Stadium

### Volleyball

Aug 22	5:15 PM	@ Kirtland	Kirtland Middle School
Aug 24	5:15 PM	vs Hermosa	Mesa Alta Gym
Aug 29	5:15 PM	@ Shiprock	Tsé Bit'a'i Middle School
Aug 31	5:15 PM	vs Heights	Mesa Alta Gym
Sep 5	5:15 PM	@ Mesa View	Mesa View Middle School
Sep 7	5:15 PM	vs Aztec	Mesa Alta Gym
Sep 12	5:15 PM	vs Mesa View	Mesa Alta Gym
Sep 14	5:15 PM	@ Heights	Heights Middle School
Sep 19	5:15 PM	@ Aztec	Koogler Middle School
Sep 21	5:15 PM	vs Shiprock	Mesa Alta Gym
Sep 26	5:15 PM	vs Tibbetts	Mesa Alta Gym
Sep 28	TBA	@ Basin	Kirtland Middle School
Oct 2	TBA	@ Basin	Kirtland Middle School
Oct 3	TBA	@ Basin	Kirtland Middle School

### SCHEDULE CHANGES

Schedule changes will not be considered until after the 10th day of school. At that time, we have a better idea of enrollment and class sizes and may be able to consider changes. If a class is full, a transfer will not be able to be granted.



### DROP OFF and PICK UP Procedures

Pick-up and Drop-off will occur on the back side of the school. There are marked double entrance lines. Students will NOT be allowed to cross the double entrance lines and cross the parking lot. Failure to follow this expectation creates a major safety concern and could easily result in student injuries; it will not be tolerated. Further, students are NOT to be picked up on the front side of the school as that is the bus lane and this also creates a major safety concern with cars in the bus lane and/or students attempting to cross the bus lane. Also, please be considerate by not blocking driveways/entrances.

**DROP OFF: 7:50-8:20 am NO EARLY DROP OFFS - There will be no staff on duty prior to or after duty times to supervise.**

**PICK UP: 3:50 pm - Please refrain from early pickups. We will teach bell to bell and every minute matters!**

### TRANSPORTATION ISSUES/QUESTIONS

If you need information regarding your child's bus route/number or pickup/dropoff times, please contact transportation at (505) 632-2662. Transportation arrangements may not be made over the phone. A signed note will be required for transportation changes (ex: bus to pickup) if your child experiences conflict on the bus, please contact transportation with that concern/issue so that they can investigate and report back to you.

### A Message from Student Nutrition



### Free and Healthy Meals for ALL Students!

Bloomfield Schools will participate in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs at all locations and all students can receive a BREAKFAST and a LUNCH meal at NO COST every school day. This means your students will enjoy tasty meals that fuel their learning journey every day. Students simply need to go to the cafeteria and they will receive a meal.

Parents/Guardians we hope you encourage your child/children to eat at school! If you have any questions, please call the Student Nutrition office at 505-632-4317 or 505-632-4339.

Sincerely,  
Evelyn Barry, Food Service Director