

ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
**SUMMER PROGRAMS**



801 Elizabeth St. SE Albuquerque, NM 87123

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to Manzano Mesa's Summer Learning Adventure and Extended School Year!

My name is Crystal Avalos and I am excited to be your principal for this year's Summer Learning Adventure at Manzano Mesa Elementary School as well as Extended School Year! Mark Woodard is our Elementary Special Ed District Support Specialist who will also be on campus with me and is the point of contact for our ESY families! During the regular school year, I am the Assistant Principal at Taft Middle School. I cannot wait to kick off a fun-filled summer with our amazing students and staff!

As we get closer to beginning our summer together, I wanted to reach out and give you all some important information to get us started. Please know:

- ★ Our Summer Learning Adventure will take place June 12- July 3 from 8:00 -2:30.
  - We do not have school on June 19
  - If your student misses more than the 2 days, they will be dis-enrolled.
  
- ★ Extended School Year (ESY) will take place June 12- June 28 from 8:00-2:30
- ★ We do not have school on June 19
  
- ★ You will receive an email from your child's teacher on Monday June 10 or Tuesday June 11. They will introduce themselves and also let you know where they will meet your child on our first day together (Wednesday June 12)
  
- ★ Students may be dropped off between 7:50 and 8:00 and need to be picked up each day at 2:30.
  - Please do not drop off your child before 7:50 as we do not have supervision before then.
    - Wait until you see duty teachers out in the drop off/pick-up area before having students exit your vehicle. Duty teachers will signal when to have students exit the vehicle. Please take their lead.
  - If your child arrives at school after 8:00, please have them come in through the front office.
  - **\*\*Please see the map at the end of this letter for dropoff and pickup directions**
  
- ★ If your child is going to ride a bus from their home school, they will be dropped off and picked up in our bus lane and taken to their home school.

- Please note that if your child is not picked up at their home school in the afternoon when the bus driver drops them off, the bus driver will take your child to APS City Center (6400 Uptown Boulevard NE) and you will need to pick them up from there.
- Bus schedules can be found here <https://www.aps.edu/summer-programs/summer-learning-adventure> scroll to transportation and bus routes

★ Summer Reading Initiative

- NMPED/SWREC partnered with APS to integrate Literacy Instruction into the SLA.
- More information and registration information can be found here: <https://www.literacy.nm.gov/>
- Instruction will take place during SLA in a small group setting

★ Field Trips

- Students will be going on one field trip per grade level. In addition to field trips, there will be several walking field trips to nearby parks/nature areas. Please complete the following form for field trip permission. Exact times and dates will be forthcoming [Link](#).

★ Behavior Expectations

- SLA students will follow the APS Student Behavior Handbook: [APS Handbook for Student Success](#)
- Summer violations of the student handbook may result in disenrollment. We want everyone to enjoy the program and stay safe.

★ What to Bring?

- Students need to dress accordingly. Wear tennis shoes/closed-toed shoes. No sandals or flip flops.
- For the first day, we recommend bringing a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, water bottle, snack, and backpack.

★ We will not have before and after school programs or activities available.

★ Breakfast and lunch is free to all students.

If you have any questions, please call Taft Middle School at 505-344-4489 prior to the start of summer school, Manzano Mesa Elementary School at (505) 292-6707 during SLA, or you may visit [www.aps.edu/summer-programs/summer-learning-adventure](https://www.aps.edu/summer-programs/summer-learning-adventure) for more information.

On behalf of all of the Summer Learning Adventure staff here at Manzano Mesa we welcome you to our program and cannot wait to meet all of our students on Wednesday, June 12th!

With great enthusiasm,

Principal Avalos

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SCHOOL STARTS  
at 8:00 AM



## DO'S



### MORNING DROP OFF

- **DROP-OFF BEGINS AT 7:50 AM** - ALL (K-5TH) STUDENTS GO **DIRECTLY TO THE CAFETERIA**
- TELL YOUR YOUR KIDS YOU LOVE THEM AND MAKE SURE THEY ARE READY TO GET OUT OF THE VEHICLE PROMPTLY
- EMBRACE THEIR SKILLS OF INDEPENDENCE.
- YOU MAY DROP OFF IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL IN **BOTH GREEN AREAS**
- **MOVE FORWARD...**IF THERE IS SPACE IN FRONT OF YOU, MOVE FORWARD.
- FOLLOW DIRECTIONS FROM THE STAFF
- STAY IN YOUR CAR
- USE ONLY THE **LARGE CROSSWALK IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PARKING LOT**

### AFTERNOON PICK-UP

- **PICK UP AT 2:30 PM** IN **BOTH DOUBLE GREEN AREAS**
- MOVE FORWARD IF THERE IS SPACE IN FRONT OF YOU
- FOLLOW DIRECTIONS FROM STAFF
- MOVE FORWARD...**ALWAYS MOVE FORWARD**
- USE ONLY THE MAIN PICK UP LINE
- ASK YOUR CHILDREN TO TELL YOU **3 THINGS THEY LEARNED TODAY!**

## PRETTY PLEASE DON'T



- PLEASE DON'T DROP OFF BEFORE **7:50 AM**
- PLEASE DON'T RUN OVER CONES
- PLEASE DON'T DROP OFF IN THE VAN AND BUS LINE
- PLEASE DON'T USE DISRESPECTFUL LANGUAGE OR GESTURES
- PLEASE DON'T USE ANY OTHER CROSSWALK EXCEPT FOR THE **LARGE MIDDLE CROSSWALK** OR WHERE THERE IS A CROSSING GUARD
- PLEASE DON'T LET YOUR CHILD RUN IN FRONT OF CARS
- PLEASE DON'T USE UNDESIGNATED AREAS
- ADULTS -PLEASE USE THE CROSSWALK AND DON'T RUN IN FRONT OF CARS...YOU ARE A ROLE MODEL FOR STUDENTS.
- PLEASE DON'T WALK INTO THE CAFETERIA - **STUDENTS ONLY**
- **PLEASE DO BE "THAT PERSON" THAT STOPS THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC**



IF SOMEONE IS DOING SOMETHING DANGEROUS OR ILLEGAL ON THE STREET, GET THEIR LICENSE PLATE, AND DESCRIPTION OF THE CAR, AND PLEASE CONTACT APD (505) 242-COPS

