



monthly - August

**Focus:** MESA Enrollment & Orientation

Mark your calendar!

→ RJJH MESA Parent Meeting immediately following “Get Acquainted Night” Tuesday, August 30, 2011 ←

## CSU Fresno MESA Enrollment

Once again, the MESA office at CSU Fresno has challenged its associated MESA middle schools to a friendly competition to see which program is able to most quickly get enrollment paperwork turned in. I was able to successfully fax our minimum requirement to the office on Monday and, with the assistance of many of our capable RJJH MESA leadership crew, also get students signed up using the online system. I would like to thank our amazing RJJH MESA parents for making the extra effort to complete the paperwork and get it turned back to the school so promptly. Whether we win the \$300 incentive or not, I know we are truly a winning team for the benefit of our students...and *that* deserves a pat on the back. Great job, students and parents!

### MESA Elective Syllabus

Please take the opportunity to review your student’s MESA syllabus. All students must keep this very important paper in the MESA section in their binder at all times, as it contains important grading policies and course information. This year, all RJJH MESA students will take part in an on-line MESA orientation, which is set up similar to an on-line college course, through California MESA’s *Online U*. All incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade MESA elective students will also be associated with an 8<sup>th</sup> grade mentor (*MESA Buddy*). This is a student who has experience in the program, as well as in the junior high environment, and can offer support as our new students “learn the ropes.”

### Back-to-School Dance / Fundraiser

It’s back-to-school time. Teachers and students, alike, are excited to be back in the school routine, and with this enthusiasm comes the anticipation of special school events. Our main MESA fundraiser – the Back-to-School dance – is quickly approaching, (*Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>!*) and we need *your help!* Our MESA 8<sup>th</sup> graders have chosen a great theme, and we are excited to run with it!

Please refer to the attached “Help Wanted” form to confirm your commitment to helping make this year’s dance a big success. There are also other opportunities available throughout the year for which help is needed, and a chance to offer your creative input to make our program great for the students. I have also attached a district parent volunteer form for parents not currently on the district cleared list so we can get you approved before we start rolling strong. Thank you, in advance, for your ongoing support of our MESA program. It couldn’t be done without you!

### Catalina Opportunity for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade MESA Students!

I need to get a *commitment* from students wishing to attend the **Catalina Island Marine Institute** trip by Thursday, **August 25, 2011**. Only *ten spaces are available*, and priority will be given to: 1. *MESA Leadership* students, 2. *Second year MESA students*, 3. *Students in good academic and disciplinary standing*, and 4. *Students who will commit to pre-arranging work for the missed school days*. After this, all interested *current* and *qualified* 8<sup>th</sup> grade MESA elective students will be given the opportunity to fill any empty spaces through random drawing, as they become available.

---- CIMI will take place from November 9 – 11, 2011 ----  
\$100 Deposit due: 9/15/11 - \$129 balance due: 10/7/11

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