



monthly - September

MESA Orientation / Balsawood Glider

MESA Dance a HUGE Success!

The back-to-school dance has come and gone, and immediate feedback received from students gave our dance *great reviews*. Numbers have yet to come in as to the dollar amount raised to support RJJH MESA, but preliminary estimates are *very good*. Your students did a *great job* of publicizing the dance, creating decorations, and serving as great “dance ambassadors” in promoting the event. Over 240 tickets were sold!

This event definitely could *not have happened* without the support of **you**, the countless parent volunteers...from our concessions experts, to chaperones, pizza runner, decorators, food and drink donators, and many more. A heartfelt **thank you** for your support of this program and dedication to your student’s education. Great job, and **go team MESA!** What a privilege to work with you all!

First Project

The first MESA project of the year will be the *balsawood glider*. MESA elective students took notes and listened while guest speaker, Mr. Bouck, discussed topics related to aerodynamics, such as lift, drag, weight, and thrust. Then student teams researched and discussed their designs further.

Glider teams will now use their knowledge to design and build their gliders, to be tested during next Monday’s (9/19/11) competition. This Thursday’s class (9/15/11) is a dedicated building day. Please make sure you come prepared to build your glider!

MESA Bloggers

Did you know our MESA elective students are bloggers?

Much of the students’ work will be reflected upon in blog format, on the computer. This is completely safe, as students use pseudonyms for their blog identity (their initials), and all blog submissions AND comments made to the blogs are cleared through me via e-mail. I encourage you to go on line to check out your student’s blog page, and even make a comment!

You can find a link to our MESA Bloggers’ Page by first logging onto my website: www.mrsdedini.com, then click on the “MESA Resources” tab, and then MESA Bloggers.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me: ddedini@kingsburg-elem.k12.ca.us

Reminder for Catalina Students!

For students on the Catalina Island roster, the \$100 deposit is due no later than *this Wednesday*, September 15th, in order to maintain your slot for the trip. Please contact Mrs. Dedini *immediately* if you can no longer commit to the trip or have any other questions/concerns regarding the trip.

---- CIMI will take place from November 8-11, 2011 ----
\$100 Deposit due: 9/15/11 - \$129 balance due: 10/7/11

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