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MEA Calendar of Events

Aug 6 - New Teacher Brunch,
Mesa High School
Cafeteria, 9:30 AM

Aug 7 - Teacher Work Days
Begin

Aug 13 - First Day of Classes

Aug 28 - West Side Faculty
Assembly, Dobson
Ranch Inn, 1666 S.
Dobson, 4:15 PM

Aug 29 - East Side Faculty
Assembly,
Mi Amigo's, 6465 E.
Southern, 4:15 PM

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*“Our future is guaranteed
only by the degree of our
personal involvement and
commitment”*

-Terry Tempest Williams



President's Message

by Kirk Hinsey, MEA President

As president of the Mesa Education Association, I would like to personally welcome you to a profession that will challenge you, frustrate you, and ultimately reward you beyond belief. As a 21-year veteran in the classroom, I cannot imagine doing anything different. Being a part of my professional organization, the Mesa Education Association, is one way that has enriched my teaching career and made me a better educator.

As you embark on your personal journey in the classroom, remember, the challenges will be numerous and the Mesa Education Association will be there to assist in any way possible.



MEA Members with State Representative and School Board Member Rich Crandall, AEA Legislature Day 2007

*Joining the Mesa
Education Association
is the next step in your
professional life.*

*Your membership
provides a powerful
voice in the education
community.*

What have we done lately?

- ⇒ Bargained for an increase in salaries.
- ⇒ Ensured basic health care costs covered by the District.
- ⇒ Sponsored three professional development forums with nationally known experts.
- ⇒ Assisted dozens of members in solving concerns and problems at their schools and sites.
- ⇒ Worked with Governor Napolitano to pass a budget that included 50 million dollars for additional classroom funding.
- ⇒ Served on a variety of committees and task forces to advise the AZ Department of Education on AIMS, English Language Learners, and other educational issues.
- ⇒ Sponsored Cat-in-the Hat contests and celebrations for elementary schools in honor of Read Across America.
- ⇒ Worked to pass the MPS Bond Election, ensuring that MPS retains its competitive edge.