



**Proclamation  
Recognizing April 2-8, 2022 as  
Week of the Young Child at Mesa Community College**

- WHEREAS, All young children in our community deserve quality early learning experiences; and
- WHEREAS, Early childhood professionals and others who make a difference in the lives of young children deserve recognition and support; and
- WHEREAS, Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children, Mesa Community College, First Things First, and other community organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the 51st Anniversary of the Week of the Young Child; and
- WHEREAS the Mesa Community College Early Childhood Education Program within the Education Studies Department teaches students how to design and promote the best and most desirable experiences for children, advocate for access and equity, and establish professional networks; and
- WHEREAS, Public policies that support equitable early learning for all young children are crucial for Arizona's children, families, and communities.

I, Dr. Lori M. Berquam, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Interim President of Mesa Community College, Arizona, do hereby proclaim that the week of April 2-8, 2022 be declared "**Week of the Young Child**" at Mesa Community College. I encourage all students, faculty, and community partners to work to celebrate young children, families, and the early childhood professionals who support them.

Dr. Lori M. Berquam  
Interim President  
Mesa Community College

