



**Proclamation
Recognizing April 6-12, 2024 as
Week of the Young Child at Mesa Community College**

- WHEREAS, All young children in our community deserve quality early learning experiences; and
- WHEREAS, Teachers, early childhood professionals, and child care providers who make a difference in the lives of young children deserve recognition and support; and
- WHEREAS, Arizona Association for the Education of Young Children, First Things First, Mesa Community College, and other community organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), are celebrating the 53rd Anniversary of the Week of the Young Child; and
- WHEREAS the Mesa Community College Early Childhood Education Center strives towards creating an environment in support of the growth and development of all children; the Mesa Community College Early Childhood Education Program, focuses on students' educational experiences to develop and promote quality experiences for all children, serve as advocates on behalf of the field of early childhood, and establish professional networks; and
- WHEREAS, Mesa Community College's Early Childhood Education Center & Associates in Applied Sciences in Early Childhood Education degree program are accredited by NAEYC; and
- WHEREAS, Public policies that support equitable early learning for all young children are essential for Arizona's children, families, and communities to thrive.

I, Dr. Kimberly Britt, President at Mesa Community College, proclaim that the week of April 6-12, 2024 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.