Hello from Your New Principal!

What an exciting first week it has been already. And what an amazing year we have ahead. I cannot thank Jeff Naslund, Coretta Hoffman, Rick Pelkie, Ray Piccici, and the Mead/Panther Family and Community enough for the warm and supportive welcome. The culture of belonging that is the legacy of Jeff is tangible!

Last Thursday, I was sitting in Coretta's office and noticed on the wall an inspirational art piece that reads:

I was immediately struck by its significance and powerful message. Coretta and I chatted for a moment about the interconnectedness of serving others, relationship building, and the pursuit of excellence. We also talked about how those intentional actions not only perpetuate but are also the basis of a culture of belonging. Fast forward one day (last Friday). Travis Bown, Director of Maintenance and Operations – and proud ‘93 Panther! –, and I were touring district facilities and Union Stadium. During our conversation, Travis started talking about his deep sense of service and giving back, the importance of relationships and what those mean in the Mead community, and how he and his team pursue excellence in everything they do. Travis explained that excellence requires collaboration, drawing on each other's expertise, and always seeking to innovate and improve. I shared with Travis about the sign on Coretta's wall. Without hesitation, Travis explained, essentially, that he was not surprised because it is the Panther Way!

This year marks my seventeenth year in education – my tenth as a school administrator. Students continue to amaze and inspire me: their wit, insights, candidness, and deep desire to know and be known. It's what drives me to pursue excellence for our students, staff, and families.

That's what I love about Mead. It's a place where staff are truly invested in the lives and learning of students, and constantly looking for new ways to grow students to their best selves. We are continually learning and growing together with and for our students and families. Mead is truly the place to be, belong, and become!

As we launch into the 2022-23 school year, I look forward to meeting and connecting with you through one of our many academic, social, and athletic activities. My priority this year is to listen and learn.

In partnership,
**Participation Information**

1. Register online
2. Pay Participation Fee ($45) and purchase ASB $50
3. Incoming Freshmen, Juniors, and new students to Mead must present a current sports physical (good every two years).

**Sports Physicals hosted at Mead High School**
- **Monday, 15 August, 6:00 - 7:30 PM**
- **Location:** Nurse’s Office (within Main Office)
- **Cost:** $20
- **Need another day?** [Click here](#) for other options.

Thank you to Madsen Family Medicine for making this possible!

**2022 Fall Sports and Activities Dates - just a few highlights...**

- **Monday, 27 June:** First day Color Guard Summer Rehearsals
- **Monday, 8 August:** First day practice for 2022-23 Cheer Squad
- **Monday, 15 August:** First day Marching Band Practice
- **Wednesday, 17 August:** First day Football Practice
- **Monday, 22 August:** LINK CREW Training Day!
- **Monday, 22 August:** First day practices for Volleyball, Girls Soccer, Boys XC/Girls XC, Slow Pitch Softball
- **Friday, 2 September:** GAME NIGHT! Football: Mead @ Eastmont 7:00 PM; Soccer v. CDA @ Union 4:00 PM
- **Saturday, 10 September:** [CAT SCRAMBLE Golf Tournament](#) @ Wandermere Golf Course
  
  Great opportunity to support Mead Boosters. [Click here](#) for more information!

Interested in a Summer Sports Camp? Many are still available!

[Click here](#) for a list of all of our Summer Sports Camps.

To Register for 2022 Mead Summer Camps, create an account with Family ID using the website [https://www.familyid.com/mead-high-school](https://www.familyid.com/mead-high-school).

**2022-23 BUS RIDER REGISTRATION**

Just a reminder that all bus riders must register each year. Registering in advance helps Transportation plan routes and prepare for riders.

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Free breakfasts and lunches available for all school aged students during Summer Break. Sponsored by Boys and Girls Clubs of Spokane County and NO KID HUNGRY. [Click here for information](#).