

MES Soaring to Success

Principal weekly update



2023-2024



9/25/23



A Year of Kindness

Good afternoon parents!

Good afternoon parents/guardians!

This week on Friday we will be participating in National Rock Your School Day! What is it you ask?

Rock Your School is an initiative we started five years ago to encourage teachers and schools to create an educational experience by doing something different for their students that. It doesn't have to be big! It doesn't have to be small!

Here at MES we will be celebrating it with a Color Wars Day!! Since it is the last Friday of the month and Spirit days students will wear their grade level colored shirts. We will gather all in the gym for morning meeting where I will facilitate games based on colors. Then throughout the day students will answer trivia questions based on colors and if the grade level color is the answer that grade level will stop drop and play. Students will go outside for 15 minutes of extra play time! The whole idea is to think out of the box and to do something totally different for the day! Hopefully I will have pictures for you next week!



It seems like we have had many rainy days this year and I wanted to thank parents/guardians/family and friends who are cooperating with our new rainy day arrival procedures. I know today the lines were a bit long and I really appreciate the cooperation you have shown. With that said one thing that could speed up the procedures if you were to have your students ready to exit the car when you pull up to the doors. Students should have backpacks on and ready to exit. We hope this will help with some of the lines. Thank you in advance for your help with this!

One other item I wanted to mention is the format for open house this year. We will again have 2 sessions at 6:00 and 6:30 at our open house on October 12th. We ask parents to come for the whole hour if possible so that you can also visit our community fair during the time frame you will not be in your child's classroom. More information to follow!

Look for more information on the PTO board regarding our Kindness Walk scheduled for 1:30 next Friday. Parents will be invited to come watch!

Hope you all have a wonderful week!

Mrs. Pinho



School Schedule – Upcoming dates

- School hours are 8:25 am – 3:15 pm (M,T,Th,F), doors open at 8:15 am. Our Wednesday dismissal is at 2:35 pm.
- 9/29 Rock Your School Day - wear your grade level color shirts
- 10/2 BOE meeting
- 10/2 Custodian Appreciation Day
- 10/5 Picture Day
- 10/5 MES PTO Meeting
- 10/6 Kindness Walk (see PTO board)
- 10/9 Columbus Day No School
- 10/11 NHS students reading to MES students for Hispanic Heritage Month
- 10/12 MES Open House

Cafeteria News



Lunch, Recess and Snacks

School Lunch/Breakfast

- Please visit the [Food Services](#) Link to the Region 14 website for more information.
- Breakfast will be served at school at 8:15 am for those who wish to eat breakfast at school. Breakfast is free for all students. Lunch will be free for those who qualify for free or reduced lunch.
- Applications for free and reduced breakfast and lunch are found on the website and here: [Application](#)
- Ice cream days will begin in the upcoming months and we will let you know! In the meantime please practice with your child on



Updates and News

- The MES PTO is excited to invite you to take part in our Kindness Walk! This fundraiser will help the PTO provide our MES community with exciting activities and events this school year. Students may ask family, friends, or neighbors to donate towards their walk. Parents are welcome to come cheer on their students as they walk, enjoy a surprise from Nonnewaug High School students, and celebrate our school "Year of Kindness."

- 10/16 BOE meeting
[Picture Day Flyer part 1](#)
[Picture Day Flyer part 2](#)

memorizing their PIN numbers. Please make sure you check in on your child's account as they can not buy a snack/ice cream if they have a negative balance.

- ***Here is a link to the new class celebration sheet. Please remember you must turn the form in 2 weeks before the celebration. [Celebration sheet](#) ***New revised one*****

Who can walk: Students and staff

Who can cheer: MES Parents

When: 1:30 pm Friday, October 6th, 2023

Where: MES Field

Watch out for Pledge Forms coming home this week!

- Fall Decorating: The MES PTO is in need of fall decoration donations. Be on the lookout for our annual Sign-Up Genius!
- Room Parents: Be sure to check your email for an update from our Room Parent Liaison!
- Spirit Wear: Back-to-school 30% sitewide sale EXTENDED to 9/30! Shop [here](#).
- October 5: PTO General Meeting, 7:00 PM, Flanders Room

Get Involved

- Visit our [website](#) to stay connected! Code NGDHXW

Contact your MES PTO via email at

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Bus routes

Bus Routes - Region 14

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ATTENDANCE

Each school year, we create a new absence reporting form. It appears that some families may have saved old links and are using those to report absences. We have turned off access to all of the old forms. Please make sure you are using this link for the 2023-2024 school year, and if you have already used an old form, please email Mrs. Winter so she can properly update your child's attendance.

- [2023-2024 Attendance Form](#)

Region 14 Vision of a Learner

We want the students in our Region 14 communities to be future ready. To ensure that all of our learners are prepared for the opportunities and challenges of the 21st century, we have developed a common understanding of the skills and qualities that will help them to thrive in life. Our vision represents the core values that guide the work of our educators and students and aligns with the characteristics our community deemed necessary for our students to be positive contributors to society. Region 14's Vision of a Learner will provide coherence across our schools from Pre-K through 12th grade and serve as a guide for instruction and decision making.

Region 14 students:

- **THINK CRITICALLY AND CREATIVELY** – They evaluate an issue or problem and develop a solution or opinion using multi-disciplinary thinking, originality and imagination.
- **COLLABORATE AND COMMUNICATE EFFECTIVELY** – They find effective ways to work together and express, listen to, and exchange ideas and information in many forms.
- **DEMONSTRATE EMPATHY** – They understand and respect the ideas, beliefs, and values of others to foster an inclusive environment.
- **TAKE INITIATIVE** – They take ownership of learning by inquiring, setting goals, taking action, and consistently reflecting.
- **PERSEVERE** – They persist through challenges to achieve goals and build resilience.
- **ADAPT AND ADJUST** – They remain flexible and open to new ideas, and they adjust to new situations.

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