C.C. MENELEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CCMES

<u>A MESSAGE FROM MR. SPIRES</u>

Happy May CC Meneley Families! We are nearing the final days of school for the 2023-24 school year. It has been a full year with a great deal to celebrate. I am proud of our teachers, staff, students and families for all that we have accomplished this school year. This is the time of year when students are able to show us what they have learned. This time also is reassurance that we have been meeting the needs of our students throughout the year.

EPIC Learning continues to play a crucial role in our instruction and school culture. EPIC Learning has supported student led conferences, data notebooks that empower students to take ownership of their learning, and rethinking how we assess our students. Students will always be guided by the expertise of our teachers, but we also want students to advocate for themselves and have choice in how they show us what they know. We hope that you see your child inspired to work hard, challenge themselves and persevere.

We just finished state testing and are now in the middle of District MAP testing. We are very proud of our third, fourth, and fifth grade students for their effort on state testing. Students took their time and utilized their strategies. I look forward to seeing how they do! Testing results help Mr. Fromdahl and I determine how best to utilize resources to help all of our students. As we continue to work through MAP testing please ensure that your child gets a good night's sleep (at least 8 hours) prior to each day they test. Make them a protein rich breakfast and send them with a few snacks that they can eat during testing breaks. Thank you, families and friends, for your support of our Read-A-Thon! We raised \$13,305.00. Our students read 59.227 combined minutes! This money goes back into our library and the support of literacy resources across the school. We appreciate this support and your help instilling a love of reading in our kids.

As we near the end of the year, we will be having celebrations around the school. Please check our website and our teacher landing pages for end of the year events. We will be having a Spring Concert Series in June thanks to Mrs. Campbell. She has been working hard to create a fun program for our school and pare We are collecting all Chromebooks and chargers at the end of this year so we can inventory them. If you have a Chromebook at home, please send it back to school starting May 28th. I hope that you all have a great summer vacation and are able to enjoy time with your family. Here are a few fun educational activities you can do with your child(ren) over summer to

keep their skills sharp.

- Encourage building of any kind.
- Talk about the themes of movies and discuss alternative endings.
- Teach or learn with your kids how to play chess or a board game.
- Take an adventure....anywhere.
- Keep kids reading anyway you can: Game instructions, comic books, magazine, listen to an audiobook on a road trip.

See you in August! Together in education,



Upcoming Events:

5/8- Bike to School Day PTO Meeting 3:30pm 5/10-Food Exemption Day 5/13- Early Release 1:44pm 5/13-5/16- 5th Grade Tahoe Camp 5/24- Food Exemption Day 5/27- Holiday/No School 5/30- Literacy Night 5:00pm 6/2- Reno Aces Game 1:00pm 6/3- PreK Music Concert 12:30pm 6/5-2nd-3rd Music Concert 2:15pm 6/6- K-1st Music Concert 9:15am 4th-5th Music Concert 2:15pm 6/7- Food Exemption Day 6/11- Awards Ceremony 2:00pm (Parents welcomed) 6/12- 5th Gr Aspen Park Day 6/13- 5th Gr Breakfast 6/14- Last Day of School-12:45pm Dismissal Kinder Grad 9:00am 5th Gr Good Bye Walk Out 12:30pm

Nurse's News

As we head towards summer and many of us are spending more time outside, here are some important safety tips to remember.

* Stay safe from the sun - Overexposure to the sun is a large risk for developing skin cancer. Teaching our children to protect themselves from the sun can help reduce this risk and teach them healthy habits they can use for the rest of their lives. The best tips are: avoid sun during the brightest part of the day; make use of shade as much as possible during midday hours; wear clothing that protects you from the sun including hats and sunglasses; and apply sunscreen before going outside and reapply it every 2 hours (and use SPF lip balm).

* Avoid becoming overheated - Plan activities and exercise for mornings and evenings to avoid the hottest part of the day. Make sure you and your children are drinking plenty of water.

* Keep your food safe - When you take food on a trip or to a picnic, make sure that food stays properly cooled until it is ready to eat or cook. When you have leftovers, make sure they are refrigerated or put into a cooler quickly and throw out any food that has been left sitting out. When you cook meat, make sure to avoid cross contamination between raw and cooked foods.

* Use insect repellents and longer clothing to prevent bites from mosquitoes, ticks, and other insects.

* Use life jackets - Whether you're boating, paddle boarding, or any other activity on the water, make sure you and your children are using life jackets that are approved by the Coast Guard and that have not been damaged.

<u>PTO</u>

Congratulations to our 2024 Ely Weigel and Nicole Snyder Scholarship recipients, Katie Mayotte and Jeremiah Pitts.

Each year PTO selects two former CCMES students attending DHS to receive a \$1,000 scholarship for college tuition.

Our annual Aces Baseball fundraiser is coming up on June 2nd at 1:05pm. Tickets are \$16. Half of the money raised goes back to the PTO. This is a fun event to come enjoy some baseball with your family. Also, enjoy \$1 hot dogs! If you have any questions, please feel free to email the PTO at ccmespto@gmail.com.

Join the PTO!

We are looking for more members to join our school's PTO! We plan school events, book assemblies, run fundraisers and so much more! For more info email:

ccmespto@gmail.com

Next Meeting: May 8th



Counselor's Corner

We have reached the end of another school year. As we finish these last two months, students in guidance will be finishing up their problem solving unit, 4th grade will be learning about the different learning styles and thinking about how they learn best, and 5th grade will be researching a career that they are interested in and creating short and long term goals about

how to get there. Our last Grief Group of the year will be on May 15th from after school until 4:15. This group will continue next year. If your family has experienced a loss and you would like your student(s) to attend next year, please let Ms. Peters or Mrs. Brooks know at 775-265-3154.

It has been a pleasure to work with all of our students this year and I look forward to another great year in the Fall. Have a wonderful summer break! <u>Attendance is important!</u> 👌 🌮 🍣 🏷 🌮 🍣 🏷 🌮 🍣 🏷 🌮 🈂 🏷 🌮 🈂

Finish the Year Strong!

We hope that your students had a restful and refreshing spring break! We have the final push to summer and we would like to continue to stress the importance of attendance. As long as your student is healthy, please encourage them to be in school. If you have questions regarding your student coming to school due to a health or mental health concern, please contact the school directly.

Too many absences--excused or unexcused-can keep students from succeeding in school. 10% of the school year-that's an average of two days per month-can knock students off track. If you have any barriers that are contributing to your student not attending school, or if your family or student need support, please reach out to school counselor Anneliese Peters or school social worker Michelle Brooks for support.

If your student does have to miss school, please call us to excuse the absence. Parent/Guardian(s) have three days to clear an absence from the time the student returns to school (Board Policy 504). After three school-days the absence will become a truancy.

We appreciate your hard work to ensure your student's success and commitment to our school community!

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Hello CCMES Families!

We are so excited to share our learning with you during our Spring Concerts! Each grade band has their own theme for the concert and will perform on the stage. Kindergarten and First Grade will do "A Walk Through Music Class", Second and Third Grade will be doing "Rock and Roll Forever", and Fourth and Fifth Grade will be doing "Summer Camp". I have asked each group to dress according to their concert, but PLEASE do not feel like you have to buy something. Look in your closets and be creative. I can't wait to see you watch your child(ren) shine!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Campbell

Concert Schedule:

PreK PM Class: June 3rd-12:30 in the music room

K/1st grade: June 6th- 9:15 in the gym. Dress in your best!

2/3rd grade: June 5th-2:15 in the gym. Wear 50s-60s attire.

4/5th grade: June 6th-2:15 in the gym. Wear camping clothes; camp shirt will be provided.



May Events "



April 1, 2024



1126 Airport Rd. Bldg. B-1 Minden, Nevada 89423

> Office: 775-782-7613 Fax: 775-782-7633

Important Changes

As students approach the end of the 2023-24 academic year, we are encouraging families to complete the Free and Reduced Price Meal Application to ensure eligible students continue to receive free or reduced cost meals.

End of Free Meals Program: The Nevada State-funded free school meals program, which includes breakfast and lunch for all students, will conclude at the end of the current school year (2023/2024).

Action Needed for Free and Reduced Price Meals: If you have not yet applied for the Free and Reduced Price Meals for the 2023/2024 school year, please do so immediately. Approval now ensures eligibility, including a 30-day grace period, for the start of the 2024/2025 school year (August 19, 2024).

Annual Application Reminder: Remember, you must reapply each school year to continue receiving benefits. We can now accept online meal applications starting July 1st, 2024, for the Free and Reduced Price Meal Program for the 2024/2025 school year.

For Those Not Applying or Not Approved: If you decide not to apply, or if your application for the 2024/2025 school year is not approved, student meal status will revert to full-pay from the first day of the 2024/2025 school year. Please ensure funds are available in the Infinite Campus Food Service accounts by August 19, 2024, to purchase meals.

2023-2024

2024-2025

How to Apply (2023/24 current school year):

- Online: For the quickest response, you can apply through Infinite Campus.
- Paper Application: Available at your school's office or for print on the DCSD website (*dcsd.net*) under the Departments tab Nutrition Services. Please return completed applications to your student's school.

How to Apply (2024/25 upcoming school year):

• **Online:** For the quickest response, you can apply through Infinite Campus. We can now accept online meal applications starting July 1st, 2024, for the 24/25 school year. This option is available throughout the summer, allowing you to apply for the 2024/2025 school year from the comfort of your home.

• **Paper Application:** Starting July 1st, 2024, applications can be printed from the DCSD website (*dcsd.net*) under the Departments tab - Nutrition Services. During the summer break, completed paper applications for the 24/25 school year can be mailed directly to the *School Nutrition Program (SNP) office at 1126 Airport Rd. Bldg B-1, Minden, 89423*. Starting August 1st, paper applications will also be available at your child's school office.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact the School Nutrition Office at 775-782-7613. Our team is here to help and ensure your child has access to nutritious meals.



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Pick Up/Drop Off:

If you bring your child (or pick them up from school), please use the west side/upper parking lot directly west of the basketball courts. Doors open for breakfast at 8:30 am. We do not have supervision in the cafeteria until 8:30. If students are not eating breakfast, they will need to enter at the primary and intermediate hallway doors at 8:40 am. If there is a change in pick up plans, please call the school office to leave a message for the child's teacher. The office will relay the message to the teacher near the end of the day.

Keeping info up to date:

It is important to keep addresses and phone numbers up to date at all times. These are our only source of contacting you in case of illness or emergency. To update your information, you must log into your Infinite Campus Parent Portal. From there, you can update or add information. The office can no longer add or change information for you.

We cannot release a student unless individuals are listed on the emergency list or a guardian has informed the teacher or office. We will request to see that person's identification.

Absent?

Call or email the office ccmes-attendance@dcsd.k12.nv.us 775-265-3154 Failure to do so will result in a truancy for your child

Volunteering: If you are an active volunteer, you may

It you are an active volunteer, you may volunteer at any time. Fingerprints are valid for 5 years. If you have questions about your status as a volunteer or if you need to renew your fingerprints, please call the school office.

While volunteering, please ensure you have signed in at the office and are wearing your volunteer badge at all times.

If you are wanting to become a volunteer, please access a volunteer packet online or pick up a hard copy at the office. Once completed, please bring the packet to the school office along with your ID. Please make sure that your fingerprints are completed before submitting your packet. Processing time can take up to 6-8 weeks.