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Message:

We want to thank everyone for a great Back-to-School Night event last night. It was so great to see all the bright faces back in the building and hear the excitement everyone has for the start of the year. Our job now is to make sure we continue to harness that energy every day as we engage our students in another great year at Meridian! We would like to see everyone get lots of rest this weekend, **talk through your arrival/dismissal plan**, practice your school routine, and be ready for the BEST Monday of the year. Please read all of the updates and information below as it contains important information that will help us have a successful start to the 24-25 school year.

Upcoming Events:

August 12 - First day of school for all students! *See more logistics below.*

August 29 - Fall Picture Day

August 30 - Mustang Mile Kick-off (for students)

September 2 - Labor Day No School

September 20 - Mustang Mile & Fall Festival

First Day of School Logistics - Aug. 12

- School hours are from **7:50-2:35 on Monday, Aug. 12** and these will be the hours every day for ALL students K-5.
- Students eating breakfast may enter at 7:30. Please look for the blue cones to lead your way to the breakfast door (labeled door #2). If you are not eating breakfast, you may begin to line up and enter starting at 7:40 each day.
- Students who have a district chromebook should come with it fully charged on the first day. Students who do not have a district chromebook will receive one during the first week.
- To help you plan, remember that you can always see breakfast and lunch menu options on the ***NEW*** [School Cafe site](#). Remember, this is the new school lunch system for menus, a la carte payments, etc. Your previous nutrition balance has carried over, but you will need to set up a new account through School Cafe. Breakfast and lunch are free to all students this year. Please see the [24-25 Adams 12 A la Carte Price List](#) for additional A La Carte items that can be purchased at an additional cost.
- Please note that there is road construction on Zuni. The original plan from the city was that this would be finished before school starts, but the weather has caused some delay. They are trying to get it done, but please watch for possible closures on Zuni near Legacy HS.

Arrival & Dismissal Procedures for 2024-2025:

It is very important for all families to review the attached arrival and dismissal procedures together and have a plan for drop off and pick up each day. Please click the link below for information and maps. Please know that in order to get everyone in efficiently and to create as safe an environment as possible, we ask parents to drop walkers off at the entrance/exit of the parking lot, and those using the hug & go lane to please stay in your car, letting students out on the passenger side.

[Arrival & Dismissal Procedures 2024-2025](#)

Fall Picture Day:

Our fall individual picture day is on Thursday, August 29. Please look for more information about purchasing picture packages in the coming weeks.

Free and Reduced Benefits

All families are encouraged to apply for Free and Reduced Benefits regardless of status or eligibility. The more applications we have, the more benefits Meridian receives as a whole community. Please click on [Free and Reduced Benefits Application](#) to apply today. Here's the why:

- Families can receive 50% off of select fees or not have to pay them at all. These include athletic fees, course fees and activity and field trip fees tied to curriculum. See the [Fees Schedule](#)
- High school students can receive discounts when preparing for their future. This can include discounted course fees, post-graduation planning, scholarships, state and national testing (including SAT, ACT, AP and IB), and post-secondary enrollment.
- Schools receive additional funding from the state to enhance the educational experience for all students.
- Families can qualify for additional resources, such as medical, food and cash assistance, and discounted services like internet.

Specials Schedule Rotation

During the first week of school, students will rotate through each specials class (Art, Music, P.E. Tech). After the first week, specials will rotate on a 3 day basis. Your student's teacher will help remind students which special they are attending each day.

Blueprint Funding Proposals

Through Blueprint, **every school** in the district will receive facility repairs or updates, and investments in staffing and programming. Check out the Virtual Map to see what our school would receive at adams12.org/funding-proposals

(P.S If this is the first you've heard of Blueprint + its funding proposals, hit that link above to learn more)

Mark Your Calendars + Attend the Meeting

Additional funding is needed to address the priorities outlined in [Blueprint](#), and the district may ultimately ask voters to decide on how best to fund them. Join us at the upcoming board meeting where the Board of Education is scheduled to vote on whether to place the \$830 million bond proposal and/or the \$34.5 million mill levy override proposal on the November ballot.

When: August 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Educational Support Center, 1500 E. 128th Ave. in Thornton

Why: Listen and/or provide public comment

Bus Passes & Transportation:

Students who ride the bus will receive a bus pass from their teacher on the first day of school. They do not need the pass to ride to school in the morning. You should have received a postcard from Adams 12 Transportation within the last week or so with your bus route information if you are eligible to ride the bus. If your student still has their lanyard from last year, we would appreciate it if they could return it to their teacher on the first day so we can re-use it.

Sign Up for Text Alerts:

Be sure to sign up for text alerts so you receive notification about:

- Meridian Information and Reminders
- School closures & delays
- District Emergency Communications

To opt in for text alerts, parents/guardians must text **YES** to **67587**