

8/23/24

Upcoming Events:

Aug. 29 - Fall Picture Day

Aug. 30 - Mustang Mile Kick-off (for students)

Sept. 2 - Labor Day **No School**

Sept. 3 - **NO School for Students**; Teacher Professional Development Day

Sept. 18 - Vision and Hearing Screening Day

Sept. 20 - Mustang Mile & Fall Festival

Building Temperatures:

We recognize that when it gets intensely hot outside as it has been this week, the building can heat up during the afternoon. Please know we are constantly monitoring temperatures and working to make it as comfortable as possible for students and staff. We are pleased to report that, for the most part, the building did stay at least 20 degrees cooler than the outside temperature. Unfortunately, the exception to this has been the 4th/5th grade wing, where we did have a cooling system malfunction on Tuesday. When this happens we try to move students to other parts of the building when possible as well as set up air circulators in the flex areas and smaller fans in the classrooms. Mr. Rick has been working very closely with the district maintenance and operations team on the issue and we're pleased to report that the temperature improved in that wing by the next afternoon and has maintained the rest of the week. Also, you should know that Meridian was built at the end of the swamp cooler era, and as such, is cooled with swamp coolers, so they can struggle to keep up when the humidity increases. This is one of the major building systems that is planned to receive attention with the \$3+ million allocation plan for Meridian in the upcoming Bond/Mill election (called Blueprint; see more info below).

Important BOE Meeting : 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

Through a collaborative process, the district created the [Blueprint Funding Proposals](#) to address what the community values wants when considering school building improvements. Click on the link above to see how much will be spent and what the priorities will be at each school. **At Meridian, the proposal calls for between \$3.1-3.8 million** focused on updating building interior fixtures and flooring, upgrade to HVAC, water, and lighting systems, as well as school grounds improvements such as parking lots, play structures and playground equipment.

Colorado Rapids School Attendance Program



We have partnered with the Colorado Rapids to reward and incentivize attendance here at Meridian Elementary by giving students with one absence or less, from August 26th - September 23rd, a complimentary ticket to a Colorado Rapids match with the purchase of an adult ticket.

The Rapids boast one of the most family-friendly and fun game day experiences in town. From celebrating the goals together, to the roar of the stadium crowd, to the hot dogs at halftime, Colorado Rapids games are where memories can be made. Students who qualify will receive a ticket link voucher to redeem their complimentary ticket with purchase of additional discounted tickets. Vouchers will be redeemable for Rapids home games on 10/2 & 10/5.

Arrival/Dismissal Notes

Just a friendly reminder that families should not be walking between buses and attempting to cross “the wall” that separates the bus lane from the road. This is for the safety of all. Instead, please use the crosswalks on the south side or north side of the bus loop.

Volunteers:

Teachers will be reaching out to parents with information about volunteering in their classroom. Meridian will begin welcoming volunteers starting September 4th. All volunteers at Meridian will be asked to review the [Meridian Volunteer Orientation Slideshow](#) prior to volunteering. Parents will sign a Volunteer Code of Ethics when they first volunteer for the year. The code of ethics form will be available at the front office when you come in. All volunteers must have a state issued ID with them, which will be scanned in order to receive a name tag and enter the building.

Fall Picture Day: Don't forget, picture day is next week, on Thursday, August 29. Pre-order your picture package online so you don't have to worry about sending in your order form and payment. Visit mylifetouch.com and use Picture Day ID **EVTW9XX9Z** or **your student ID** to access the Meridian Elementary School picture day portal and order your picture packages.

FALL Clubs at Meridian

We will begin sending out sign ups for the following clubs next week. Students may **ONLY** sign up for one club per day, they cannot be in multiple clubs that occur on the same day. Please choose your club with this in mind.

- **NaNoWriMo** (4th&5th) - Thursdays, Oct- Dec
- **Battle of the Books** (4th&5th) - Mondays, Oct-April
- **Mustang Voices** (Fall Choir 4th &5th) -Tuesdays, Sept-Dec
- **Ukulele Club** (3rd,4th &5th) - Mondays, Sept-Dec
- **Fun Run Club** (3rd,4th & 5th) - Mon & Thurs, Sept 9 - Oct 24
- **Fun Run Club** (1st & 2nd) - Tuesdays, Sept 9 - Oct 24
- **Student Council** (3rd,4th & 5th) -Tuesday **mornings** - Oct - May
- **Spelling Bee** (4th & 5th) - Only 4 specific days , Oct - March
- **Girls Who Code** (4th&5th girls) - Monday & Thursdays Sept - Dec

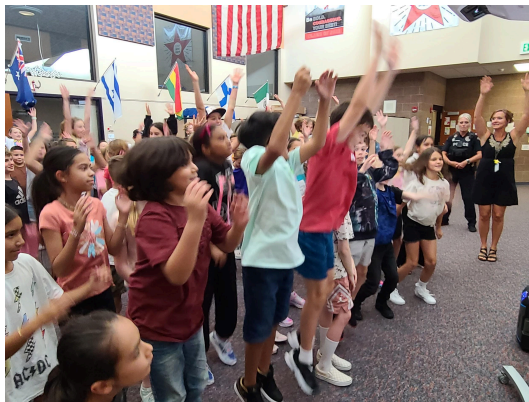
ST Math Celebration

Exciting news! From August 28th to 30th, ST Math will be visiting our school to capture the joy of learning on camera. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase our students and staff as they engage with the ST Math platform, which supports our math curriculum across all elementary schools. The footage will be featured in celebration for both Adams 12 and ST Math, including social media, websites, and printed content. No names will be used—just happy faces enjoying the benefits of ST Math! *Unless you have submitted a media opt-out form, your child may be part of this special celebration.*

Celebrating Our Students

This week, we conducted SHINE orientations. This is where we assemble each grade level together for 30 minutes to give a little pep talk, celebrate the new year, and give reminders about who we all are and can be together. If you would like to see the presentation we gave and reinforce some aspects with students, click on the link below. In addition, here are some pictures of each grade level from the day.

[24-25 Student SHINE Orientations Slides](#)



BASE Students Building Dinosaur Skeleton Models:



City of Broomfield Safety Action Plan Survey

The City of Broomfield is asking you to share your safety concerns and ideas to improve transportation safety, especially around Broomfield schools at <https://www.broomfieldvoice.com/btsap>. Your input, combined with safety and collision data, will be used to create the Broomfield Transportation Safety Action Plan (BTSAP). The BTSAP will identify ways to improve safety on Broomfield's multimodal transportation network and include

both action steps and recommendations that aim to reduce crashes and serious injuries when traveling in Broomfield. The survey and map close on Oct. 1st.