

**8/30/24**

Mustang Families,

We want to thank everyone for a great start to the 24-25 school year! We are pleased to report that our kids came ready and excited for the year and are now settling in and continuing to strive for excellence in their studies everyday with great excitement. We hope you enjoy a relaxing Labor Day weekend and are ready to get into the heart of the fall semester when we return. Please see below for some important information about Mustang Mile, which will be in full swing during the month of September.

Sincerely,  
Your Meridian Staff

**Upcoming Events:**

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

Oct. 1 & 3 - Fall Parent-conference (more information to come)

**Free & Reduced Benefits**

There are many benefits beyond free lunch that families who qualify for Free and Reduced benefits receive. Families who qualify can have field trip fees reduced or waived, receive scholarship assistance, obtain additional community resources such as medical/food/cash/internet assistance, and help their schools obtain additional funding to help support all of their students. Please take a moment to apply using the link below.

[Free and Reduced Benefits Application](#)

**Mustang Mile Kick-off**

On Friday, PTO kicked off our Mustang Mile Fundraiser with presentations to all students. Students will come home this weekend with t-shirts, information booklets, and collection envelopes for donations. The Mustang Mile is Meridian's main fundraiser and fall festival! This year our fundraising goal is \$50,000. These funds will support our annual PTO budget which helps to provide classroom subscriptions and technology upgrades as well as support staff appreciation and community events throughout the year. This year, we're also raising funds as part of a three-year library initiative. As our school turns twenty this year, it's time to upgrade our library. Last year, Mustang Mile funds helped to replace library books with newer copies and updated titles. This year, we're hoping to replace furniture that is starting to show wear and tear to create a warm and inviting library for our students. With leftover funds, we hope to cover the cost of field trip transportation to make field trips more accessible for all students. Remember,

that all donations, no matter how big or small, are appreciated and help the cause. **Students will have the next 3 weeks to collect donations leading to the Mustang Mile on Sept. 20.**

[Mustang Mile Kick-off Presentation](#)

[Mustang Mile Kick-off Video](#)

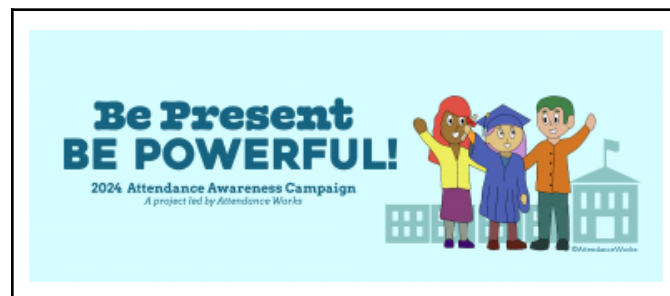


### **Volunteers:**

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.

### **🍎 September is Attendance Awareness Month! 🍎**

Did you know regular attendance is key to academic success? Missing just a few days can lead to falling behind. Let's make every day count!



### **🎉 Celebrating Attendance Success:**

We'll be recognizing students with great attendance throughout the month and school year. Encourage your child to be here every day and celebrate their commitment to learning! Stay tuned for some of the ways students can earn rewards and prizes for

being at school during the month of September. #AttendanceMatters

## Celebrating Our Students (and parents)

### New Bulletin Boards

A huge thank you to Kelly Conkin and Kelly Rink for volunteering their time to design and assemble new bulletin boards for the start of the school year.



### ST Math & Jiji's Visit

This week, a team from ST math and the district came out to highlight the great math work happening in Mrs. Nelson's 3rd grade classroom as well as students throughout the building working in ST Math. This event included a visit from Jiji, the ST Math Penguin, to all classrooms.



### Superintendent Gdowski's Visit to 3rd Grade



We were pleased to welcome our superintendent, Chris Gdowski, to Meridian this week. Mr. Gdowski came to talk to 3rd graders about his role in local government as part of their current social studies unit.

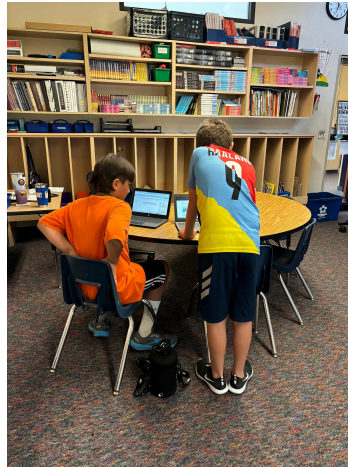


#### **Change Reaction Machines in 4th Grade**

As part of their energy unit, 4th graders designed change reaction machines in order to study the effects of kinetic and potential energy on a system.



#### **4th & 5th Grade Students Collaborating Across Grade Levels**



### **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. 1