

**9/6/24**

### **Upcoming Events:**

Sept. 18 - Vision and Hearing Screening Day

Sept. 20 - Mustang Mile & Fall Festival

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

Oct. 4 - **NO** School for students: Teacher Professional Development Day

### **Board Unanimously Votes to Place Blueprint Funding Measures on Upcoming Ballot**

On Wednesday, Aug. 28, in front of a packed house, the Board of Education voted to place **both** Blueprint funding measures - a bond for building investments and an override for programming investments - on the November ballot. The two funding measures resulted from more than a year-long engagement process to identify the community's values and priorities for its schools. [Blueprint](#) looks at facilities and programming together, and how investments in the two areas create the best possible experience for students, staff and families. [Read more about the specific projects planned through these Blueprint funding measures](#)

### **Blueprint for Meridian**

Through Blueprint, **every school** in the district would receive facility repairs or updates, and investments in staffing and programming. Would you like to see what Meridian would receive as part of the Blueprint funding plan? Click here to see the [Meridian Blueprint Plan](#)

### **Panorama Student Survey:**

Students in 3rd, 4th and 5th grades will be taking the Panorama Student Survey on Wednesday, 9/11. Please read here for more information: [Panorama Student Survey - Family Communication](#)

### **Gifted and Talented**

If you are interested in having your student evaluated for GT, please see the attached link and fill out the form before November 4th. [Gifted and Talented letter and nomination form.](#)

### **Morning Drop Off Times**

Students should not be dropped off before 7:35 AM unless they are eating breakfast as there is no adult supervision outside until this time. If students are eating breakfast, they can be dropped off at 7:30AM and enter Door 2 by the main entrance, where there is an adult present. Students not eating breakfast, will enter the building at 7:40 AM. For the safety of all students, we appreciate your assistance with this request.

### **After School Pick Up**

We love that we see so many families waiting to greet their students after school! We would like to remind our families who arrive prior to dismissal not to congregate at the exits so students

can safely get out and stay clear of the classroom window. Our students are still actively engaged in learning right up to the bell. Thank you so much for your help with this!

### **Volunteers:**

We welcome and encourage you to volunteer some time at Meridian this year. If you plan to volunteer, please review the [Meridian Volunteer Orientation Slideshow](#) prior to volunteering. Volunteers 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.

### **Help us with Benefits for Meridian**

At this point, only 15% of our families have filled out the Free & Reduced Lunch Application. Please know that regardless of status, Meridian benefits when all families fill out the application. The higher our percentage, the more funds Meridian will receive to support our programs. Please take a moment to apply using the link. [Free and Reduced Benefits Application](#)

### **School Attendance Policy Highlight:**

Students are considered habitually truant after 4 unexcused absences in a month or 10 in a school year. Make sure your child is present and ready to learn every day! #StayInSchool



### **What are ways we are currently celebrating students with strong attendance at Meridian?**

- Each week, the classrooms that have the highest number of perfect attendance days for the week get a special visit from Mustang Chris and a big ole YAHOO!
- Each month, primary grades (K, 1, and 2) and intermediate grades (3, 4, and 5) compete against each other for the highest average daily attendance. The winning grade levels get to choose from an Attendance Reward Menu to celebrate their strong attendance. In the month of August, 1st grade and 4th grade students were the winners!

- We have partnered with the Colorado Rapids to reward and incentivize attendance by giving students with one absence or less, from August 26th - September 23<sup>rd</sup>, a complimentary ticket to a Colorado Rapids match with the purchase of an adult ticket.
- More opportunities to celebrate students will be shared in next week's newsletter!

### Meridian Family's Cultural Heritage

Last year, we gathered information from our families about where they come from. If you are new to our school or did not have the opportunity to fill out [this survey](#), we would love for you to fill it out so we can celebrate your family in our cultural display case.



### Easy Fundraising Opportunities

- **Milk Caps for Moola:** Meridian is part of the Milk Caps for Moola Program through the Longmont Dairy. If any of you have milk delivered from the Longmont Dairy or drink beverage products from the Longmont Dairy, please save your Milk Caps and bring them to school and have your child put the Milk Caps in the Bins right outside of the SLS Classroom (across from the main office). The SLS Program is a Structured Learning Services Program for students in grades K-5th grade that helps to support unique learners, and these Milk Caps are a wonderful resource to provide necessary learning and sensory tools for our SLS Students. If you use Longmont Dairy (or know friends, neighbors, other people in the community, etc.), please collect the milk caps and bring them to the SLS collection box. If you
- **American Furniture Warehouse** Meridian is part of the AFW Rewards program, which helps raise money for your school when you make purchases at American Furniture Warehouse. It's simple...during checkout, mention our school or use our **School ID = MRDN12**. By doing this, **AFW will donate 2% on all purchases back to our school**.
- **King Soopers Card Link:**  
Go to [www.kingsoopers.com](http://www.kingsoopers.com). Sign in using your king soopers user ID and password. In the upper right corner, under the menu with your name, select **"My Account"**. Scroll down and select **"Community Rewards"**. Search for Meridian by using the Organization Name: **YY663**, then select **"Enroll"**.

### Device Update: GoGuardian Teacher

GoGuardian Teacher is a classroom management tool that teachers may use that allows them to better support students when they are using technology during class time. Our Digital Literacy Teacher, Mr. Plummer oversees its use. If you would like more information, please read this letter by clicking on the link below and feel free to reach out to him if you have any questions. [GoGuardian Community Letter](#)

### **Community Flyers for Services, Activities and Resources**

Once a month, district schools will distribute digital flyers for community events, activities and resources. *These materials are neither sponsored nor endorsed by the Adams 12 Five Star Schools, its Board, the Superintendent, or this school.* Use the link below to view the flyer's we received this month from community organizations offering various services, activities and resources for families. [September Community Flyers](#)

### **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