

**9/13/24**

**Upcoming Events:**

Sept. 18 - Vision and Hearing Screening Day

Sept. 20 - Mustang Mile & Fall Festival

Sept. 26 - 1st Grade Planetarium Dome Outreach Activity

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

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

**Mustang Mile Fall Festival**

HAPPY MUSTANG MILE WEEK! Remember that next Friday is our annual Mustang Mile and Fall Festival. Students have until Friday, Sept. 20 to complete their fundraising efforts and turn their donation envelope into their classroom teacher. Mustang Mile week is a fun time with spirit days, activities in classes, and is the biggest community event of the year at the end of the week. We hope to see everyone there on Friday night!

This year our fundraising goal is **\$50,000**. Hopefully students were able to go out and fundraise a little this weekend. Remember, that all donations, no matter how big or small, are appreciated.

**We have currently raised \$10,656. Keep it Going!!!!!!**

Donating is easy. Online donations can be submitted at [www.PayForIt.net](http://www.PayForIt.net). Share this link with family and friends!



**Mustang Mile Spirit Week:**

We will be celebrating Mustang Mile week with the following spirit days leading up to the big event on Friday.

**Monday** - Fun Hat or Hair Day

**Tuesday** - Sports Day

**Wednesday** - Look-alike/Twin Day

**Thursday** - Mismatch Day

**Friday** - Mustang Mile T-shirt Day

### **Blueprint Funding Proposals**

Through the Blueprint funding measures that are on this November's ballot, **every school** in the district would receive facility repairs or updates, and investments in staffing and programming. See the changes that are proposed to take place at Meridian by clicking on the [Meridian Blueprint Plan](#).

Some items our school would receive include:

- Partial replacement of aging playground equipment
- Repair or replace select failing asphalt play surfaces
- Replace select outdated, worn, inflexible furnishings in classrooms, libraries, offices and other collaborative spaces
- Replace or upgrade heating and cooling systems for efficiency and more consistent temperature control for comfort

Blueprint Funding Proposals, which will appear on this November's ballot, resulted from more than a year-long engagement process to identify the community's values and priorities for schools across the district. Thank you for helping build this plan and its investments! [Read the Top 10 Facts about Blueprint](#) to see how the district plans to make facility and programming investments at every school.

### **Vision and Hearing Screening:**

Meridian's screening day is Wednesday, September 18th. Please make sure your student has their glasses at school!

### **October Count**

October Count is performed statewide and determines the funding for our individual school. The October Count Window is **9/24-10/9** with the Count day being **10/1**. Please make sure your student is present during this time so our school can receive the appropriate funding for each student.

### **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](#).

### **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](#)

### **Introducing a New Attendance Celebration at Meridian: Mustang 200 Club**

Every day is a great opportunity to rise and SHINE! We are excited to tell you about a new attendance incentive that we will be rolling out this year. It's called the Mustang 200 Club! This special club is for students who have SHINE-ing attendance. SHINE-ing attendance does not mean perfect attendance. SHINE-ing attendance means that students are coming to school regularly and missing no more than one day per month, on average. For example, September is the second month of school. This means that any student who has missed only 2 or fewer days of school will be eligible. In December, students who have missed only 5 days of school or less will be eligible. Here's how it works. Every week, we will randomly select one student from each classroom who has SHINE-ing attendance to join our 200 Club! We will begin next week. We can't wait to celebrate with your students! Help your student come to school every day so that they can join the Mustang 200 Club!

### **Celebrating Our Students:**

#### **3rd Grade Visit from State Representative Shannon Bird**

3rd graders are continuing their study of the roles of local, state, and national government. This week, Shannon Bird, state representative from Colorado's 29th district, spent some time with our 3rd graders talking to them about what she does as a representative in state-level government.



#### **4th Grade Attendance Parties**

First and fourth grade students won the monthly attendance awards for having the highest average daily attendance for the month of August. First grade had an average daily attendance rate of 95.99% and fourth grade had an average daily attendance rate of 96.18%. Classes have the opportunity to choose from a menu of prizes that include prizes such as a gumball party, bring a stuffy to school, or have an extra recess with adults of their choice. Check out some of the options students chose this month!





## 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