

9/20/24

### Upcoming Events:

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

Oct. 29 - Picture Re-Take Day (rescheduled from Oct 22)

### Mustang Mile Fall Festival

Thank you to all the work our families put into fundraising over the last 3 weeks; now it's time to **celebrate!** **TONIGHT** is the annual Mustang Mile & Fall Fest. Please come and join the entire Meridian community in the parking lot at 4:45 for the run, which will start promptly at 5:00. Then afterward, join us for the Fall Fest on the field and playground until 8:00. There you will find bouncy houses, DJ, a Meridian "swag" table, a temporary tattoo station, food trucks, and the staff vs. 5th grade students kickball game. We hope to see everyone tonight to celebrate some hard fundraising work we have been doing over the last 3 weeks.



**Buckle Up Buttercup!**

Please make sure your student stays buckled at morning drop off until your vehicle comes to a complete stop in the car loop. Once in the car loop, please pull forward as far as possible with students exiting on the passenger side. Adults dropping off need to stay in the vehicle.

### **October Count – Earn Prizes!**

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. In a continued effort to celebrate student attendance, students that are at school on October 1st will automatically be eligible to win a variety of prizes throughout the day. Thank you so much for your continued support in getting your students to school and on time!

### **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](#)

### **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.

### **Broomfield Library Costume Swap**

Are you looking for some Halloween costume ideas? Broomfield Library is offering a free costume swap on Saturday, September 30 from 12-3 at their InventHQ Makerspace building. For more information see their webpage. [Broomfield Library Costume Swap](#)



## Parent Teacher Conferences

You should have received invitations from your classroom teachers to attend Fall Parent Teacher Conferences earlier this week. If you did not receive one, please contact your student's teacher right away. Conferences are on October 1 & 3. We are aware that Thursday, October 3rd is the first night of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year. If you are a family that observes this holiday and you are unable to attend conferences on October 1st, please let your teacher know and they will gladly work with you to schedule a conference on a day and time that works for you and your family.

## Celebrating Our Students:

### Spirit Week Photos





