

9/27/24 Family & Community Updates

Dear Meridian Families,

What an awesome night last Friday at the annual Mustang Mile & Fall Festival! It was so great to see nearly the whole school out at the event where a great time was had by all. We can't thank you enough for all the hard work, support, and monetary contributions that were made to make another successful Mustang Mile. Without your dedication and support, our school community would not be in the awesome place it is for our kids! Once again, this event reminds us what we can all do together when we have a collective spirit and are working for a common goal.

The Meridian Staff

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 1 & 3 - Fall Parent-conferences (see info below)

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

Oct. 10 - Qdoba Dinner & Skate City Night

Oct. 14-18 - **NO School for students:** Fall Break

Oct. 21-25 - Scholastic Fall Book Fair

Oct. 25 - Trunk or Treat

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

October Count – Earn Prizes!

We are currently in the middle of October Count. Our 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.](#)

Standards-Based Grading & IC Gradebooks

We sent this information out earlier this year, but with conferences approaching it is a good reminder to review Meridian's standards-based grading policy and how marks are entered into IC. Please take a minute to review this information prior to your child's conference next week.

Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences

Fall conferences will take place on **Tuesday, Oct. 1 & Thursday, Oct. 3 from 3:15-7:30**. If you have not signed up for a 15 minute time slot with your child's teacher, please do so right away as spots are filling fast. If you did not receive a sign-up email, please reach out to your child's teacher. Also, it is important for families to adhere to the time slot for which you are signed up. Please plan on arriving 5 minutes prior to your conference time in order to maximize the time you have with the teacher. Also remember, that specials, interventionists, special education, English-language development, SEL, instructional coach, and GT teachers will all be on hand for you to meet with as well.

Horizon High Mini Poms - For information on the Horizon High Mini Poms Clinic, check out the [flyer](#).

Help us with Benefits for Meridian

Good work Mustang families! We are up to 26% of our families that 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. Let's set a goal to get to at least 50%! If you haven't done so already, please take a moment to help out your school and apply using this 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 28 from 12-3 at their InventHQ Makerspace building. For more information see their webpage. [Broomfield Library Costume Swap](#)

Celebrating Our Students:

Mustang Mile Photos

Congratulations to our 5th grade Mustang Mile Race Winners!

Pictured here left to right: Milania Bernhardt, Mateo Kidd, Skye Rink, Cam Piernot, Niamh Atkins, & Leon Spiegel.







1st Grade Planetarium In-house Field Trip:

The folks from CU and Fiske Planetarium brought their mobile dome to 1st graders to study the moon, sun, stars, and constellations and gave a tour of the night sky.

