

MEDRANO JHS NEWSLETTER

9/22-
9/26

Elevate to Excellence: Let your effort lead the way!

Our Plan:

OUR BELIEFS

EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTION

On grade level Tier I instruction results in student academic achievement.

EQUITABLE ACCESS & OUTCOMES

At-risk students will succeed with equitable access and opportunity.

EXCELLENCE

The team is committed to excellence for every student.



District Goals (90-60-30)

Alignment of district goals to Campus Improvement Plans

Student Outcome Goal 1

Student achievement on state assessments in all subjects in Domain 1 will increase from 40 to 58 by June 2025.

Student Outcome Goal 2

Student achievement on the third-grade state assessment in reading at the Meets performance level or above will increase from 40.0 percent to 50.0 percent by June 2025.

Student Outcome Goal 3

Student achievement on the third-grade state assessment in mathematics at the Meets performance level or above will increase from 42.0 percent to 50.0 percent by June 2025.

Student Outcome Goal 4

Middle-grade grades 6-8 student achievement on state assessments in all subjects in Domain 1 will increase from 40 to 50 by June 2025.

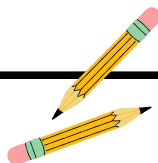
Student Outcome Goal 5

The percent of graduates who are college, career, or military ready (CCMR) from Domain 1 will increase from 42.0% to 67.0% by June 2025.



Upcoming events:

- 9/25 Ms. Klngs's Birthday
- 9/26 Ms. Salinas's Birthday
- 9/26 Mr. C. Rodriguez's Birthday
- 9/23 International Day of Sign Languages
- 9/24 Region VI Social Studies PD
- 9/30 Compliance videos due



Vision & Mission:

Vision:

Medrano Junior High School seeks to be a premier urban middle school.

Mission:

Medrano Jr. High - where everyONE's education is limitless.

Reminders:

- 14 grades due at the end of the week 7
- Watch for "intruders" and send to the office
- Keep all doors locked; no props!
- Watch Wednesday videos in Cornerstone

Picture-Perfect Moments at Medrano:



Quote of the Week:

"The best teachers are those who show you where to look, but don't tell you what to see." – Alexandra K. Trenfor

Peer Praises:

Mr. Wallace would like to praise....

ELAR TEAM

Teaching the finer specificities of a language is a difficult, but teaching a language is far more difficult. At Medrano our ELAR teachers have to do both. Now faced with the loss of Mrs. King, this task will even greater. Our English department is a deeply valued and hardworking piece of the Medrano puzzle — one I am especially grateful for.

Mr. Acosta would like to praise....

Ms. Pulis

Thank you to Ms. Pulis for being so supportive with my students. Always willing to pull a small group when available and also helping keep my students on track and making sure they take their notes properly.

[Want to share your own peer praise? Fill out this form!](#)

Golden Eagle:

This week's Golden Eagle as selected by the previous GE is...
Mrs. Kolinek

I would like to nominate Kolinek for recognition due to her exceptional willingness to share her knowledge and support amateur teachers like me. Her guidance has been both generous and invaluable, and her approachable nature makes learning not only easier but also more enjoyable.

Principal Tip of the Week:

Week 7-Connection Builder: Morning Greet

Greeting students at the door with eye contact and a smile sets the tone for the day. A simple "Good morning" or high-five builds trust and belonging. Research shows that small rituals of connection boost student engagement and behavior.

Striving to reach our goal of
90-60-30!



Employee of the Month:

Top Eagle- Ms. Martineau

Top Eaglet- Mr. Trevino



Staff Shoutouts:

1. Ms. Shyamsunder -Kudos for developing a strong routine of interactive notebooks in science
2. Ms. Kolinek-Thank you for sharing a new instructional tool with the team: Brisk Teaching
3. Mr. Rodriguez -Great job organizing a successful Coffee with the Principal
4. Ms. Smith-Way to go incorporating instructional laps into writing instruction
5. Sunshine-Thanks for your thoughtful and unique room service!
6. Ms. Leal- Kudos for working hard on all the course changes on a short timeline
7. Ms. Torres-Thanks for your hard work on the notes for Operation Comeback
8. Mr. I. Gonzalez- Thank you for doing the door checks this week!
9. Mr. Ruiz- Your teamwork is greatly appreciated when short-staffed!
10. Ms. Gudeman- Thanks for taking the lead in reading PLC and providing feedback

Resources:

Bathroom Pass

Name: _____
Date: _____
Time: _____
Teacher _____
Signature: _____

Hallway Pass

Name: _____
Date: _____
Leaving Room: _____
Teacher _____
Signature: _____

Main Office Pass

Name: _____
Date: _____
Leaving Room: _____
Teacher _____
Signature: _____

Nurse Pass

Name: _____
Date: _____
Leaving Room: _____
Teacher _____
Signature: _____

Bell Schedule

Advisory	8:35 am - 8:45 am
1st/6th	8:49 am - 10:04 am
2nd/7th	10:08 am - 11:23 am
3rd/8th	11:27 am - 11:42 am
Lunches	A Lunch: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm B Lunch: 12:05 pm - 12:35 pm C Lunch: 12:42 pm - 1:12 pm
4th/9th	1:16 pm - 2:31 pm
5th/10th	2:35 pm - 3:50 pm
Advisory	3:50 pm - 3:55 pm

Medrano JH 2025 Org Chart (Teacher Facing)

Note: This is not a comprehensive list of everyone's responsibilities. This is only meant to serve as a reference to who to contact for what.

Thomas Uguzbas - Principal
tuguzbas@isdallas.org 972-462-1059, Main Office

Key Teacher Leader
Professional Development
Lead Services
Each Department (7th grade)
Social Studies Department
Special Services

Marcelo Miller - Assistant Principal
mmiller@isdallas.org 972-462-4988, 8118 (1st floor)

Behavior Coordinator & 7th grade discipline
Discipline Administrator
JESAL & TELAD testing coordinator
ASD (7th grade students, PLS 402)
SST/PTSD Chair
SIS Chair
Source Department
ESL Department (8th grade)

Cassandra Robinson - Assistant Principal
crobison@isdallas.org Discipline Office

Heather Schultz
LMS Administrator
Health, Safety, AED and PEAT testing coordinator
Schedules
Attendance for credit & strategy
High suspension
8th grade discipline
MSD (8th grade students)

Willa Rahn - Asset Coordinator
wrahn@isdallas.org 972-462-7443, Discipline Office

Paul Taggart - 8th grade coordinator
ptaggart@isdallas.org 972-462-1118, 2nd floor for staff lounge
8th grade schedule

2025-2026 Calendar/Calendario

Includes monthly calendars for 2025 and 2026, with key dates and events highlighted.

EAGLE EXCELLENCE
EAGLE EFFORT
EAGLE ESTEEM