

MEDRANO JHS NEWSLETTER

9/29-
10/3



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 46 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 42.3 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 49 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:

- 9/29 Ms. Polk's Birthday
- 10/2 School Custodial Workers Recognition Day
- 10/9 - Fair Day
- 10/10- Fair Day/ End of 1st nine Weeks
- 10/13- PD Day/ Start of 2nd nine Weeks
- 10/21 - MS Parent Conference Night



Vision & Mission:

Vision:

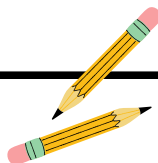
Medrano Junior High School seeks to be a premier urban middle school.

Mission:

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

Reminders:

- SB President Joe Carreon visit 12:00-1:00 on 9/29
- 16 grades due at the end of the week 8
- Final days to complete compliance videos
- Keep all doors locked; no props!
- Watch Wednesday videos in Cornerstone



Picture-Perfect Moments at Medrano:



Quote of the Week:

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." – Nelson Mandela"

Peer Praises:



Ms. Shyamsunder would like to praise....

Ms. Almazan

Thank you very much for sharing copies of worksheets with me when the internet was down. Your kind gesture is very much appreciated. Also wonderful science vocab posters! Keep up the good work.

[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...
Ms. Defalco

I would like to nominate Ms. Defalco. Ms. Defalco is an exceptional teacher who supports both students and colleagues with her dedication to helping everyone reach their full potential. She is always ready to help and brings fresh, creative ideas that make an impact! I am so thankful for the help and guidance she provides us

Principal Tip of the Week:

Week 8- Strategy Share: The "Parking Lot"

Keep a sticky-note space on your board or wall where students can post questions or ideas that come up during class but don't fit the current lesson. This helps you capture curiosity without derailing instruction and shows students their questions matter.

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



Employee of the Month:

Top Eagle- Ms. Martineau

Top Eaglet- Mr. Trevino



Staff Shoutouts:

1. Shout out to Ms. Gudeman for hosting an amazing first book club meet!
2. Shout out to Ms. Cruz, Ms. Martineau, and Ms. Kokkinos for helping out with sunshine!
3. Shout out to Coach Dillon for creating our new Pink-Out T-shirts!
4. Shout out to the front office staff for hosting such a cute baby shower!
5. Shout out to Ms. Rodriguez for getting tutoring organized!
6. Shout out to all Football coaches who show up everyday before the sun comes up. They have also been so very on top of athlete behavior and grades.
7. Shout out to Rivera, Trevino, Vasilenko and Kings for accepting new students
8. Shout out to detector staff-Ruiz, Pulis, Green, and Rivera - reliable and on time!
9. Shout out to Ms. Simpson for all students engaged in collage activity
10. Shout out to Mr. Lee for arranging student participation in Special Olympics

Resources:

Bathroom Pass

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

Hallway Pass

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

Bell Schedule

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| 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 - 1:12 pm |
| 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 representation of all employees responsibilities. This is only meant to serve as a reference to the chain of command for school.

Thomas Uguzbasan - Principal
 10100000000000000000 973-928-1000, Main Office

Key: Teacher positions
 Professional Development
 Feed Services
 Health Department (7th grade)
 Social Studies Department

Margaret Miller - Assistant Principal
 10100000000000000000 973-928-4988, 8118 (1st floor)

Belmont Goodenow & 7th grade discipline
 Discipline Administrator
 (EMAP & TELPAS testing coordinator)
 10100000000000000000 973-928-4988, 8118 (1st floor)
 800-975-9238 Chair
 10th Chair

Source Department
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Carmelita Robinson - Assistant Principal
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Hayes Schultz
 LMC Administrator
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Michelle Bledsoe - 4th and 5th grade testing coordinator
 Discipline
 administrator for credit & strategy
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8th grade discipline
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Michelle Rahn - Asset Coordinator
 10100000000000000000 973-928-7444, Discipline Office

Kristi Springer - 9th grade coordinator
 10100000000000000000 973-928-1118, 2nd floor for staff lounge
 8th grade cafeteria

2025-2026 Calendar/Calendario

EAGLE EXCELLENCE
EAGLE EFFORT
EAGLE ESTEEM