

# MEDRANO JHS NEWSLETTER

10/20-  
10/24

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 62.0% by June 2025.



## Upcoming events:

- 10/21 Parent Conference Night
- 10/23 Data Conferences in PLC
- 10/23 Think College Thursday
- 10/24 Club Day during Advisory
- 10/29 Pep Rally (Principal for a Day)
- 10/31 Annual Faculty Costume Contest



## Vision & Mission:

### Vision:

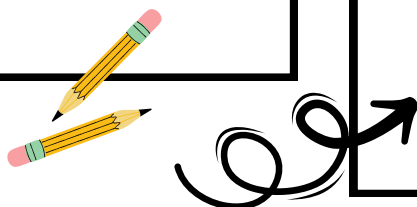
Medrano Junior High School seeks to be a premier urban middle school.

### Mission:

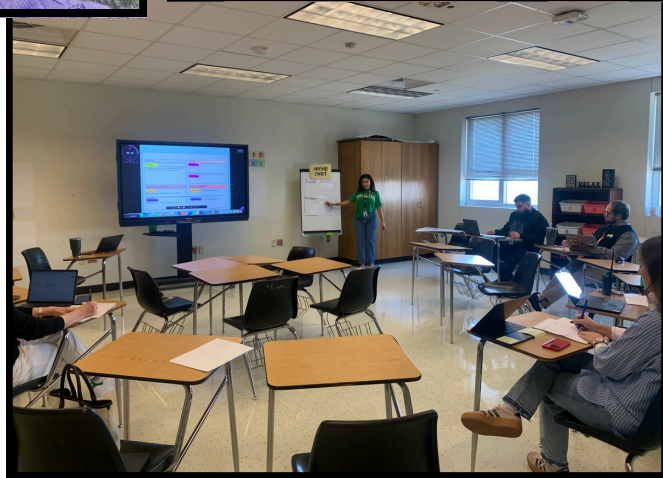
Medrano Jr. High - where everyONE's education is limitless.

## Reminders:

- 4 grades due at the end of the week 2 (2<sup>nd</sup> 9 Wks)
- Extended Evaluations have begun! Review TEI Rubric
- Principal for a Day- From FC Dallas- Kenny Cooper!
- Keep all exterior doors locked; no props!
- Send any "visitor" without a badge to the office!



# Picture-Perfect Moments at Medrano:



## Quote of the Week:

**"Even on your hardest days, remember: you are someone's favorite teacher." Unknown**

## Peer Praises:

Ms. Brooks would like to praise....

Ms. Defalco

T'd like to give a huge shoutout to Ms. Defalco. She's always willing to help dyslexia whenever she can. If she doesn't know something, she'll take the time to figure it out. Her support is truly unmeasurable.

Mr. Rodriguez would like to praise....

Ms.Mr. Barber, Mr. Garmond, Coach Dillon, Coach Bowen, Ms. Vargas, Ms. Rivera, and Ms. Najera

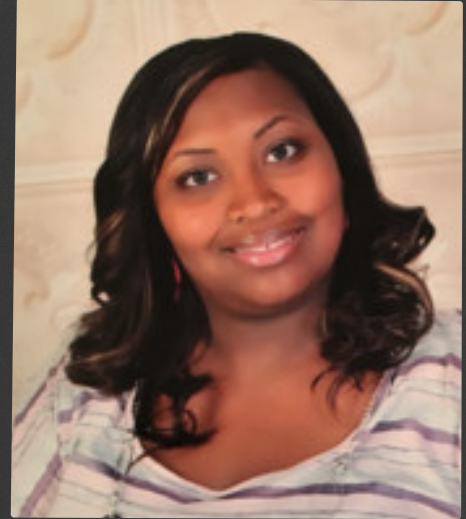
Thank you for your participation in the Hispanic Heritage Night!

# Congratulations

## Teacher of the Year:

### Ms. Martineau

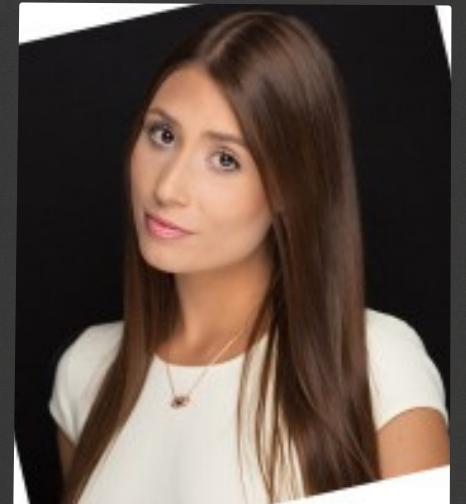
Ms. Martineau goes above and beyond for her students and colleagues, always stepping up to help wherever she is needed. Her kindness, patience, and problem-solving skills make a lasting difference in our school. Ms. Martineau truly embodies what it means to be a dedicated and compassionate educator. She is definitely the heart of Medrano. Her impact reaches every corner of our campus, and we are all better because of her.



## Teacher of Promise:

### Ms. Pulis

Ms. Pulis has been an outstanding addition to our campus as a SPED inclusion teacher. She consistently goes above and beyond to support students in the classroom, ensuring that they are engaged, taking notes, and receiving the assistance they need to be successful. She is always ready to pull a small group when necessary and provides thoughtful feedback on how students perform during these sessions. Her dedication and proactive approach have made a noticeable difference in the classroom environment and in student learning.



## ASPIRE Award:

### Ms. Leal (photo coming soon!)

Ms. Leal is known for her collaborative spirit and her willingness to support colleagues across departments. She approaches every challenge with a solution-oriented mindset and leads by example, inspiring those around her to uphold the highest standards. Ms. Leal's longevity at Medrano is a testament to her loyalty and the value she brings to our mission every single day. Her contributions have helped shape our growth and success, and we believe she exemplifies the spirit of the Aspire Award through her excellence, dedication, and professionalism.



# Golden Eagle:

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

# Principal Tip of the Week:

Week 11 – Self-Care Idea: Joy Journaling

At the end of each day, jot down one joyful classroom moment. It could be a student's smile, a funny comment, or a breakthrough. Looking back at these notes builds gratitude and reminds you why your work matters.

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



# Employee of the Month:

Top Eagle- TBD  
Top Eaglet- TBD



# Staff Shoutouts:

1. Thank you Math Department for a delicious faculty breakfast! YUM!!!
2. Shout out to Ms. Jones and Ms. Kappler for always being so flexible and supportive when it comes to working with dyslexia and the crazy schedules that come with our department. Their help and positive attitudes make all the difference. We would be lost without them! Brooks
3. Thank you Mr. Rodriguez for planning a successful Hispanic Heritage Night! Way to go!
4. Shout out to Ms. Sanchez, Ms. Green, Ms. Pulis, and Ms. Defalco for pulling small groups in class this week!
5. Thank you to Ms. Torres for her hard work updating our ECON DIS report! Kudos!
6. Thank you Mrs. Kokkinos, Ms. Gudeman, Mr. Miller, Mr. Ruiz, Ms. Kappler and Ms. Jones for your assistance with testing and make ups! Much appreciated!
7. Thank you Mr. I. Gonzalez for the cotton candy and candy apple! OMG so delicious!!!!
8. Thank you Mr. Rodriguez for the cute 3D Snoopy sign created in class!
9. Thank you to those teachers who attended the TJ Homecoming game. Way to support our kids even after they leave Medrano!

# Resources:

**Bathroom Pass**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Hallway 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 - 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)**

*(Small text: Note: this is not a representation of all employees responsibilities. This is only meant to serve as a reference to those who are contact for school.)*

Thomas Ugozue - Principal  
tugoze@medranoschools.org 973-429-1000, Main Office

Key: Teacher: red  
Professional Development: blue  
Food Services: green  
Each Department (7th grade): purple  
Social Studies Department: yellow

Marshall Miller - Assistant Principal  
mmiller@medranoschools.org 973-429-4950, 8118 (1st floor)

Belmont Goodwin & 7th grade discipline  
discipline administrator  
ELM&A TELPAD testing coordinator  
ASD&A 7th grade students (7th grade)  
SST-PTSD Chair  
Title Chair  
Science Department  
ES&L Department (8th grade)

Cassandra Robinson - Assistant Principal  
crob@medranoschools.org Discipline Office

Heather Schultz  
LMS Administrator  
Health, Safety, AED and PE&E testing coordinator  
Discipline  
Attendance for credit & transfer  
8th grade discipline  
MSD 5th grade students

Willa Robinson - Assistant Coordinator  
wrob@medranoschools.org 973-429-7443, Discipline Office

Kristi Kappler - 8th grade coordinator  
kkappler@medranoschools.org 973-429-1118, 2nd floor for staff lounge  
8th grade schedule

**2025-2026 Calendar/Calendario**

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# EAGLE EXCELLENCE

# EAGLE EFFORT

# EAGLE ESTEEM

