

MEDRANO JHS NEWSLETTER

10/27-
10/31

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 40 to 50 by June 2025.

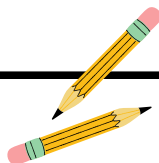
Student Outcome Goal 5

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:

- 10/27 Book Fair Kickoff and Red Ribbon Week (Wear Red)
- 10/28-Wear favorite cap
- 10/29-PFAD- Kenny Cooper; Bucee's Day
- 10/30 Dress Alike Day
- 10/31 Halloween Potluck Luncheon
- 10/31 Annual Faculty Costume Contest



Vision & Mission:

Vision:

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

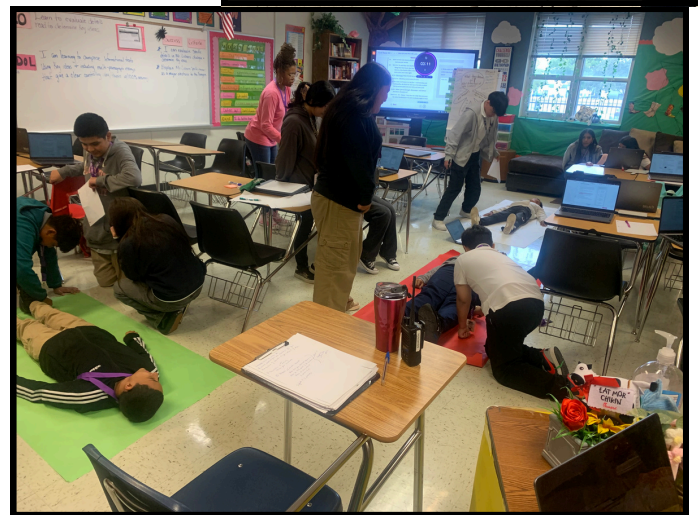
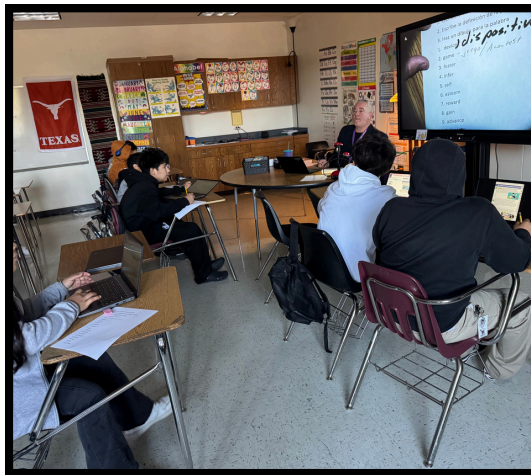
Mission:

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

Reminders:

- 6 grades due at the end of the week 3 (2nd 9 Wks)
- Medrano Book Fair all week!
- November 4 is a PD Day!
- 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:

"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes it's the quiet voice saying, 'I'll try again tomorrow.'" – Mary Anne Radmacher

Peer Praises:



Mr. Ruiz would like to praise....

Ms. Rivera

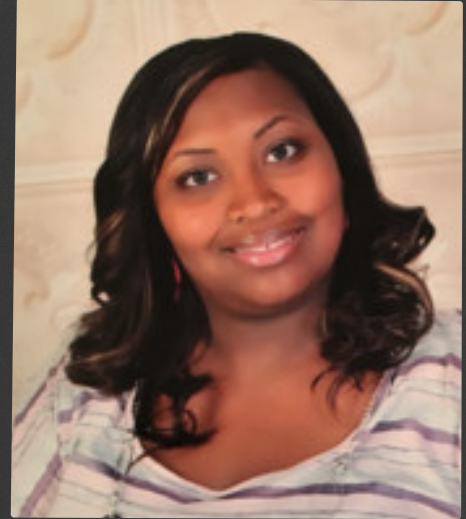
Ms. Rivera assisted with a parent conference for student support. Teamwork makes the dream work!

Congratulations

Teacher of the Year:

Ms. Martineau

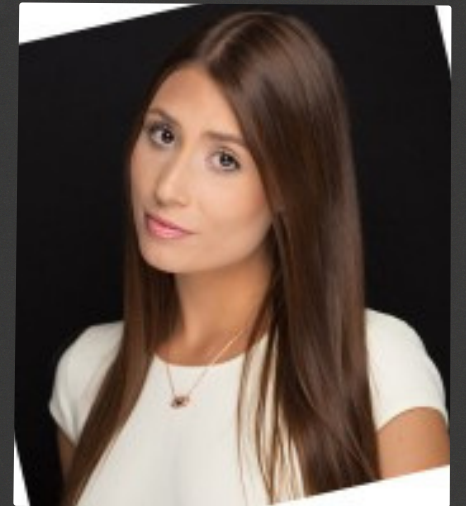
Ms. Martineau goes above and beyond for her students and colleagues, always stepping up to help wherever she is needed. Her kindness, patience, and problem-solving skills make a lasting difference in our school. Ms. Martineau truly embodies what it means to be a dedicated and compassionate educator. 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

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...
Ms. Najera

I will be selecting Ms. Najera for the Golden Eagle. She's the type of person you'd want by your side and one that makes every moment worth it!

Principal Tip of the Week:

Week 12 – Connection & Culture: Two-by-Ten

Pick one student who needs extra support and spend two minutes a day for ten days simply talking with them. Ask about hobbies, favorite shows, or weekend plans. These short, consistent check-ins often build trust and transform classroom relationships.

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



Employee of the Month:

Top Eagle- Ms. Ara Medrano

Top Eaglet- Mr. Isaiah Gonzalez



Staff Shoutouts:

1. Shout out to Dr. Valz, Mr. Acosta, Ms. I. Rodriguez, Ms. Martineau, Ms. Defalco, and Ms. Pulis for helping support our 8th grade students on their field trip to the Career Institute North! Your time, enthusiasm, and support made this experience a success for our students. – Kappler
2. Dr. Valz, Ms. Martineau, Ms. Kolinek, and Ms. Salinas for supporting me mentally and emotionally this first year. They have offered me so much advice and support in this short amount of time and I am grateful to them for that.
3. Sendejas, Torres, Leal, and Arellano for always being there to support me and introducing me to the hospitality of Medrano. I am forever grateful.
4. Ms. Gudeman - for preparing for the book fair, helping out with testing and individual technology/teacher needs, and co-teaching!

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 - 12:05 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 know who to contact for what.

Thomas Ugarralde - Principal
tugarralde@isdallas.org 972-412-1019, Main Office

Key: Teacher position
Professional Development
Lead Service
Each Department (7th grade)
Social Studies Department

Marcelo Miller - Assistant Principal
mmiller@isdallas.org 972-412-4955, 8118 (1st floor)

Behavior Coordinator & 7th grade discipline
disciplinary administrator
JESHA & TELAD testing coordinator
ASD@isdallas.org (7th grade students, PLS ASK)
807-9733 Chair
10th Chair
10th Chair

Science Department
808 Department (8th grade)

Caronahie Robinson - Assistant Principal
crob@isdallas.org 972-412-1019, Reception Office

Heather Schulte
LMS Administrator
hschulte@isdallas.org 972-412-1019, 807-9733 testing coordinator
Services
assistance for credit & transfer
808 department
808 grade discipline
ASD (8th grade students)

Willie Robinson - Assistant Coordinator
wrob@isdallas.org 972-412-7441, Discipline Office
Lead Teacher - 808 grade coordinator
hschulte@isdallas.org 972-412-1019, 2nd floor for staff lounge
808 grade discipline

2025-2026 Calendar/Calendario

EAGLE EXCELLENCE

EAGLE EFFORT

EAGLE ESTEEM

