

# MEDRANO JHS NEWSLETTER

11/17-  
11/21

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 62.0% by June 2025.



## Upcoming events:

- 11/17 Breakfast in front office
- 11/18 Lunch in front office - Equitable Advisors
- 11/19-Snacks and small token of appreciation
- 11/20- Thanksgiving Luncheon
- 11/21 Faculty Breakfast- SS and Sci Dept
- 11/27, 28, 29 Happy Birthday Mr. Martinez, Ms. Arellano, and Mr. J. Gonzalez



## Vision & Mission:

Vision:

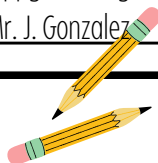
Medrano Junior High School seeks to be a premier urban middle school.

Mission:

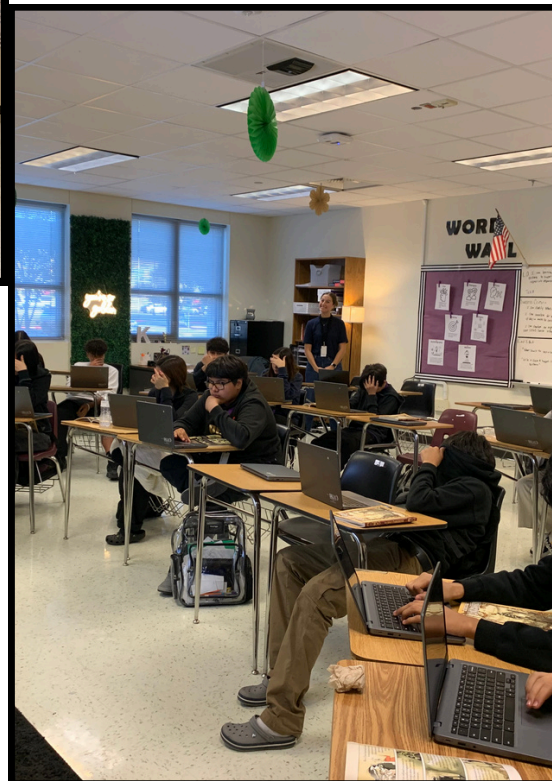
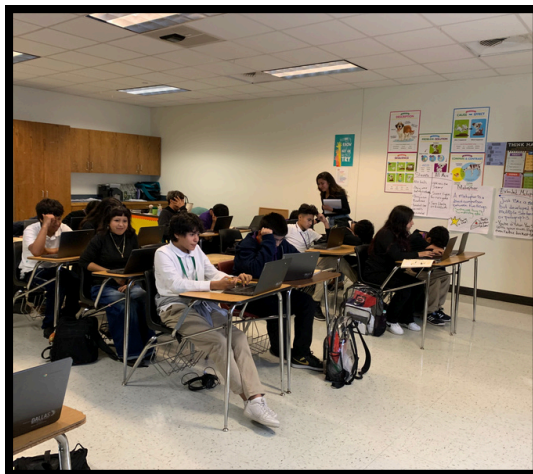
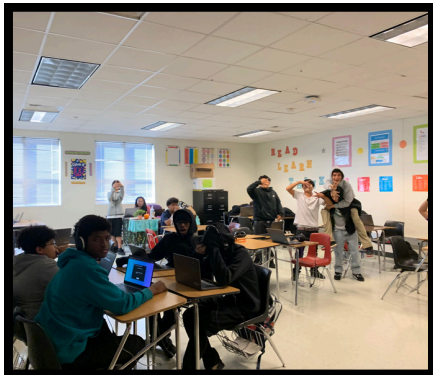
Medrano Jr. High - where everyONE's education is limitless.

## Reminders:

- 12 grades due at the end of the week 6 (2<sup>nd</sup> 9 Wks)
- November 17-21- Week of Gratitude
- November 27-Happy Thanksgiving!
- 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:

"You are making a difference – one lesson, one smile, one student at a time."

## Peer Praises:

Mr. Rodriguez would like to praise....

**Ms. Payton**

Ms. Payton is one of the most caring teachers. She encourages her students to go above and beyond. She challenges, mentors and lovingly redirects them toward success. It is such a joy to see her students grow!

Mr. Vasilenko would like to praise....

**Ms. Aguilar**

Ms. Aguilar, thank you for helping translate during a parent conference!

# Congratulations

## Teacher of the Year:

### Ms. Martineau

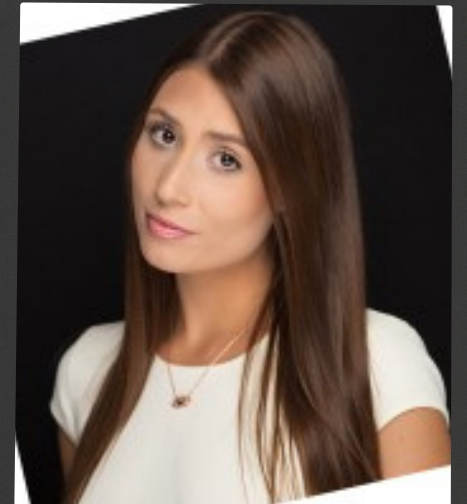
Ms. Martineau goes above and beyond for her students and colleagues, always stepping up to help wherever she is needed. Her kindness, patience, and problem-solving skills make a lasting difference in our school. Ms. Martineau truly embodies what it means to be a dedicated and compassionate educator.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

Coach Dillon is my choice for golden eagle because she works countless hours to make sure the athletics department runs as smoothly as possible. Oftentimes working 15 hour days! She is always willing to lend a hand and is one of the few that is always willing to prioritize student needs above hers.

# 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:

- team.  
 Shout out to Ms. Rodriguez always creating great small group documents.  
 Shout out to Dr. Valz for sharing her expertise even in a new role.  
 Shout out to Ms. Najera and Ms. Cruz for always planning and thinking of creative ways to review.  
 Shout out to Mr. Martinez for managing coaching and teaching while pushing students to their buckets  
 Shout out to J. Rodriguez for rolling out Digital Citizenship lessons to his programming students, teaching them valuable skills like internet safety, responsible AI usage, and more!!  
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# 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 - 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 who to contact for what.

**Thomas Sigurdson - Principal**  
 thomas@daltonisd.org 972-422-1000, Main Office

**Key Teacher Leader**  
 Professional Development  
 Feed Forward  
 ELL Department (7th grade)  
 Social Studies Department

**Marcelo Miller - Assistant Principal**  
 marcelo@daltonisd.org 972-422-4988, 8118 (1st floor)

**Belmont Greenlee & 7th grade discipline**  
 Discipline Administrator  
 ELLAD & TELAD testing coordinator  
 AEDS (7th grade students, PLS AEDS)  
 SST/PTSD Chair  
 IEP Chair  
 Issues Department  
 ELL Department (8th grade)

**Cassandra Robinson - Assistant Principal**  
 cassandra@daltonisd.org Discipline Office

**Hayes Schultz**  
 LMC Administrator  
 Health, Safety, AED and PEAD testing coordinator  
 Discipline  
 observation for credit & strategy  
 IEP support  
 8th grade discipline  
 AEDS (8th grade students)

**Willie Robinson - Assistant Coordinator**  
 willie@daltonisd.org 972-422-7443, Discipline Office

**Paul Taggart - 8th grade coordinator**  
 paul@daltonisd.org 972-422-1118, 2nd floor by staff lounge  
 8th grade schedule

## 2025-2026 Calendar/Calendario

# EAGLE EXCELLENCE

# EAGLE EFFORT

# EAGLE ESTEEM

# Additional Shoutouts

Thank you to everyone who has donated toward our Thanksgiving baskets, and a special shout-out to our generous sponsors: Target and Panadería Celaya of Grand Prairie.

To Ms. Najera, Ms. Cruz, and Ms. Gudeman: your support means everything to me. I wouldn't be able to do this without you. Thank you!

A big thank-you to everyone who joined our parent organizations and finished the training — we appreciate your commitment!

I would love to give a shout out to Ms. Ara.. She always has a smile on her face and her positive energy is contagious.

Shout it out Loud!

Mr. Gaddis is always in the hall high fiving and building a positive culture with his words of encouragement for the kids.

Gaddis rocks Medrano every day!

Shout out to Ms. Arellano best office manager in all DISD, always has an answer and solution to every situation.

Thanks for all you do!

The Medrano Alumni that I met who said what a wonderful experience she had here

Shoutout the Science Department - we've been doing a lot of pivoting and yes, it's been a lot of adjusting but we are all doing it well. Proud of us.

The counselors did a phenomenal job with the HS Fair!

Shout to the counselors!! Ms. Jones and Ms. Kappler have been a great help to my students and I.