



Principal Message:

Meridian Community:

It was so energizing and exciting to see everyone on Thursday for Back-to-School Night. As we greeted everyone, we just loved seeing all the enthusiasm and bright smiles on the faces of our students ready for a new school year. It's not until we get to see all the kids and families that the new school year becomes a reality and excitement builds for a new year. Our job now is to make sure we continue to harness that energy every day as we engage our students in another great year at Meridian! Our theme for the year, "We See You, Your Voice Matters" will bring focus to doing just that. From day one, we will welcome and see every child as well as encourage them to put their voice out in the room because the contribution of everyone is important and helps us all learn from one another.

Please take a moment today to **talk through your arrival/dismissal plan**, practice your school routine, and be ready for the VERY BEST FIRST DAY! Please read all of the updates and information below as it contains important information that will help us have a successful start to the 26-27 school year. Please look for future communications to come out every Friday throughout the school year.

Jason Gooding
Principal

Jessie Bishop
Asst. Principal

Upcoming Events

8/10 - Kindergarten Assessment Day
8/11 - First Day of School
8/27 - Fall Picture Day
8/28 - Mustang Mile Kick-off (for students)
9/7 - No School Labor Day
9/8 - No School - Staff Professional Learning Day
9/15 - PTO Community Meeting
9/21 - Hearing and Vision Screening
9/18 - Mustang Mile & Fall Festival

First Day of School Logistics - Aug. 11

- School hours are from **7:50-2:35 on Tuesday, Aug. 11** and these will be the hours every day for ALL students K-5.
- Students eating breakfast may enter at 7:30. Please look for the blue cones to lead your way to the breakfast door (labeled door #2). If you are not eating breakfast, you may begin to line up and **enter starting at 7:40** each day at your designated entry door.
- To help you plan, remember that you can always see breakfast and lunch menu options on the [School Cafe site](#). Remember, this is the school lunch system for menus, a la carte payments, etc. Breakfast and lunch continue to be free to all students.

Arrival & Dismissal Procedures for 2026-2027:

It is very important for all families to review the attached arrival and dismissal procedures together and have a plan for drop off and pick up each day. Please click the link below for information and maps. Please know that in order to get everyone in efficiently and to create as safe an environment as possible, we ask parents to drop walkers off at the entrance/exit of the parking lot, and those using the hug & go lane to please stay in your car, letting students out on the passenger side.

[Meridian Arrival & Dismissal Procedures](#)

Fall Picture Day:

Our fall individual picture day is on Thursday, August 27th. Look for flyers soon in your Friday Folders. You can place your order online before picture day by visiting mylifetouch.com and using Picture Day ID: **2HKTDKTV**.

Free and Reduced Benefits

[All families](#) are encouraged to apply for Free and Reduced Benefits regardless of status or eligibility. The more applications we have, the more benefits Meridian receives as a whole community. Please click on [Free and Reduced Benefits Application](#) to apply today. Here's the why:

- Families can receive 50% off of select fees or not have to pay them at all. These include athletic fees, course fees and activity and field trip fees tied to curriculum. See the [Student Fees Schedule](#)
- High school students can receive discounts when preparing for their future. This can include discounted course fees, post-graduation planning, scholarships, state and national testing (including SAT, ACT, AP and IB), and post-secondary enrollment.
- Schools receive additional funding from the state to enhance the educational experience for all students.
- Families can qualify for additional resources, such as medical, food and cash assistance, and discounted services like internet.

Specials Schedule Rotation

During the first week of school, students will rotate through each specials class (Art, Music, P.E. Computer Science). After the first week, specials will rotate on a 3 day basis. Your student's teacher will help remind students which special they are attending each day.

Bus Passes & Transportation:

Students who ride the bus will receive a bus pass from their teacher on the first day of school. They do not need the pass to ride to school in the morning. You should have received a postcard from Adams 12 Transportation within the last week or so with your bus route information if you are eligible to ride the bus. **The bus pass will be attached to their backpack with a lanyard and should remain attached all year.** This bus pass is also used for Breakfast for students eating breakfast before school. Please do not remove this pass from their backpack so they can be sure to have it with them every day. Students must scan on/off the bus with this pass after the first day of school and for field trips.

At Back to School Night, you should have communicated with your teacher what the plan is for your child to go home on the first day of school. If at any time there is a change to how your student will go home, please contact the front office at 720-972-7880. Teachers do not always check their emails, voicemails, or messages in Apptegy before the end of the day so we want to make sure we can deliver that message in a timely manner.

Apptegy Family Communication Tool

All communication this year from school will take place through the Adams 12 App. If you haven't already done so, it is important you do this week.

[Download for Apple](#)

[Download for Android](#)

Want to see how it works? [Click here to watch a video.](#)

In the meantime, the app is already full of helpful tools! You can:

- Select your children's home school(s) to receive school-specific updates
- See important upcoming event dates

- Stay up-to-date with district news

A Few Reminders:

1. The app will translate language for you.
2. Regular newsletters will now be sent through the app.
3. The app is meant for quick updates, celebrations, regular newsletters, etc. but your child's teacher will continue to communicate with you via email or phone for more detailed conversations.

[Click here to learn more about the app.](#)