

Meridian Updates

8/11

Dear Meridian Community:

What an amazing first day of school! A HUGE thank you to everyone as every contribution is important. I love the way our Meridian Community turned out to support our kids and help them have a great first day. Everyone was courteous, flexible, and had good positive energy. Our kids feed off of that energy and I'm happy to report that it was smiles and excitement as they entered the building. I appreciate your continued support as we navigate tweaks to our systems and routines as the year launches with student safety and a positive learning environment our ultimate goal. I want to thank all of our PTO volunteers who brought messages of support to our kindergarten families, helped organize decorations, put up bulletin boards, and made the day special for staff and students alike.

I can't wait to see everyone back for day two and as we forge ahead to a year full of fun, academic pursuits, and high expectations for all. Please read below for some brief notes on how you can help make day 2 and all days moving forward the best they can be.

Jason Gooding
Principal

Important Reminders:

The notes below are designed to ensure a safe environment for all kids. Your help in this is greatly appreciated!

- **Kindergarten students will line up at the front entrance.** Staff will be there to greet students and help them get where they need to go.
- **Using the car loop? Please stay in your vehicle.** Your child will exit the vehicle on the side closest to the curb. Please pull all the way forward, even if your child enters through a door on the north side of the building. This helps keep traffic moving.
- **Walking to school?** Please say your goodbyes at one of the “**Drop Students Here**” signs. Staff members in yellow vests will be there to greet your child and help them get to their destination. It is unsafe for us to have adults crowding the sidewalks & approaching entrances.
- **Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m.** The breakfast door will open at 7:30 for students who would like to eat breakfast. Follow the blue cones out front.
- **Arrival time is 7:35–7:50 a.m.** Please plan to arrive during this window. Staff will not be outside to supervise students before 7:30 or after 7:50.
- **Bus loop reminder:** If you pick up or drop off near the bus loop, please do not drive through or park in the bus loop before or after school.
- **Please use the designated crossing at the bus loop.** A median separates the bus loop from McKay Park Circle. For everyone's safety, please do not cross the median or walk between buses. Instead, walk to the end of the bus loop and cross at the designated safe area.

- **After school, please stay on the perimeter sidewalk.** Dogs should be leashed and kept away from the school building. Students and adults riding bikes or scooters should **get off and walk** them once they arrive on school grounds.

A Few First Day of School Pictures



