

Meridian Family Updates

8/21

Principal Message:

Meridian Community:

The 26-27 school year is now in full swing after our first 5-day week! As we visit classrooms, we are proud to report that our students are SHINE'ing and rising to the occasion. We understand that the first couple weeks can be challenging as we figure out new routines and are often tired at night when we come home. But students are adjusting quickly, engaging with one another, and beginning to do the heavy lifting of thinking and collaborating in the classroom. This week, we, along with Mrs. Combs, and Mrs. Akerson, spent about 30 minutes with each grade level. We used this opportunity to discuss SHINE expectations, our theme for this year, Green Star Schools, School Safety/Security, and Positive Behavior systems/awards. If you'd like to view the presentation, click on the link below. We'd love it if you reviewed it with your student(s) to reinforce the concepts. [26-27 SHINE Orientation for Students](#)

We hope you all have a joyous and restful weekend and come back refreshed ready for MONDAY!

Jason Gooding
Principal

Jessie Bishop
Asst. Principal

Upcoming Events

8/27 - Fall Picture Day
8/28 - Mustang Mile Kick-off (for students)
9/2 - Skate City 6-8pm
9/7 - No School Labor Day
9/8 - No School - Staff Professional Learning Day
9/15 - PTO Community Meeting
9/18 - Mustang Mile & Fall Festival
9/21 - Hearing and Vision Screening
10/6 & 8 - Fall Conferences (more info to come)
10/12-10/16 - No School Fall Break

Fall Picture Day:

Our fall individual picture day is this week (Thursday, August 27th). Flyers were sent home with your student in Friday Folders last week. You can place your order online before picture day by visiting mylifetouch.com and using Picture Day ID: **2HKTDKTVE**. If your student is going to be absent on picture day, our Picture retake day is scheduled for November 3.

Time is Running Out to Order from Meridian's Online Spiritwear Store

Now is the time to order some awesome Meridian spiritwear. We have t-shirts, hats, hoodies, and more for sale in the [online Meridian Spiritwear Store](#). Get your Meridian gear ordered now so your student can wear it **every Wednesday** for our weekly school spirit day. Students can also wear their Meridian gear any day of the week...whenever they want to show their Mustang pride! **The deadline to order is THIS Wednesday, August 26th .**

Volunteering at Meridian:

Volunteer Opportunities will begin starting on 8/24. Please view the [Volunteer Orientation Slideshow](#) prior to your first volunteer event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact your student's teacher for opportunities.

Menu Updates from Nutrition Services

There is a change to the menu currently listed in School Cafe for Thursday, Aug. 27 and Friday, Aug. 28. The menu on each day will be what is listed below. Please disregard what School Cafe shows on these two days only.

- Thursday, Aug. 27: Popcorn Chicken or Veggie Kicken' Chicken Sandwich
- Friday, Aug. 28: Beef & Cheese Nachos or Bean and Cheese Burrito

Blackjack Pizza is served on 1 Wednesday a month. The dates for Blackjack this school year are: 8/26; 9/23; 10/28; 12/02; 1/13; 2/10; 3/10; 4/14; 5/12

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.

Want to Sub at Meridian:

Have you ever considered working in your student's school but want to maintain flexibility with your weekly schedule? Consider being an Adams 12 Classified Substitute. These support roles help your student's school out when some of our classified staff are absent. These positions include classroom and special needs paraeducators, lunch & recess monitors, and other support positions throughout the school. These sub positions generally range from 2-6 hours on the day you sub depending upon the position, and have various start and end times. For more information about becoming an Adams 12 Classified Substitute, visit the [Adams 12 Careers Page](#) and apply for [job 15280](#). If you are interested in becoming a teaching substitute in Adams 12 (Guest Teacher Substitute), please see job 15279 for information and qualifications. Once you have applied, or if you have additional questions, please reach out to our Office Manager at 720-972-7880 or chris.d.mountain@adams12.org.

Fall Clubs at Meridian

Below are a few of the club sign ups offered this semester at Meridian. Students may **ONLY** sign up for one club per day, they cannot be in multiple clubs that occur on the same day. Please choose your club with this in mind.

- [Young Mustang Voices](#) (2nd & 3rd)
Fridays 9/4-12/3.
- [Mustang Voices](#) (4th & 5th)
Thursdays 9/3-12/4
- [Resonance \(Bell Choir\)](#) (4th & 5th)
Tuesdays 9/1-12/3
- [Fun Run Club](#) (1st & 2nd)
Thursdays - (1st & 2nd) 9/17-10/29
- [Fun Run Club](#) (3rd, 4th & 5th)
Tuesdays 9/15-10/27
- **ST Math Club**
More info to come
- **Battle of the Books** (4th & 5th)
Mondays - More info to come

Apptegy Family Communication Tool

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

Skate City

Join us on Wednesday, 9/2 at Skate City for a fun “Glow Party” and FREE ice cream!!



Colorado Rapids Attendance Challenge



We have partnered with the Colorado Rapids to incentivize attendance here at Meridian Elementary by awarding students with no more than 2 days missed, from August 24th - September 11th, **a complimentary ticket to a Colorado Rapids match.**

Students who qualify will receive a voucher to redeem their complimentary ticket. Additional tickets can be purchased at a discounted rate. **Vouchers will be redeemable for qualifying Fall 2026 games.**

Celebrating Our Students

SHINE Orientations



1st Graders Collaborating on Math Tasks

