

## **9/2 PTO Newsletter**

### **Meridian Spirit Night Tonight!**

### **Wednesday, September 2nd at Qdoba**

Before Meridian Skate night at Skate City, join us for the first Meridian Spirit Night of the school year just down the street!

**Date:** Wednesday, September 2, 2026

**Time:** 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**Location:** QDOBA 1005 120th Ave, Westminster, CO

**Promo Code:** QDOBAGIVES

# **QDOBA IS BRINGING FLAVOR TO OUR COMMUNITY**



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**Meridian Mustang Mile and Fall Festival (MMFF) 2026**  
**1 Mile Fun Run and School-Wide Fall Festival**  
**Friday, September 18th, 5-8pm**



**Level Up Mustangs! Your Super Star Challenge: Raise \$60,000 for our school!**

Check out our [Super Mario Bros Mustang Mile Edition Video 2026](#) to learn all about this year's event!

Last Friday, we kicked off our major fundraiser of the year - the 2026 Mustang Mile and Fall Festival. Be sure to ask your Mustang to share the information booklet with all the event details, fundraising goals, and prizes (also linked here: [2026 Mustang Mile Info Booklet](#)), collection envelope and free t-shirt that was sent home. A special thank you to 5th grader, Blake Magdaleno, for our t-shirt design inspiration!

**Volunteering:** All your fundraising hard work is rewarded with a school-wide fall festival following the fun run! It's definitely a major highlight of the year. Please consider volunteering as it takes the whole community to put on this amazing event! Sign up here: [Fall Festival Volunteer Sign Up 2026](#)

**Donating/Fundraising:** You can donate by sending cash or check in your child's collection envelope by September 18th, or donate online with the following steps:

- Go to [www.payschoolscentral.com](http://www.payschoolscentral.com)
- **Login**
- Scroll to the bottom of your Dashboard to find "Fundraiser and Guest Checkout"

- Scroll to Mustang Mile
- Enter your donation amount and other required information
- Go to your cart, enter payment info and check out

❖ **Important Update: The “Guest Checkout” feature on Payschools Central WILL NOT WORK due to technical issues with their site.** If you have a student, be sure to log into your Payschools account to make your donations. For friends and relatives who wish to donate, you may ask them to send their donations to you via Venmo, etc., and then make an online donation in your account for them. Or send in a check or cash on their behalf to the school.

We apologize for the inconvenience. This is a new system for the district and there have been a few technical issues. If you have any questions regarding if a donation was processed, please reach out to [pto.meridianelementary@gmail.com](mailto:pto.meridianelementary@gmail.com).

Be sure to make some online donations early! Early online donors get a chance at bragging rights and to wear ***Thunder’s Mustang Mile Hustle Chain Necklace*** for the day at school. This is a random daily drawing by grade level for online donors.



We will be tracking participation closely! Like last year, we are planning a school-wide optional foam party station at our festival if 75% of students raise between \$1-\$99.

# LEVEL UP **M**USTANGS!

YOUR SUPER STAR CHALLENGE:



**75% OF STUDENTS  
DONATE TO OUR  
MUSTANG MILE!**



- IF we reach 75% participation by Mustang Mile day, a foam party station will be added to the fun at our fall festival!



- It is an optional station for ALL Meridian students (no siblings or adults please)

75%  
PARTICIPATION PRIZE!

**FOAM  
PARTY  
STATION!**



- Foam is WET! Wear a swimsuit under your race clothes or bring a change of clothes/shoes that can get wet. Bring a towel!

@ Mustang Mile Fall  
Festival, 9/18



- Foam is non-toxic, hypoallergenic

5:30-6:30pm K-2 grades  
6:30-7:30pm 3-5 grades





Our Mustangs have already been busy fundraising! We LOVE all the creative ways our Mustangs are doing their part to raise money for our school - lemonade, iced coffee, bracelets, custom hats, kettle corn and succulent sales to name a few! Keep up the good work! Together as a community we can do this — let's celebrate our shared commitment to our school's success! Stay tuned for more updates!

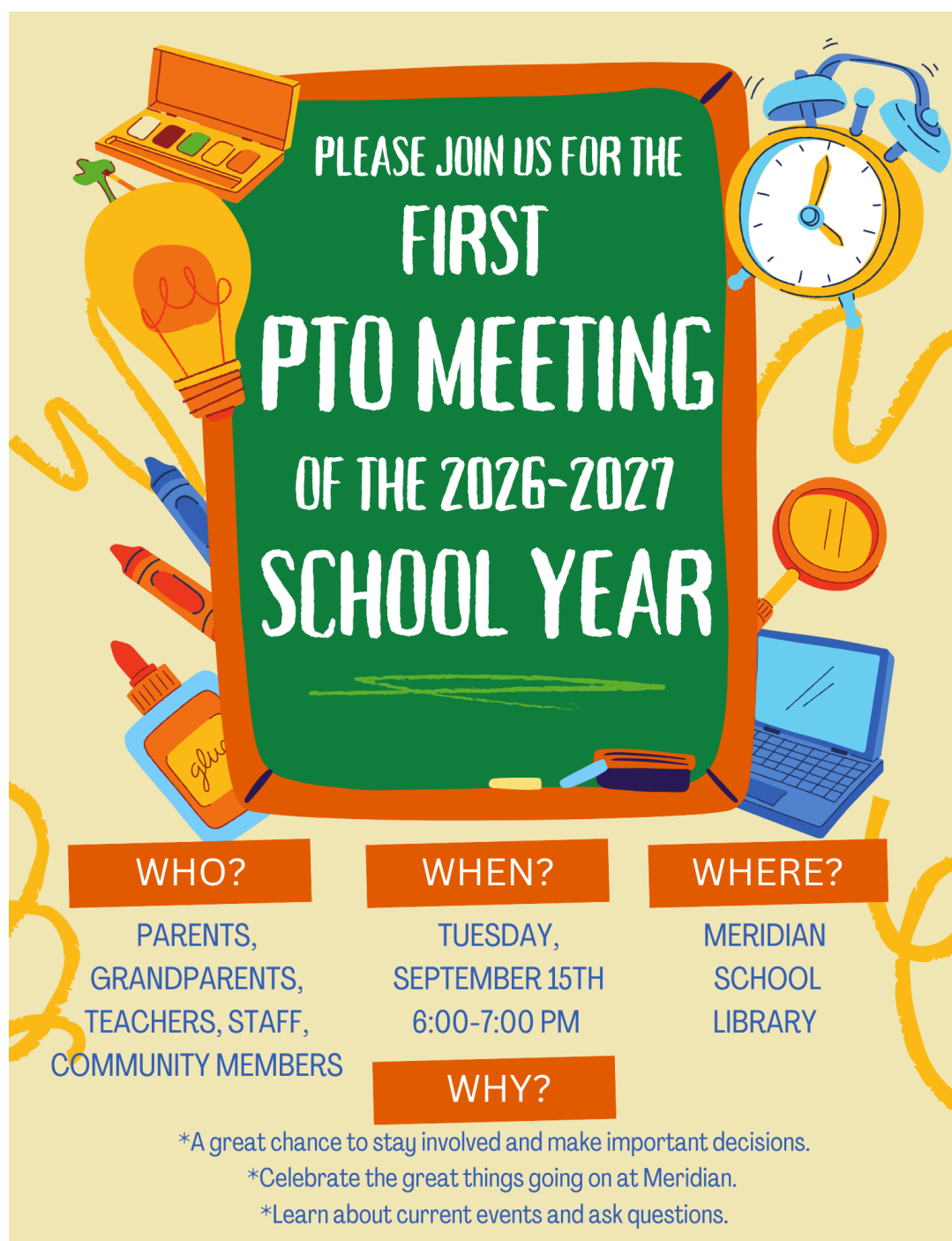




## **PTO Community Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 16th in the the Library**

Please join us for the first PTO Community meeting of the year. PTO community meetings are a great way to get involved, to be a part of important decisions, and to learn about all things Meridian! In addition to PTO current events, Mr. Gooding will be making a “state of the school” address to kickoff the year.



## **New ONLINE Student Directory for the 26-27 School Year**

Please opt in your student to our **NEW, user-friendly ONLINE student directory**. Please note, students must be opted in each new school year. The directory is a great resource for families but it only works if parents opt in. Please note that room parents

and teachers are not allowed to provide student contact information. Opt in [HERE](#):  
[Online Meridian Student Directory](#)



# **NEW** MERIDIAN **ONLINE STUDENT DIRECTORY** **2026-2027**

Have a birthday party to plan or a play date? Our **NEW** user-friendly Online Student Directory is a great resource for families! Teachers and room parents are not allowed to provide student contact info. Be sure to opt in your student today!

**OPT IN  
HERE!**

QUESTIONS?  
[PTO.MERIDIANELEMENTARY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:PTO.MERIDIANELEMENTARY@GMAIL.COM)



## **Share your pictures with the Meridian Yearbook Team**

The Meridian Yearbook Team would like to let parents know that they will be collecting pictures from this school year for the yearbook. If there are any pictures that you would like to share during this school year for the 2026 - 2027 Meridian Yearbook please email photos to [meridianelementaryyearbook@gmail.com](mailto:meridianelementaryyearbook@gmail.com).

Feel free to reach out to [pto.meridianelementary@gmail.com](mailto:pto.meridianelementary@gmail.com) with any questions and to follow us on facebook!