

9/11

Principal Message:

Meridian Community:

We are looking forward to Mustang Mile week next week. Students have been hard at work on fundraising and the school is buzzing with excitement. As we enter the homestretch next week, we appreciate the efforts of everyone to help us reach our goal. We can't wait for spirit week next week and the build of excitement for Friday's Mustang Mile and Fall Festival.

We hope to see everyone next Friday night for our biggest event of the year!

Jason Gooding
Principal

Jessie Bishop
Asst. Principal

Upcoming Events

9/15 - 3rd Grade Field Trip to EcoCycle - Mr. Jackson's Class

9/15 - SAC Meeting

9/15 - PTO Community Meeting

9/16 - Panorama Student Survey (grades 3-5)

9/18 - Mustang Mile & Fall Festival

9/21 - Hearing and Vision Screening

9/21 - 3rd Grade Field Trip to EcoCycle - Mrs. Bishard's Class

9/25 - 3rd Grade Field Trip to EcoCycle - Mrs. Nelson's Class

9/28 - **No School** - Staff Professional Learning Day

10/5-10/9 - Scholastic Fall Book Fair

10/6 & 8 - Fall Conferences (more info to come)

10/12-10/16 - **No School** Fall Break

Panorama Student Survey

Students in 3rd-5th grades will take the Panorama Student Survey during class time on Wed. 9/16. Here is more information about that: [Panorama Student Survey Family Communication](#)

Mustang Mile Spirit Week

Monday 9/14: Favorites Day - Show off whatever you love the most!

Tuesday 9/15: Crazy Hat or Hair Day

Wednesday 9/16: Wacky Wednesday - Inside out or mismatched clothes!

Thursday 9/17: Pajama Day

Friday 9/18: Mustang Mile Shirt Day

Mustang Mile Online Donations

PaySchools Central still works for donations if you are logged into your account. If you have others wanting to donate online who do not have students attending Meridian, remind them to use our new donation platform shared last week with Rally Up:

<https://go.rallyup.com/meridianmustangmile>. The donation deadline is Friday, September 18.



IMPORTANT MUSTANG MILE UPDATE

Guest Checkout is not working on PaySchoolsCentral.com for Mustang Mile donations from family and friends. Unfortunately, the site may appear to accept the donation even though the card is not actually charged.

We have a solution!

Please use this **NEW RallyUp link** for family & friends donations:

<https://go.rallyup.com/meridianmustangmile>



Parents: You can use the RallyUp link for your own donation, or continue using PaySchoolsCentral while **logged in**.

October Count

October Count is performed statewide and determines the funding for our individual school. The October Count Window is **9/21-10/9** with the Count day being **10/1**. Please make sure your student is present during this time so our school can receive the appropriate funding for each student. Thank you so much for your continued support in getting your students to school and on time!

ST Math Club

Below is the ST Math Club sign up for the fall semester. Please remember that students may **ONLY** sign up for one club per day, they cannot be in multiple clubs that occur on the same day.

[ST Math Sign-up](#)

Acceleration Questions

Recently, we have received some questions about the topic of acceleration following the release of individual student CMAS scores. We want to share that acceleration (and retention) is considered the highest level of academic intervention. Before recommending it, a school team must determine that a student's learning needs cannot be adequately met through grade level instruction, differentiation, enrichment, flexible grouping, or other appropriate interventions. Large decisions like subject or grade acceleration are not routine procedures and not based on a single data point. Instead, acceleration proceedings are typically initiated by a parent and teacher during the 2nd semester. The process involves a period of data collection through our intervention team that not only includes achievement and growth data from multiple assessments over time, but also careful consideration of the social-emotional component as well. The vast majority of the needs of most of our students can best be addressed through quality tier 1 support and differentiated instruction in the classroom or among the grade level team. If appropriate, we will host conversations during the 2nd semester in preparation for the following year.

Celebrating Our Students

Mustang 200 Winners

Congratulations to the following students for being this week's Mustang 200 winners:

Faith K. (K), Mila M-B (K), John P. (K), Nazanin M. (K), Eleanor M. (1), Nathan N. (1), Kylie P-D (1), Brexley M. (2), Solomiia K. (2), Yamein M. (2), Emily K. (2), Brayden N. (3), Eli M. (3), Corbin P. (3), Diego J-K (4), Almass K (4), Piper L (4), Agata M. (4), Mykala K. (5), Harvey L. (5), Leen M. (5)

These students had perfect attendance last week and got a free kids meal from Chicken n' Pickle and Lazy Dog. Thank you to our donors for helping us celebrate students with strong attendance!



Mustang Mile Practice

On Friday, all classes were able to practice the Mustang Mile run route during specials. In 4th & 5th grade, this allowed students to qualify to be part of the district cross country team.

