

Principal Message:

Dear Mustang Families,

We had a great week of conferences. We appreciate the way in which everyone came together in conversation about how we can best support our kids. The teachers always appreciate the time to make personal connections that we don't always get a chance to. Your participation and partnership in your child's education is paramount to growth and success. As always, we love seeing our families and getting a chance to collaboratively talk about our kids. A HUGE thank you to our PTO and the community for supplying dinner for the staff on conference nights. It was much appreciated!

We hope kids can get some rest next week and families can find a few hours to do something fun together while we take a fall breather. We can't wait to see everyone back on Monday, Oct. 19!

Jason Gooding
Principal

Jessie Bishop
Asst. Principal

Upcoming Events

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

10/20- Hayride & Hot Chocolate Mustang Mile Reward (K-2)

10/21 - Hayride & Hot Chocolate Mustang Mile Reward (3-5)

10/29 - Kid Principal for the Day Mustang Mile Reward

10/30 - Halloween Parties

11/5 - Mustang Mile Pizza Party Bus Reward

Halloween Guidance

Classrooms will be holding Halloween parties on Friday, Oct. 30 supported by room parents and volunteers. A few things you should know:

1. Costumes are allowed, but must follow district dress code and can't be a distraction to learning.
2. Each classroom can welcome their room parent and up to ____ volunteers. You must be on the volunteer list to be admitted into the school that day.
- 3.

Please see the district's [Halloween Guidelines](#) for more information.

Veterans Day

On Wednesday, Nov. 11, we will be celebrating **Veterans Day** at Meridian. To honor our veterans, we would like to invite people from our community to come out and spend the morning with our students. Last year, we had a group of 4 fantastic veterans come and spend some time with us and they had a great time.. The day will consist of leading the pledge of allegiance in the morning, spending some time in a few classrooms, and will conclude with a catered thank you

lunch. If you would like to participate or would like to nominate someone to attend the celebration, please fill out this: [Nominate a Veteran](#).

No Place for Hate

Meridian Elementary is proud to become a No Place for Hate School! This designation reflects our commitment to creating a school community where every student and family feels seen, heard, respected, and valued. Throughout the year, our students and staff will engage in learning and activities that build understanding, celebrate differences, and empower us to stand together against hate and bias. At Meridian, ALL means all, and we are excited to continue building a community where everyone belongs. For more information, please see this [letter](#).

Apptegy Communication

Moving forward, ALL teacher communication to parents will come only through the Adams 12 App (Apptegy). Please be sure you have signed up for the app and have it set up to receive communication from your student's teacher. If you have questions about the app and their communications, please reach out to your student's teacher before or at conferences. To download the app, please visit the [Adams 12 School to Home Communications Page](#).

Gifted and Talented Testing

If you would like for your K, 1st, 3rd, 4th or 5th grade student to be assessed for Gifted and Talented identification, please fill out this form by **10/23/26: COGAT**. Testing will be 11/30/26 & 12/1/26 with a make up session on 12/03/25. Please see the [Meridian website](#) for more detailed information about the COGAT testing. No requests can be accepted after the deadline.

Fall Book Fair

Thank you Mustang Community so much for making our Scholastics bookfair a tremendous success! Our school was able to raise \$3500 towards new books for next year. In addition, we are proud to donate over \$450 dollars worth of books to Westview Elementary in Adams 12 to support their growing library. Thank you for participating in our fair!

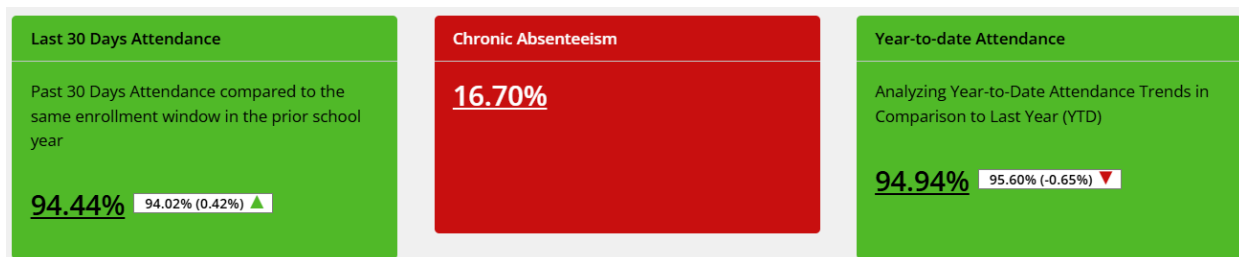
Picture Retake Day & Orders

Nov 3 is our Picture Retake Day. If you missed our picture day in August or want to get a retake, be sure you remind your student to come down on this date when their class is scheduled. You can order pictures online ahead of time at mylifetouch.com using code EVT2DTFF2. You can view the picture order flyer to view some of the options available [here](#). If you would like a hard copy of this flyer, we have them available at the office.

Attendance Update – Goal is 95% or higher

Attendance matters every day, and this week's data gives us a snapshot of how we're doing. Our last 30 days attendance shows recent progress, while our chronic absenteeism rate and year-to-date attendance help us identify where continued support is needed. Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing 10% or more of school days in an academic year for any reason, including excused absences, unexcused absences. Together, we can keep strengthening consistent attendance for all students. Compared to last week, our Last 30 Days

Attendance is **up** 0.17%; our Chronic Absenteeism is **up** 2.33%, and our Year-to-date Attendance is **up** 0.10%.



Legacy Lighting Youth Night!

Tonight is Youth Night at Legacy's home game at North Stadium! Any youth football players who wear their jersey get into the game for \$1! Youth coaches also get in for \$1! Youth players are also invited to go to the northwest end zone at 6:30 to run onto the field with the Varsity team before kickoff!



Celebrating Our Students

Mustang 200 Winners

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

Liam C.L. (K), Orion D. (K), Sebastian H. (K), Kennedy H. (K), Charlotte F. (1), Ella K. (1), Rosemary Jensen (1), Carina G. (2), Holly D. (2), Abul D. (2), Charli D. (2), Evie H. (3), Lyric J. (3), Ainsley L. (3), Emmaline G. (4), Mathias D.R. (4), Zachary G.K. (4), Audrey K. (4), Elle C. (5), Eowyn H. (5), Maddie H. (5)



These students had perfect attendance last week and got a free kids meal from Chicken n' Pickle, Cane's Chicken, and Long John Silvers.

Goodies with Gooding





October Bulletin Boards:

A big thank you to Kelly Conkin, Alissa Neeley, and Bri Westlake for all their masterful work on creating awesome new bulletin boards to decorate our hallways.

