



# The Meeker Message

August 27, 2021



## School Hours:

Mondays: 8:45 am to 3:10 pm (May arrive on/after 8:30 am)  
Tuesdays - Fridays: 7:45 am to 3:10 pm (May arrive on/after 7:30 am)

**Main Line/Attendance: 970-348-2000**

**Health Clinic: 970-348-2026**

Principal: Cathy Nelson  
Assistant Principal: Alison Ferguson  
Dean of Students: Kelly Atkinson  
Office Manager: Tami Naylor  
Secretary: Margie Calderwood

## Principal Nelson's Post:

Dear Meeker Families,

Thank you for choosing for your child/children to attend Meeker School! We are so excited to begin the school year with a building that is ready to provide a safe learning environment for our students! Our custodial staff have worked all summer to ensure we had a clean and welcoming environment for staff, students, and our families. Safety protocols of cohorting of classrooms during recess, lunch in the classroom, disinfecting learning spaces, are in place and being followed by students and staff. Mask wearing is optional for students and staff. We have appreciated your understanding of not having adults enter the building or to volunteer in person to ensure safety.

**It is vitally important that parents keep sick children home.** We need you to keep your child home if your child or someone in your home is showing **one** of these *major symptoms of COVID-19*:

- Feeling feverish or having chills or a temperature of 100.0 F or greater
- New or unexplained persistent cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste or smell

In addition, please keep your child at home and contact your child's healthcare provider if they or someone in your home is experiencing **two or more** of these *minor symptoms*:

- Sore throat
- Runny nose or congestion
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

It was wonderful to see so many families and students at our Open House on August 10th! At this time we have 473 students enrolled at Meeker. We have four sections of Kindergarten, First, Second, and Third graders and three sections of fourth and fifth graders. Class sizes range from 20 students to 29 students.

We are excited to continue our Leader in Me implementation with the 7 Habits for Happy Kids! This year we are continuing in the Academics realm and will be continuing focusing on WIGS! What are WIGS? They are our Wildly

Important Goals. Your student will be able to create these Wildly Important Goals with academics and personal goals in mind. We are very excited to see our students set goals, work towards their goal, and achieve them!


Meeker students begin their day at 8:45 AM on Monday and 7:45 AM Tuesday-Friday. To ensure safety of students and to ensure students have time to focus on being a learner, we do have early entry as well as an early entry routine for all students. Students will be allowed to enter their rooms at **8:30 AM on Monday mornings and 7:30 AM Tuesday-Friday mornings**. Students should NOT arrive before this time as there is no supervision. Students are NOT allowed to play on the playground PRIOR to the start of the school day. Front doors are locked at all times so please use the buzzer system on the south front door to gain access to the building. If your student arrives after 8:50 on Monday or 7:50 T-F they are considered tardy and they will need to check into the office prior to going to the classroom. Thank you for assisting us in the safety and learning of our students by having them arrive at school on time.

Students have been building a learning community for the first weeks of school and learning what being a leader looks like and sounds like. Students are using the HALLS expectation as they move into lines and go from one place to another. Students are also using the STAR routine to support them being engaged as a learner. Please ask them what HALLS and STAR stands for and what character trait they are working on at this time.

We are in need of increasing our parent involvement in our parent group, MSA. (Meeker School Association). This parent group supports the work that assists our students in achieving their goals. We have included their calendar in the newsletter and would appreciate you considering volunteering to join this important organization!

Again, thank you for the wonderful start to the 2021-2022 school year!

Cathy, Alison, Kelly



**CALENDAR:**

9.3.21 to 9.20.21	Leader in Me Pledge Donation
9.6.21	No School – Labor Day
9.9.21	Picture Day / Hearing & Vision
9.27.21	No School for Students
9.27.21	11:30 to 8:30 P/T Conferences/Book Fair
9.29.21	3:30 to 7:30 P/T Conferences/Book Fair
9.29.21	TLIM Habit 1 Assembly – Teacher Led

### **Parents, Please Complete:**

In order to ensure that we have the most current information on file for our students, we are asking **all current D6 families** to review and update the information we have on file annually. This online process replaces paper forms you've received in previous years for each student and will cover all students in your household at once. Requests for transportation will now be accepted as part of this process. Please go to: [ANNUAL STUDENT DATA UPDATE](#) Families NEW to Greeley-Evans, please see: [ADMISSIONS](#)



### **Lunches:**

Parents, as we are having lunch in the classrooms, there are no available microwaves for students to heat up lunches brought from home. Please send food that can be eaten cold if you are sending lunch from home.

**PE:** Remember to have your child wear comfortable, safe shoes for PE!

**Parking:** Please respect our neighbors and do not park in front of their driveways! Thank you!

**MEET YOUR School Registered Nurse and Health Clerk:**



- Welcome to the Health Office! Your School Health Clerk is Lisa McGlothlin and your Registered Nurse is Caryn Ishmael. The Health Office phone number is 970.348.2026.
- Your health clerk is at school daily between 7am and 3:30pm. They are responsible for entering immunization and hearing/vision screening data, providing first aid and comfort care for students as well as administering medications and procedures to students once trained and delegated by the School Registered Nurse.
- The School Registered Nurse is responsible for training staff on care of students with health or medical concerns, writing health care plans for students with health needs, and obtaining health histories for students with IEPs. The RN is available during school hours for consultation on student health concerns by health clerks and school staff. The School RN also participates on Special Education, Wellness, Mental Health and Crisis teams, and may assist teachers with health related topic education.
- Health is an important part of every student's education. We are here to support your child's health care needs and help them stay healthy, safe, and present in school so that they are ready to learn!
- If your student has a health concern, your student is ill, or if you need resources for health care providers, the Health Office team can help! Give us a call!

**From the Health Office: Medication at school**

"If you have meds, see the RN!"

- Please help us keep all students safe by keeping **ALL** medications at home or in the health office if medications need to be taken at school.
- **All prescription AND over the counter medications taken at school** (including cold medicine, cough drops, eye drops, allergy medication, pain medication, ointments, pills, syrups, inhalers, creams, medications of any kind):
  - **MUST** have signed (within last 1 year) orders from primary care provider and parent as well as a Health Care Plan for medication use from the School Registered Nurse (RN).
  - **MUST** be kept in the health office for student use unless parent, student and school RN have discussed permission for student to self-carry.
  - If parent/student prefer "self-carry" of medication, a self-carry contract **MUST** be completed. We suggest having a "back-up" medication in the health office as well.
- Medication **MUST** be kept in the health office for student use unless a self-carry contract has been completed. These medications can be dangerous if shared with classmates.
- If you need forms for provider signatures, contact your school health clerk at 970.348.2026.
- Thank you for your help in keeping our school healthy and safe for all students!

**Meeker Online Store! Check it out!**

Scan the QR code and see what apparel you can purchase for your student for MEEKER SPIRIT!



# Welcome to *Leader in Me*

Each new school year brings opportunities for academic growth and growth in all areas of development. Although children must be knowledgeable when they graduate, they must also be healthy, engaged, responsible, and caring people.

We're grateful you're here at our school and we're excited to partner with you and your child. As a *Leader in Me* School, we believe that every member of your family has greatness and we can't wait to learn and grow from you! *Leader in Me* (LiM) is an evidence-based, comprehensive school-improvement model—developed in partnership with educators and FranklinCovey—that empowers students with the leadership and life skills they need to thrive in a global community.

Our school has chosen to operate through a uniquely different lens. *Leader in Me* is about empowering your child to reach their full potential while ultimately finding their voice. As a school, the staff in this building have made five core commitments to your child. We call these our Core Paradigms. In these paradigms you will find the belief and way we view all students. At this school we see that:

- Everyone is a leader.
- Everyone has genius.
- Change starts with me.
- We empower students to lead their own learning.
- Educators and families partner to develop the whole person.

Not only do these paradigms apply to your student, they apply to all of us!

*Leader in Me* provides our school with the vision and language to lead the school in a way that addresses all areas of development. As each child discovers and develops their unique gifts and talents, they are given opportunities to lead. As leaders, they become active, engaged partners in their own education, and their self-confidence, responsibility, and initiative grows. The children quickly understand the benefits of different gifts and talents; they learn to listen to new ideas, work together to achieve results, and motivate one another to be the best.

We hope your school enjoys sharing these new opportunities. Together, we will see each child grow throughout the year.

# Lunch & Learn Volunteers Needed

**Meeker Elementary is looking for adults to share their job experiences with our students!**

- ❑ Share your expertise with the youth of our community
- ❑ Join in person or on Zoom
- ❑ Quick ten minute presentations while students eat
- ❑ Flexible time commitments from only 15 minutes (one class) up to a few hours (multiple classes and grade levels)
- ❑ We will work out a time that works for your schedule.
- ❑ We're hoping for representation from a variety of jobs and careers!

Contact Megan Oestreich if you are interested in receiving more information about this opportunity.

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