
August Newsletter

Meeker Elementary

Together, Achieving Excellence for All Students is Pawssible!

Dear Meeker Parents,

Thank YOU for making the decision to send your child to Meeker! You have given us one of your most precious gifts and we will do our very best to ensure his/her safety as well as to achieve academic excellence this school year. Currently, we have 502 students at Meeker which is about 20 more students than the beginning of last year! We are continuing to grow and I know it's because of all the great things you are sharing with the community! We have increased our kindergarten and third grade sections from three sections to four sections to reduce the class sizes in these two grade levels. We are continuing to monitor all class sizes to ensure we can be successful in instructing all students.

Communication is critical in helping your child succeed this school year. We are hoping you receive several positive messages from your child's teacher in regards to your child's successes. We also encourage you to share any concerns or questions you may have with your child's homeroom teacher or case manager. By talking directly to the teacher, matters get quickly resolved.

As administrators we welcome you to drop by at any time with any positive feedback, questions or concerns. If we aren't immediately available, we encourage you to set up an appointment to meet with us at your convenience. (Often we are in scheduled data meetings with the staff or in scheduled classroom observations for several hours of each day.) Working together in a positive manner will support your child's academic success and talking to your child's teacher is a critical first step in this process.

Our first week has gone extremely well! Most students are arriving to school after 8:05 and on time at 8:20. Just a reminder that there is no supervision until 8:05 and we want to make sure your child is safe and supervised when your child comes to school. An early arrival note will be sent home with your child if he/she arrives before 8:05. I also appreciate you adhering to our parking and pick-up rules to ensure the safety of our students! I do ask that you when you use the drop off area in the street, the red and white zone, that you pull up to the curb as close as possible as well as to the beginning of this line as others are waiting patiently behind you. Your child should exit your vehicle on the curb side of the street and give him/her sidewalk access immediately. Please do NOT double-park in this area as this makes it unsafe for your child. Using crosswalks by students and parents is expected at all times. Law enforcement has been asked to visit us on occasion when we are having safety concerns caused by drivers and double parking and illegal U-turns will result in a ticket which I don't want anyone to have to experience. Keeping students safe is a priority and I appreciate your assistance in any way possible.

Thank you for attending our PBIS barbeque dinner on Back to School Night! Over 600 members of our Meeker family was served in a matter of a couple of hours! The staff appreciate those who participated and enjoyed the opportunity to begin building relationships with you.

We wish you and your child a year filled with much success and we look forward to having another amazing year at Meeker. Together, achieving excellence for all students is "pawssible."
Cathy and Ramon



Upcoming Events

Aug. 31-Choir starts 7:30-8:10

Sept. 5th-NO SCHOOL

**Sept. 6th-Intramurals 7:40-8:15
permission slip needed.**

Sept. 7th-School Pictures

Sept 7th-Hearing/Vision screen

**Sept 19th-NO SCHOOL Parent
Teacher Conferences & Book
Fair 12-8pm**

**Sept 22: Parent Teacher
Conferences 4-8 & Book Fair**



Chocolate fundraising: We will be having our students sell the **“World’s Finest Chocolates.”** Rules are that you have to return \$60.00. One cannot return an unused or partial box. Make sure that if you take a box to sell, you will only bring money back. The fundraiser will end on September 7th. Good luck everyone, and there is a prize for every box sold!



PE teacher would like to remind the students to wear comfortable shoes with laces to PE and to bring a water bottle too.

If you did not attend the open house before school started, your student should have brought home data information to be filled out and given back to the office. It is important that we always have current phone numbers, in case of an emergency or if the child is sick and needs to go home. Please fill out and return back.



Choir will be starting on August 31st from 7:30-8:10. This is open for all students in grades 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Come and join the fun! We rehearse on Wednesday and Friday mornings. Contact Ms. James to plan to attend.

If you have a change of plans that require a message to your child, make sure you call in before 3PM, otherwise we cannot guarantee the message after this time. The office gets very busy with parents checking out children.

TRANSPORTATION DROP OFF/PICKUP/SAFETY OF OUR STUDENTS!

Creating a safe environment for all students is a high priority. Safety issues are listed below. Please follow these procedures so Meeker students can always arrive and leave the grounds safely. We have very limited parking in the front lot. *Please follow the diagram below to use for suggested Pickup/drop off areas:*

NORTH

Suggested pick-up areas

- Kinder-28 Avenue
 - 1st-28 Avenue
 - 2nd-22nd Street
 - 3rd-22nd Street Road
 - 4th-22nd Street Road
 - 5th-22nd Street
- Families who have more than one student attending, should choose the “youngest students” designated pick-up location.

Where to Park:

- 22nd Street along both sides of the street
- 22nd Street road-along both sides of the street
- And students can walk in the alley way to the school grounds.
- 22 St Drive
- 22nd St Road
- 28th Avenue-along both sides of the street

 Crosswalks





The 3rd Annual Ride4Success is a ride to benefit The Success Foundation Serving Greeley-Evans Schools.

The ride is on Saturday, September 24th at Lincoln Park in downtown Greeley.

The route options are 10 miles-\$30 per family (up to 4 riders), 25 miles-\$45 , and 50 miles-\$55. All riders must wear helmets. *Day of registration rates will be higher.*

REGISTER NOW AT RIDE4SUCCESS.ORG.

Pre-arranged absences:

One week is needed to approve the pre-arranged time. You will need to meet with the assistant principal (Ramon Reyes) to discuss time away. If this is not completed in time requested, this will not be approved. Please plan ahead.