



The Meeker Message

October 29, 2021



School Hours:

Mondays: 8:45 am to 3:10 pm (May arrive on/after 8:30 am)
Tuesdays through 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,

We want to again thank you for ensuring your child is coming to school every day with their water bottle and wearing their mask! Our supply of masks that were donated through the Success Foundation is now a limited supply. Know we will be needing to call you in the future to have you bring your child's mask before we can allow him/her to enter the classroom. We also appreciate having your child prepared to learn by charging the computer and ensuring it is in their backpack. We know this means developing habits and routines at home and we are so appreciative of the support we are receiving from you!

Cohorting students in the building and at recess time has gone very well at Meeker! We have been able to provide supervision for each cohort which has decreased the number of behavior incidents. We have had only minimal students needing to quarantine due to exposure. Lunch in the classrooms is going well with having students supervised by their classroom teachers. It has allowed additional opportunities for us to get to know your child and to build a strong relationship. There have been many positives taking place at Meeker despite the Pandemic!

The month of October has flown by at Meeker! Students are full of anticipation with the Fall celebration and so looking forward to wearing the fall colored clothing. Thank you for your understanding and support as we begin to change some of the culture at Meeker and being sensitive to one another's culture and beliefs.

We have been so grateful for every parent that has engaged with their child's teacher during these first few months of school! We had great turnout for parent/teacher conferences which were completed virtually or in person. Our teachers really enjoyed getting to know each of you a little bit better and were grateful for the time that you gave to work with them so that we can support your child to the best of our abilities at Meeker. Please continue to reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions or wonderings about what is going on during the school day.

Last month we were able to share some important reading data with you regarding our students' data in kindergarten through third grade. This data is still critical and your support each night of getting your students to read a minimum of 20 minutes is appreciated! We spend a lot of time in school working on reading and getting students to read books that not only they enjoy but also books that they use to gather information. The more we can get students into books at school and at home is going to benefit them! Please reach out to your child's teacher if you are struggling to figure out what books your child needs to be reading at home or if you are struggling to get books into your home. We have resources available to support you with that!

As we continue to monitor our attendance data for all students in our building, we are noticing trends of students coming into school 10-20 minutes late as well as being picked up 20-30 minutes early. We understand that sometimes situations occur, but we are asking that our students arrive between 7:30-7:45 every morning so that they have time to come into the school quietly, eat their breakfast, and get ready for their day. When students arrive late to school they miss a lot of community building time as well as a good amount of time to eat breakfast. We are also seeing a lot of students being picked up between 2:30-3:10. We understand that students may have appointments, which we are grateful for you scheduling these at the end of the day. We want to avoid having 20-30 kids checked out every afternoon. If you are checking your student out at the end of the day for an appointment, we are requesting that you bring a doctor's note with the day/time of the appointment so this early check out can be excused.

Cathy Nelson, Principal



CALENDAR:

Nov. 2	MSA Meeting 3:45 pm (Parents Invited)
Nov. 8-18	Food Drive (see attached flyer)
Nov. 11	SAC Meeting – Zoom, 3:15 to 4:15 pm
Nov. 12	TRI 1 Report Cards go home
Nov. 22-26	No School for Students

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](http://www.greeleyschools.org) found on the District website (www.greeleyschools.org) under "Families" and click on "Annual Student Data Update." Those families who are NEW to Greeley-Evans, please go to the District website (www.greeleyschools.org) under "Families" and click on [ADMISSIONS](#)

Birthday Treats:

Arrangements for handing out treats need to be made **beforehand** with the teacher and they are done at the end of the day.

As stated in the Parent Handbook we always encourage parents to send Healthy Treats and not sugary items, but we understand that many like to bring something more festive. If parents say they want to bring cupcakes then they can bring the small ones and NOT the large ones. There is a list of items that are recommended in the Parent Handbook (on the Meeker school website).

Covid Protocols for treats:

ALL treats need to be *individually wrapped* and should come with the child in their backpacks in the morning. We are trying to eliminate the touching of food items.

Thank you for your help with this. (If you want to read the guidelines for Parents, it is on page 16, 17 of the Parent/Student Handbook, found on the Meeker website)

THANK YOU! McTeacher's Night Results!

We want to share and thank those again that helped at our McTeacher Night a few Wednesdays ago. We received our check from McDonald's yesterday. 20% of all sales between 5:00-7:00 p.m. totaled \$615.73. Our cookie sales and donations from that evening were \$260.70. A total of \$876.43 was raised for our Leader in Me program. Congratulations to all who helped make this a HUGE success!

Leader In Me Focus of the Month:

Habit 2: Begin with the End In Mind

- Have a plan
- Set goals
- Home connection: Discuss an academic goal and/or a personal goal with your student and share ideas that will help them achieve their goals

Literature that is connected to Habit 2:

- The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle
- Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman
- Last Stop on Market Street by Matt De La Pena



From the Health Office....Immunizations, Preventing Illnesses, Vision & Hearing Screenings:

It's the Rule...Shots Before School!

- Colorado Law requires all students attending Colorado schools and licensed child care to be vaccinated against certain diseases, unless an exemption is filed.
 - All Kindergarten students must be up to date with 5 immunizations (MMR, Polio, DTap, Varicella, Hepatitis B).
 - All 6th Grade students must have had an additional TDap immunization between 5th and 6th grade.
- Students who are non-compliant with vaccines will receive a letter home in early October and will be required to complete these immunizations prior to early November in order to stay in school.
- If you are unsure if your child has their immunizations, contact your school health office at 970.348.2026 to check on their immunization status.

Flu Season is Right Around the Corner...Let's Prevent the Spread of Illness, Together!

- Here are some tips for staying healthy and preventing the spread of illnesses:
 - **Get your flu shot!** The flu vaccine is recommended by the CDC for everyone 6 months and older.
 - **Stay home when you are sick.** When exhibiting illness symptoms such as fever over 100.0, chills, head and body aches, or uncontrollable cough- stay home to prevent others from catching your illness! It is also important to avoid close contact with people who are sick. Your child must be fever free without medications and no longer presenting with vomiting & diarrhea for at least 24 hours to attend school.
 - **Avoid touching** your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread this way. Don't share drinks or utensils with others.
 - **Cover coughs and sneezes.** Use a tissue to cover coughs and sneezes, then dispose of the tissue. When a tissue is not available, cough or sneeze into your elbow.
 - **Wash hands for 20 seconds with soap and warm water.** If you cannot wash your hands, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
 - **Clean and disinfect surfaces or objects.** Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill.
 - **Consult** your primary care provider with any symptoms of significant illness. The doctor will speak with you about possible treatment options. Provide a doctor's note to the school if your child will be absent due to illness.
- For more information about flu/illness prevention visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/habits.htm>

Vision/Hearing Screening:

- Vision problems in children are common and can impair development. If a child can't see, they have trouble learning and vision problems can lead to permanent vision loss, early detection and treatment is important.
- We recently completed Vision and Hearing screenings for your child at school. If you received a Vision Referral Letter for your child in the mail, this means that your child did not pass the screening and needs further vision follow-up with a vision professional. Please contact the health office with any questions/concerns.

Meeker Online Store! Check it out!

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



Congratulations to the winners of the Autumn decorating contest!

People's choice: Mrs. Hess 1st Grade



Most Creative: Mrs. Applegate's 1st Grade



Best Student Led: Mrs. Hermanson's 2nd Grade



Meeker Food Drive

November 8th - 18th

All donated non-perishable items go to the Weld County Food Bank! Suggestions

items for donation: *Canned Meat

* Canned Fruit

* Peanut Butter

*Cereal

* Rice

* Canned Vegetables

* Tuna

* Canned Meals/Chili



THANK YOU!!!

All items will be accepted in classrooms and will be tallied. Top donor classroom will receive a special treat!

Help Boost Kids' Safety, Privacy, and Security

When kids start to go online, whether they're playing multiplayer games, using educational apps, or just following their curiosity on Google, it's important that they understand the basics of online privacy and safety. With some general guidelines around what information is and isn't OK to share, and some help from parents when they're unsure, kids can have fun and learn a lot in the digital world.

Check out these 5 tips ↻

1

Discuss personal vs. private info.

Talk about the difference between what's OK to share online (favorite color) and what's not (home address).

2

Use privacy settings.

Together, go through the settings on all new apps to make sure you both know what information your kids are sharing. Especially in the beginning, it's better to share very little.

3

Avoid location tracking.

Location-aware apps can be super helpful. But apps that use a device's location to help people find your kid or offer them ads for nearby businesses should be used with caution. Turn them off if you can.

4

Power up passwords.

Work together with kids to help them come up with complex passwords. Think outside the dictionary. Use phrases and special characters that make passwords hard to guess but easy to remember. Remind kids to keep passwords private and change them regularly.

5

Skip quizzes.

Help kids identify and avoid clickbait, quizzes, special offers, and anything that asks for personal or private information. This helps keep information secure and devices safe.



PRIVACY & SECURITY

**We care about
everyone's privacy.**

Ayudemos a fortalecer la privacidad y seguridad de los niños

Cuando los niños comienzan a navegar por Internet, ya sea participando en juegos de varios jugadores, utilizando aplicaciones educativas o simplemente haciendo búsquedas en Google, es importante que entiendan los aspectos básicos de la privacidad y seguridad en Internet. Con algunas pautas generales respecto a qué información se puede y que tipo de información no se puede compartir, y un poco de ayuda de los padres cuando están en duda, los niños pueden divertirse y aprender mucho en el mundo digital.

Lean estos 5 consejos

1

Expliquen la diferencia entre información personal e información privada.

Expliquen la diferencia entre la información que se puede compartir por Internet (color favorito) y la que no (dirección).

2

Usen las configuraciones de privacidad.

Con sus hijos, revisen las configuraciones de todas las aplicaciones nuevas para asegurarse de que tanto ustedes como ellos saben qué información están compartiendo. Especialmente al principio, es mejor compartir lo menos posible.

3

Eviten la geolocalización.

Las herramientas de geolocalización pueden ser muy útiles. Sin embargo, las aplicaciones que usan la ubicación de un dispositivo para ayudar a alguien a encontrar a sus hijos u ofrecerle anuncios sobre comercios de la zona deben usarse con precaución. Desactívenlas si pueden.

4

Asegúrense de que sus contraseñas son fuertes.

Trabajen con sus hijos para ayudarlos a inventar contraseñas complejas. Sean creativos. Usen frases y caracteres especiales para crear contraseñas fuertes y difíciles de adivinar, pero fáciles de recordar. Recuérdenles a sus hijos no compartir las contraseñas y cambiarlas periódicamente.

5

Eviten los cuestionarios.

Ayuden a sus hijos a identificar y evitar el ciberanzuelo, los cuestionarios, las ofertas especiales y cualquier cosa que les pida información personal o privada. Esto ayuda a proteger la información y los dispositivos.

