



The Meeker Message

February 23, 2022



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)

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Assistant Principal: Alison Ferguson
Dean of Students: Kelly Atkinson
Office Manager: Tami Naylor
Secretary: Eva Keaton

Principal Nelson's Post:

Dear Meeker Families,

We had a great turn out for parent teacher conferences in spite of the cold and snowy weather. Thank you for taking the time to attend conferences to hear about your child's progress! Students were very excited to share their progress with you as well as to share all that they know! I appreciate you supporting your child and your child's teacher in this way!

Also, thank you for taking the time to complete the Parent Survey! All surveys need to be completed online Monday, February 28th. Your input and feedback is valued and is listened to and informs us of possible next steps to improve Meeker to ensure this is the best possible learning environment for our students! Please make sure you complete the form so your name can be placed into the drawing once you completed the survey. We will draw names on Friday, March 4th. You will be notified by our office staff if your name is drawn.

You have also been asked to complete the Intent to Return Form for the 2022-2023 school year. I appreciate all parents who have completed this form as it helps us in planning more accurately with staff assignments as well as with ordering materials to begin the upcoming school year. Thank you to those parents who are choosing to return to Meeker for the upcoming school year! We are always excited to have your child back with us and having the opportunity to continue to grow him/her as a learner! For those of you who are undecided for various reasons, if you could let us know as soon as possible as we want to make sure we have room in our classrooms for him/her to continue attending Meeker if that is your decision.

CMAS- 3rd-5th Grade:

In April of every year our third, fourth, and fifth graders take the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS). The English Language Arts test and Math test are given over three days per subject area and are given to all third, fourth, and fifth graders. Our fifth graders will also take a Science assessment which is given over three days.

We strive to keep our schedules as consistent as possible during this time for the students as well as for the teachers. You will be receiving a calendar of the days that your students will be testing after Spring Break. Attendance everyday is important but during testing time, attendance is critical. Our students will begin testing April 4th and will finish testing by April 28th. Please be on the lookout for the calendar after Spring Break and reach out to your child's classroom teacher with any questions.

Attendance Update:

We are so grateful for everyone who continues to call in when their child is going to be out sick for the day. Thank you for continuing to follow our protocols and keeping your students home when they are not feeling well. We are always striving to get to 96% attendance daily but we also recognize the importance of keeping students home when they are not feeling well.

We have had an increase in student tardiness in the last two months and students are missing a lot of classroom community building if they arrive after 7:45am. Your students are allowed in the building beginning at 7:30am. If you are struggling to get out of the house in time in the morning and need support with creating a routine for your students in the morning, please reach out to your child's classroom teacher and they will get you in contact with Mrs. O our school counselor.

Please remember that if you are going out of town to see Mrs. Keaton or Mrs. Naylor in the front office so that you can fill out a pre-arranged absence form prior to going out of town.

Routines & Procedures Update:

As we know, COVID-19 has brought forth many changes however, not all have been negative! Due to the need to keep classrooms in cohorts, we have had significantly fewer incidence of unsafe behavior on the playground. In smaller groups, our students are learning problem solving skills and creating stronger friendships. For the remainder of this year, we will continue to keep classroom cohorts during recess.

Bathroom Policy:

Students are now utilizing an electronic bathroom pass which is located on the Meeker Website Home Page. This process allows us to monitor how frequently students are asking to leave the classroom and narrow down if a particular grade level or student(s) are leaving a mess. It has been very successful so far and is really inspiring our students to take pride in their school!

We hope you are as excited as we are to celebrate the amazing leaders our Meeker students are becoming!

Respectfully,
Cathy, Alison, and Kelly

Leader In Me***This month's habit: Synergizing***

Working together is an important part of school work and life! Together is better, together we grow ideas, gain a different perspective and respect differences. At home: you can start synergizing as a family. Work together on a project or even just make dinner together. How was it better together? Books to read: Swimmy by: Leo Lionni; A Chair for My Mother by: Vera Williams; Chicken Sunday by: Patricia Polacco.

District 6 & Friends ARTS WALK * March 4th 2022 5-8 P M * DOWNTOWN GREELEY

This spectacular event will showcase artwork created by hundreds of students attending District 6 and Charter Schools from Kindergarten through 12th grade and over 50 creative teachers, dance, music and art! Meeker students will be featured at the following locations:

- Art Show - Madison & Main Gallery 927 16th Street
- Meeker 2nd Grade Choir - Union Colony Civic Center, 701 10th Avenue (Hensel Phelps Theater) @5:00pm

Upcoming events

- March 1 MSA Meeting - all parents are invited to attend, 3:45 pm
- March 11 Classroom Pictures
- March 14 - 18 Spring Break Week - No School
- March 28 No School
- March 31 3rd, 4th, 5th grade Spring Program, 6 pm