



# The Meeker Message

## March 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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### Principal Nelson's Post:

Dear Meeker Families,

Happy springtime to everyone! Isn't it great to have the warm weather and the signs of spring all around us! Spring break was a time for "sharpening the saw" for Meeker staff! I hope your spring break was a time of enjoyment and relaxation. The final weeks of school will be spent doing "smart work" to ensure your child reaches his/her end of the year goals. Teachers are closely monitoring students' daily data to ensure the instruction aligns and that your child will reach the grade level goals. We appreciate all you are doing at home to ensure your child is doing everything possible to successfully complete this school year.

Our third through fifth grade students will be participating in our state tests beginning in April. These assessments do not take the students an entire day- normally between 60-90 minutes total and we will still be doing a lot of learning during this time! It is important that students are in school and ready to continue learning during this time. If you have any questions regarding state testing, please reach out to Alison Ferguson directly at [aferguson1@greeleyschools.org](mailto:aferguson1@greeleyschools.org) or 970-348-2010.

Monday, April 4th	Tuesday, April 5th	Wednesday, April 6th	Thursday, April 7th	Friday, April 8th
	3rd Grade ELA Test #1	3rd Grade ELA Test #2	3rd Grade ELA Test #3	Makeups
	4th Grade ELA Test #1	4th Grade ELA Test #2	4th Grade ELA Test #3	4th Grade Math #1
	5th Grade ELA Test #1	5th Grade ELA Test #2	5th Grade ELA Test #3	5th Grade Math #1
Monday- April 11th	Tuesday- April 12th	Wednesday- April 13th	Thursday- April 14th	Friday- April 15th
Makeups	3rd Grade Math #1	3rd Grade Math #2	3rd Grade Math #3	Makeups
Makeups	4th Grade Math #2	4th Grade Math #3	Makeups	Makeups
Makeups	5th Grade Math #2	5th Grade Math #3	5th Grade Science #1	5th Grade Science #2
Monday- April 18th	Tuesday- April 19th	Wednesday- April 20th	Thursday- April 21st	Friday- April 22nd
Make Ups	5th Grade Science #3	Make Ups	Make Ups	Make Ups
Monday- April 25th	Tuesday- April 26th	Wednesday- April 27th	Thursday- April 28th	Friday- April 29th
No School	Make Ups	Make Ups	Make Ups	Turn in CMAS Materials

Thank you to those who completed the online Family-School Relationships Survey! We missed our goal of having 30% of our families complete this survey with only 88 families completing the survey. We appreciate the time you took to give us important feedback to help us improve and ensure Meeker continues to be a great place for students to learn! 85% of our families' perceptions are favorable in the areas of School Climate and School Safety. Our growth area is in Family Engagement which we know has significantly been impacted by the Pandemic. This area will be part of our school improvement plan for the 2022-2023 school year. As you know for those who completed the survey, your name was entered into a drawing. The drawing winners were: Christine Mikes - Red Robin gift card; Rachel Dawson - Olive Garden gift card; Ana Monsivais - Texas Roadhouse gift card.

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## **A note from our School Counselor, Megan Oestreich:**

I know that as the weather warms it can be tough to keep your child feeling motivated. I am here to help, so feel free to reach out! Please email me at [moestreich@greeleyschools.org](mailto:moestreich@greeleyschools.org) if you would like to set up a meeting or problem solve together. Prioritizing mental health for all members of the family is crucial throughout the school year. Here are some tips to help tend to mental health needs this spring:

- Limit your children's exposure to the news and instead have honest conversations about what is going on and allow children the space to ask questions and voice concerns.
- Help your children navigate the realities of their fears. For example, ask them if they truly think that would happen or if they are thinking about the worst case scenario. Sometimes they feel more prepared if they are able to confront their biggest fears.
- Take time to check in with the emotions of all family members. Remind them that negative feelings are okay and that we need to notice them and move through them. Create a list of coping strategies that might help get them in a better head space.
- Practice positive reinforcement. For example, you could say "I see that you helped clean your room without me asking. That means you have earned an extra 15 minutes of play time outside today".

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

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## **Upcoming events**

- April 5 MSA Meeting - all parents are invited to attend, 3:45 pm
- April 21 Kindergarten Open House, 5 pm - 6:30 pm
- April 25 No School for students

***Upcoming fundraiser nights at Panda Express and Texas Roadhouse watch for dates & times in April.***

***Mark your calendars! Field Day is Monday, May 16th. More information to follow in the April newsletter!***