



# The Meeker Message

## April 27, 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,

We received our staffing allocation plan for the 2022-2023. Due to our October 1st count being down by 25 students from the previous year, 24 students leaving to Heiman or Monfort due to the changes in the school attendance boundary, and about 30 students open enrolling to other schools in our district, we received 21 general education FTE, which is down by 3 FTE from the previous year. The hiring process has begun and we have hired 2 teachers. Teachers returning to Meeker for the 2022-2023 school year have been tentatively assigned their grade level and classroom. The number of students enrolling directly impacts the number of sections per grade level and sometimes this is unknown up to the first day of school.

We are so fortunate to have MLO funds and ESSER II grant dollars to support our fifth quarter (summer school) for our students who have learning gaps and unfinished learning due to the Pandemic. We so appreciate those parents who have given their child permission to participate in summer school May 31st-June 30th. Reading, Math and Writing will be focused on during summer school. Students will participate Monday through Thursday from 8:00-12:30 and will receive free breakfast and lunch as well.

Thank you for supporting your students during CMAS testing this year! Our third, fourth, and fifth graders worked so hard during April to show everything that they have learned and they persevered when it got hard! I am so proud of the work they did!

Attendance continues to be important as we near the end of the school year. Please continue to work on getting your students to school on time- remember they can arrive at 7:30 but need to be in the building by 7:45. The morning work that students do as a community is critical and it helps them continue to build relationships with their peers. If you are struggling with a morning routine, Mrs. O our school counselor would love to support your student in coming up with a morning routine that will help them be successful in getting to school on time!

We are so thrilled to welcome all Meeker families to our Leadership Discovery Night on Friday, May 6th. This event will take place on our school grounds from 4:00-6:00 p.m. It is an amazing opportunity to see the hard work that each grade level puts into our science time during class. Families will also have the opportunity to shop at our Scholastic Book Fair, see amazing art work at our Art Show, eat from local food trucks, and purchase raffle tickets to try and win amazing baskets put together by our students and staff! We can't wait to see families in our building again!

Being a Leader in Me school, we recognize parents as their child's first teacher. The day to day learning experiences shared between parent and child cannot be underestimated! During this time of unfinished learning, teachers have a wonderful opportunity to work in partnership with parents in creating authentic project-based experiences that can occur naturally without placing added pressure on the family. These experiences can be as simple as following a family

recipe while cooking together, listening to a parent's old favorite song then comparing and contrasting it to the music of today, the same could be done with old and new movies. It is these moments of learning together that will leave a significant impact on our children.

A great way to inspire this type of learning is to create Choice Boards where students are able to pick authentic activities that can be done at home with what they have. Students and parents can then snap photos of the finished product, whether it's a game board, a recipe, or even a challenge to do a blog post about the movie that they watched together, comparing and contrasting the older movie to the movies of today. The finished product can be something simple.

Below are sample Choice Boards and Links for printing. You can use them as is or use them as a template to create your own. While this may be a unique time in our lives, we can find joy in spending quality time with the ones we love and celebrate the teacher family partnerships we are strengthening.

Link: [ACTIVITY Choice-Board for Digital Learning](#)



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Link: [ASSESSMENT Choice-Board for Digital Learning](#)



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Keep in mind it is not about the finished product, it is about the learning experience the child is having alongside their parent. This is a tremendous opportunity for teachers and parents to co-create experiences that will inspire new learning.

Technology is very important to your student's learning at Meeker. Please be on the look-out for an important letter regarding technology usage and device storage during our summer months. The upcoming letter will contain vital information for students not returning to Meeker or staying in our district. Thank you so much in your support for keeping devices safe and in great condition.

**Field Day** is Monday, May 16th! This year we are utilizing our 5th grade students as field day leaders. They will be helping with set-up, clean-up and lead stations for our younger students. Sportsmanship and leadership skills have been emphasized in P.E. this year for our 5th graders. We look forward to them being positive models for Meeker on this day!

K-4th grade students will be participating in a variety of stations including water games, tag games, parachute, etc. Please remind your student to wear comfortable shoes and appropriate clothing. They are welcome to bring dry clothes in their backpack. Don't forget a water bottle! If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Cook, [vcCook@greeleyschools.org](mailto:vcCook@greeleyschools.org) or call 970-348-2000.

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**Thank you** to all students and parents for donating money towards Friday Hat Day, to date students have raised \$1,578.22. All proceeds go to a student at our school who is battling a rare cancer. You still have 3 Friday's to participate; 4/29, 5/6, 5/13.

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**Annual Student Data Update is now available.** In order to ensure that we have the most current information on file for our students, we are asking *all current Greeley-Evans District 6 families* to review and update the information we have on file annually. This new online process *will replace the paper forms* you've received in previous years for each student and *will cover all students in your household* at once, including adding any *new Preschool or Kindergarten students*.

The Annual Student Data Update for the 2022-23 School Year is now open! To complete, use the Parent Portal Login below and complete Online Registration. (Note: The Annual Student Data Update can only be completed once per year.)

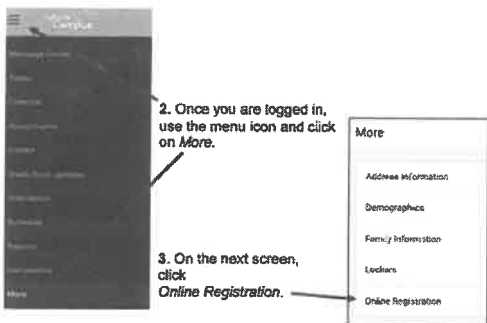
Step One: Log In to the Parent Portal (*ENGLISH/SPANISH*)

**\*\* FORGOT USERNAME?**

**\*\* FORGOT PASSWORD?**

**\*\* REQUEST A PARENT PORTAL ACCOUNT** if you've never logged in to the Parent Portal

Step Two: In the left menu, click 'More' and then 'Online Registration'



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## Upcoming events

- May 2-6 Staff Appreciation Week
- May 3 MSA Meeting - all parents are invited to attend, 3:45 pm
- May 6 Leadership Discovery Night, 4:00 pm-6:00 pm
- May 11 Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser, 4:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- May 16 Field Day- all day event
- May 18 5th Grade Continuation, End of Year Assembly
- May 19 Last Day of School, Report Cards Go Home

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*Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2-6, 2022. We are saying 'thank you' this week, and throughout the year, to the extraordinary educators who have worked tirelessly with students and families to keep things moving forward, despite such an unpredictable year. Please have your student complete "my teacher is the best" and surprise his/her teacher.*

# **My teacher is the BEST!**

**A few things I love & appreciate about you!**

You make school fun by

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my favorite thing to hear you say is

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One word that describes you is

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Thank you so much for

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**Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!**

**Love,**