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Mission Statement:

Meridian Public Schools will educate all students in a safe, nurturing environment while challenging them to develop their integrity, knowledge, and unique talents to become responsible, productive citizens.

Newsletter

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Superintendent
Randy Kort

Parents, please be aware that the third quarter is coming to an end on March 6th. It is hard to believe we are entering the final quarter of the 2018-2019 school year. Senior parents, please touch base with your child about the deadlines for scholarships and make sure they are not falling behind on their regular school work. There are many events and activities coming up that will keep everyone busy.

It is the time of year when it can be 60 degrees one day and freezing the next. I am definitely looking forward to the 60 to 70 degree weather. With those changes, please check with your child to make sure they have layers of clothes for the changes in temperature throughout the day.

Winter sports teams have concluded, and we wish to say congratulations to Micah Noel and Zach Kerwood for their showing at State Wrestling. Great job and a great season to all the wrestlers. The girls finished their basketball season with a 13-10 record. Great job ladies! The basketball boys finished the season at 10-11 and had one of the winningest season in several years. Congratulations gentlemen on a great job.

The conclusion of winter sports indicates it is the beginning of track season. Track practice will begin February 25th, and the first track meet at Concordia University in Seward will be March 15th, with a 9:00 AM start time. The first Junior High meet will be March 26th, at McCool Junction.

BUSING INFORMATION

We will be reviewing our bus routes this spring in preparation for next school year. Within this newsletter is a Bus Information Update page for the 2019-2020 school year which needs to be

completed and returned to the school by March 29th. We will be sending this same Bus Information Update flyer home with the students at a later date to ensure all families have an opportunity to complete the information. Thank you for completing and returning the information promptly. Please feel free to write notes, comments, and/or requests on the survey. If you have any questions, please call.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MERIDIAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 48-0303 DAYKIN, NEBRASKA 68338 MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2019 REGULAR FEBRUARY MEETING 7:00 P.M.:

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on Monday, February 18, 2019, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President VanWesten called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The opening meeting law information was presented. Members present were Vorderstrasse, Sobotka, Bartels, Scheer, and VanWesten. Also present were Superintendent Kort, Principal Scott, Peg Tilgner, Brynn Holtmeier, and Alli Kort.

Nothing was added to the agenda.

Roll call was taken: Vorderstrasse-present, Sobotka-present, Bartels-present, Scheer-present, Miller-absent, and VanWesten-present.

Motion was made by Sobotka and seconded by Bartels to excuse Miller. Vote was taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 5-0.

No comments were made by the public.

Vorderstrasse moved and Scheer seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Minutes of the Sunday, January 20, 2019 Regular Meeting

2. District Financial Report
3. Activity Fund Report
4. Hot Lunch Fund Report
5. Bills

Vote was taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Superintendent Kort and Principal Scott gave the Curriculum Report. Meridian is looking into offering EMT Classes for Seniors. The school is checking with SCC on availability of classes.

Bartels moved and Sobotka seconded to approve the calendar for the 2019-2020 School Year. Vote was taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Scheer moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve the resignation of Mr. Terry Smith with regrets. Vote was taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Principal Scott gave the Principal's Report.

1. Student Count: 125 Elementary; 110 in 7-12; Total Student Count = 235
2. Parent-Teacher Conferences Held February 4th & 6th: 57.4% Attendance in Secondary and 82% in Elementary
3. Congratulations to Micah Noel and Zacharia Kerwood for qualifying for State Wrestling.
4. Girls' Basketball Season Ended (13-10 Record)
5. Boys Sub-Districts Start February 19th (Current Record 10-10)
6. Cheer and Dance Brought Home Spirit Award for Class D
7. Meridian Host CRC Speech on February 20th - No School
8. February 18-22 National FFA Week
9. Pennies for Patients Exceeding Goals
10. Valentines for Veterans
11. Twitter Followers = 219; Facebook = 865





Superintendent Kort gave the Superintendents Report.

1. Carpet Project to be Completed in Next 2 Summers
2. Discuss FOB's on Additional Doors
3. Administrative Salaries
4. Ms. Wollenburg Gathering Information on Possible FFA Greenhouse
5. Diode Updated Classroom Speaker System

Next regular meeting will be Monday, March 18th, at 5:00 p.m. due to CRC Band and Vocal Concert.

Sobotka moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to adjourn at 7:34 p.m.

Jason Bartels,

Secretary Meridian District #48-0303



Meridian added 2 new students in the elementary this past month, one in 1st grade and one in 3rd grade. A new family moved into the district.

Parent-Teacher Conferences were held Monday and Wednesday, February 4th, and 6th. Just under 60% attended in the secondary and just over 80% in the elementary.

Congratulations to Micah Noel and Zacharia Kerwood for qualifying for state wrestling.

Girls basketball fought hard, but were unable to win their sub district game. They finished the season at 13-10.

Boys sub district basketball was on Tuesday, February 19th, at Geneva vs Deshler at 7:45pm. Unfortunately, they were beaten and finish their season at 10-11.

Cheer and dance had state this past weekend. The girls received the Spirit Award. Congratulations to the squad and sponsor, Deanna Brakhage.

Meridian will host the Crossroads Conference speech meet on Wednesday, February 27th. Fourteen schools will be in attendance. Student council and speech team members are asked to bring

a dessert. Staff will bring main courses and side dishes. Admission is free. We encourage you to stop out and see some great speakers. No school for Meridian students that day.

February 18-22 is national FFA week. Lots of activities are planned, including a petting zoo!

Pennies for Patients has been collecting donations for cancer research. Most of the elementary classes have met or exceeded their goals.

February may be the shortest month of the year, but a lot of great things are happening at Meridian! Go Mustangs!



SENIORS:

Stay on track for college by completing these second-semester tasks:

- **Watch your grades.** If you slack off and get poor grades, your college admission could be revoked.
- **Complete the financial aid process.** By now, you should have filed your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). If you haven't, apply at fafsa.gov.
- **Compare financial aid award notifications.** The colleges you listed on your FAFSA will send you notifications detailing the financial aid they're offering. Compare the notifications to determine which school provides the best package.
- **Apply for scholarships.** Local scholarships as well as state/regional scholarships are available on the counselor's website. You can also see ScholarshipQuest at EducationQuest.org to find Nebraska-based scholarships. You'll also find links to national scholarship sites that are EducationQuest-approved.
- **Make your final college selection.** Notify the other colleges so they can take you off their mailing list.
- **Be aware of deadlines** to accept financial aid and college admission offers, submit your housing deposit, and register for new-student orientation.

SCHOLARSHIPS:

Local scholarships have been updated and are available on the school website under the administration-counselor tab. Many of the scholarships are due April 15th, but students have been encouraged to start on them now. If you have questions about a scholarship, please ask! Remember, additional scholarships can be found on the counselor website, and students are encouraged to check it often! Seniors and parents...Please make sure you inform the counseling office of any scholarships you receive.

JUNIORS:

Registration deadline for the April 13th ACT is March 8th (*Note that all juniors will also be taking the ACT on April 2nd as part of state testing, free of charge). Please go to www.actstudent.org to register. If you qualify for free & reduced lunches, you may be able to use a fee waiver. Please see Ms. Hermsmeier if you have questions.

IT'S COLLEGE VISIT TIME!

Spring is a great time for juniors to take an individual tour of a college of interest! Many schools offer "Junior Visit Days," or an individual tour can be arranged. Please see Ms. Hermsmeier if you need help in setting up a visit. Remember, every junior and senior is allowed two excused absences to visit colleges. Questions to ask during your visit are also available from the counselors office.

17 & 18 YEAR OLD MALES:

The law requires that all males must register with the Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. It is now possible to submit registration information early, as long as the person is at least 17 years and 3 months old. Selective Service will keep your information on file and process it automatically within 30 days of your 18th birthday. To find out more information go to <https://www.sss.gov>. You can also register online.

2019-2020 CLASS REGISTRATION:

Over the next month, I will be meeting with each student in grades 8-11 to register for classes for next year. For next year's juniors and seniors, taking dual credit college classes may be an option. These students may also take college classes as part of SENCAP



(Southeast Community College's Career Academy). These are great opportunities for students to obtain college credit while still in high school! As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Lisa Hermsmeier
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PRE-K PARENTS' MEETING

If you have a child who turned 4 by July 31, 2019, they qualify to attend Pre-K this fall. A Pre-K parents' meeting will be Monday, March 25th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Pre-K room. Please contact Judy Grummert at 402-446-7265 extension 4 if you are planning to attend.

STUCO NEWS

February was full of activities. The Canned Food Drive ended on January 31st. The freshmen won on the high school end. They got to be first in line for lunch for two weeks and a pizza party. The sophomores got second in the high school and ate first in their lunch rotation. Elementary brought 141.2 pounds, and the High School brought in 709.1 pounds, adding up to a total 850.3 pounds of food. Thank you to everyone who brought in food!

Parent Teacher Conferences was a time for the Student Council to do a trial. Some of the members stayed for the Conferences and offered to watch kids of parents who were attending conferences.

The week of Valentine's Day was busy, busy! It was also the week of Girls Sub-Districts and State Wrestling. The school had a send-off for Micah Noel and Zach Kerwood. Stu-Co gave them a bag full of treats for good luck. Valentine's Day involved making sure everyone got their carnations.

The Student Council's 6th Annual Dodgeball Tournament will be Friday, March 15. Teams are co-ed and have six people. There is a flyer to look at as well. Please check it out and let Mr. V know if you want to participate. Wishing you a Marvelous March!

Public Relations, Brynn Holtmeier

FFA

Meridian FFA has had quite an exciting time filled with new experiences and events. There was a very good turn out at the Leadership Development Event (LDE) Community Night held at Meridian in order to showcase what our hard working FFA members have been doing. This also served as formal practice for them before participating at the LDE Contest in York. There were many FFA members participating in LDE's this year in a wide variety of categories. Ashley Hummer, Nylah Moody, Kim Schropfer, Zach Kerwood, Fred Kujath, and Hector Nunez received a blue ribbon for Parliamentary Procedure. Brittany Boyce received a blue ribbon in Employment Skills. Kim Schropfer received a purple ribbon and placed

fourth in Junior Public Speaking. Erika Schwisow received a purple ribbon and placed fourth in Creed Speaking. Nylah Moody received a blue ribbon in Creed Speaking. There were two participants in Extemporaneous Speaking: Hector Nunez received a red and Jeremiah Barnts received a blue ribbon. Meridian FFA would also like to congratulate Fred Kujath for being selected to sing in the State FFA Choir with year! Meridian FFA members are also preparing for CDE's (Career Development Events) in which they will be competing in several different competitions including; Junior High Quiz Bowl, Agronomy, Vet Science, Ag Sales, as well as Welding. February 16-23 is National FFA Week, and Meridian FFA has organized spirit days and activities throughout the week to celebrate and recognize FFA. Sonny Scheets was named FFA Member of the Month in December, and Kim Schropfer was named FFA Member of the Month in January!

There are also many events coming up soon.

- District Welding: February 27th SCC Lincoln
- District CDE's: March 5th SCC Beatrice
- State FFA: April 3-4 Lincoln

Sincerely,
Meridian FFA Reporter,
Brianna Barton



FFA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT EVENT PARTICIPANTS

Back Row (l to r): Jeremiah Barnts, Zacharia Kerwood, Hector Nuñez, Fred Kujath
Front Row (l to r): Brittany Boyce, Erika Schwisow, Nylah Moody, Ashley Hummer, Kim Schropfer



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Harold L. Scott
Principal

Busing Information Update

Meridian Public School is reviewing its bus routes and needs your assistance. If your family is planning to ride the Meridian Public School bus during the 2019-2020 school year (*on a regular basis or not*), please complete the information below and return the form to Meridian Public School by **Friday, March 29th, 2019**. We will publish bus routes with specific pick-up/drop-off points in our July newsletter.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kort at 402-446-7265. Thank you.

Family Name: _____ Phone #(s): _____

AND

Physical Address: _____

Names of Child(ren) Riding: _____

Preferred Pick-up/Drop-off Location(s): _____ / _____

(This will usually be at the end of the lane or a specified location.)

Early (1:30 p.m.) Dismissal Information Request

Meridian Public School has nine (9) scheduled 1:30 p.m. dismissals this coming school year. The early dismissals are for in-services, parent-teacher conferences, and vacation breaks. We understand these early dismissals create a disruption in the regular school day family supervision plans. Since the disruption is our making, Meridian would like to assist in minimizing the hassles created by our scheduling.

Meridian Public School will create "Early Dismissal (1:30 p.m.) Bus Routes". The routes will be similar to the regular daily routes – same number of routes, various drop-off locations, and an estimated time schedule. Because these routes may be different than the regular daily routes with additional or different drop-off locations and times, we need your assistance.

All families who plan to utilize Meridian's bus service on *early dismissal days* need to complete and return the information below by **Friday, March 29th, 2019**.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kort at 402-446-7265. Thank you.

Family Name: _____ Phone #(s): _____

AND

Physical Address: _____

Names of Child(ren) Riding: _____

Preferred Pick-up/Drop-off Location(s): _____ / _____

(This will usually be at the end of the lane or a specified location.)

BY MARCH 29th, 2019, please return to:

Bus Route Data
Meridian Public School
PO Box 190
Daykin, NE 68338



6th Annual Meridian Student Council Dodgeball Tournament

Who: Anyone (student / staff / community members)
7th grade and up

What: 6 person Co-ed dodgeball tournament

When: Friday, March 15th, 2019 at 6:30 PM

Where: Both Gyms

Why: Meridian Student Council Fundraiser

Cost: \$30 per team

**Registration packets AND money will be due to
Mr. VanderSchaaf or Mr. Baber by**



Monday, March 11th, 2019

**To Sign-Up: Call Mr. VanderSchaaf or Mr. Baber @
402-446-7265**

OR

Get a packet from Mr. VanderSchaaf's Room



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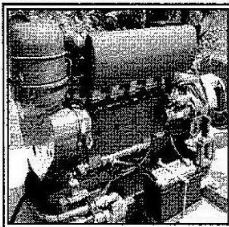
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