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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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August, 2019

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Superintendent
Randy Kort

BEGINNING THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome back to all our students here at Meridian. We are expecting to have an enrollment of over 230 students again. We have a few new faces as we begin the school year. Mrs. Kim Peters will be the new FCS teacher. Mrs. Morin will be the new vocal teacher. Kelly Kanost is the new elementary secretary. Mrs. Michaela Endorf will be our elementary para and Mrs. Hinrichs will be our secondary para helping mostly in the Spanish room. Mrs. Kotas will be working in the kitchen. These will be great additions to our Meridian family.

I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy some quality time with your children. It seems these times go by way too fast.

Meridian will begin its second year of FFA and we look forward to more great opportunities for our students and the career explorations they will encounter.

Meridian is also entering our second year of the Meridian Beef Program. Our students were able to enjoy a full year of eating our locally grown beef through our lunch program. If you are interested in supporting this program through donation, please contact Ryan Holtmeier or Jason Bartels. Thanks again for your support for our students.

FALL ACTIVITIES PARENT MEETING (Students in grades 9 -12)

The Fall Activities Parent meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13th, after Meridian's Open House. We are asking all parents of students who will be involved in Volleyball, Football, One Act, and Cheerleading to attend this meeting. A short presentation for all activities is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. with individual activity meetings and/or presentations to follow.

Along with the team meeting, I wanted to share some rules that were placed on Nebraska High Schools this year by the NSAA (Nebraska State Athletic Association) which governs high school athletics in Nebraska.

BUS ROUTES

Our bus routes are continuing to change and be added to as students have moved into the district. We will plan to have our routes organized and parents contacted around August 12th.

Throughout the school year, please notify your bus driver by 6:30 a.m. if your child will not be riding the bus. When you have advanced knowledge your child will NOT be riding the bus, contact the school and leave a message for the driver.

Alexandria Area Route

Janelle Heiserman
402-749-4450 or 402-300-1704

Fairbury Area Route

Tonya Griffin
402-300-0252 or 402-300-1722

Ohiova/Tobias Area Route

Elizabeth Noel
402-243-2292 or 402-300-1705

Tobias/Western Area Route

Wendy McKenzie
308-627-7091 or 402-300-1705

Western/Daykin Area Route

Charles Houser
402-446-7407 or 402-300-1707
Substitute Driver: Allen Lintz

We also continue to look for additional drivers. If you or someone you know is interested in driving the school bus, please call the school and visit with Mr. Kort. We would like to add an additional route to help with times and accommodate the needs of our students. If you are only interested in subbing please let us know that as well. With the passage of LB 347 last year, the requirements have changed and starting this past January the requirements have been simplified.

ACTIVITY PASSES

Activity passes are available this year at the following prices: Adults = \$40; K-12 = \$30; Golden Passes (over 65) = Free. Please contact Trish Endorf at the school for your pass, 402-446-7265 extension 1107.

** Gate prices will be \$5 for adults and \$4 for students.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
MERIDIAN PUBLIC
SCHOOLS
DISTRICT 48-0303
DAYKIN, NEBRASKA 68338
MONDAY, JULY 15, 2019**

REGULAR JULY MEETING 7:00 P.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on Monday July 15, 2019, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President VanWesten called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. The open meetings law was presented.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

Roll Call was taken: Vorderstrasse-present, Niederklein-present, Sobotka-present, Bartels-present, Scheer-present, and VanWesten-present. Also present were Superintendent Kort, Principal Scott, and Robbin Hergott.

No comments were made by the public.

Sobotka moved and Scheer seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of the Monday, June 17, 2019 Regular Meeting
2. District Financial Report
3. Activity Fund Report
4. Hot Lunch Fund Report
5. Bills

Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Niederklein-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Principal Scott gave the Curriculum report. Support materials for the math



and reading programs in the Elementary have been ordered.

Bartels moved and Niederklein seconded to approve the submission of the minutes of the Annual Public Hearing on Student Fees. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Niederklein-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Vorderstrasse moved and Scheer seconded to approve Randy Kort as Administrator of Federal and State Programs. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Niederklein-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Sobotka moved and Niederklein seconded to approve the 2019-2020 Milk Price at 30 cents per carton. This is the same as the last 4 years. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Niederklein-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Niederklein moved and Bartels seconded to approve Policy 5416 Student Fees Policy. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Niederklein-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Scheer moved and Bartels seconded to approve Policy 6400 Parent Involvement Policy. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Niederklein-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Sobotka moved and Niederklein seconded to approve Policy 5415 Bullying Policy. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Niederklein-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Scheer moved and Bartels seconded to approve Policy 5420 Dating Violence Policy. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Niederklein-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion was held on the updates to the Student Handbook. Changes include a dress code change to knee length dresses and shorts, and the eligibility list will start the 3rd week of school. The Elementary hand book is on a three-year cycle and no changes have been made at this time.

Bartels moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve the Student Handbook 2019-2020. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Niederklein-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Sobotka moved and Niederklein seconded to approve Organization of the Board. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Niederklein-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Bartels moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve Policy 3039 Threat Assessment and Response Policy. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Niederklein-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Sobotka moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve Policy 3046 Animals in School. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Niederklein-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Niederklein moved and Bartels seconded to approve Technology in the Classroom. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Niederklein-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Sobotka moved and Niederklein seconded to approve Policy 3052 Leasing Personal Property. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Niederklein-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Vorderstrasse moved and Sobotka seconded to approve Policy 5022 Investigations, Arrests, and Student Contact by Law. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Niederklein-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Principal Scott gave the Principal's Report.

1. Changes to the Student Handbook: Dress code - knee length shorts, dresses, skirts, etc.; eligibility list start date of third week of school
2. Facebook Posts Regarding Excessive Heat

Superintendent Kort gave the Superintendent's Report.

1. Summer Projects
2. Bus Repairs

3. Training for Teachers
 4. Roll Out Track Runways
 5. Discus Area Safety Fence
- Next regular meeting was set for August 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Sobotka moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Niederklein-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, Scheer-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Jason Bartels,

Secretary Meridian District #48-0303



Wow! The summer is flying by and school is ready to start again. Students' first day is Thursday, August 15th. The school bell rings at 8 o'clock to start the day. Thursday of that first week we will have a 1:30 pm dismissal. Friday, August 16, will be a full day (Regular Friday dismissal time of 3:12 pm). Monday through Thursday regular dismissal is 3:42 pm.

Open house is Tuesday, August 13th, from 5:00-7:00 pm.

We would like to welcome three new teachers this year. Mrs. Gabrielle Morin will be teaching 3-12 vocal music. Mrs. Kim Peters will teach Family Consumer Science, and Kelly Garcia will be teaching some Spanish classes from ESU5. Other new staff members include Kelly Kanost - elementary secretary, Stephanie Hinrichs - high school para educator, Michaela Endorf - elementary para educator, Kimberly Kotas - kitchen assistant, Wanda Schwisow - concessions assistant, and Breanna Miller - dance assistant. Please help welcome everyone to the Mustang family!

A lot of work was put in this summer to make the school look great! We want everyone to do their part to keep it looking great all school year. There's new carpeting in several areas of the building. There are also new doors throughout the elementary!

We want to encourage all of our Junior High and Senior High school students



to participate in school activities this year. You will find your school experience to be more meaningful if you are involved in one or more groups. Take a chance and try something new this year. We have a lots of clubs and activities for you to check out.

I'm looking forward to a great year! Check us out on Facebook at Meridian Public School (we currently have 944 followers - let's get that over 1000 this year), on Twitter @MeridianMustang (currently 226 followers - let's go for 250), or the school website www.meridianmustangs.org.

Go Mustangs!



Welcome to August! School is just around the corner. I hope that everyone has had a pleasant and relaxing summer. Just a quick reminder to say my name is no longer Ms. Hermmeier but Mrs. Kruse. It seems to be a confusion to many when they see my new name...but to be honest, I will answer to both.

There are a couple dates that I want to point out below, but before I want to let all parents know about the SET ME FREE Project that will be coming to our school on August 21 and will be presenting to grades 3-12. Last year, I went to a presentation with them, and it was a scary eye opener for me as both a parent and a teacher. We are very

fortunate to live in such an amazing community where we all know and look out for each other, but as a counselor, I feel it is my duty to make sure our students have been educated against strangers, especially with social media playing such a huge role in their lives. The SET ME FREE project was started in part because of the Sydney Loofe crime. On August 21, their teachers will lead discussions for 3rd-12th grade students, providing them with strategies to prevent trafficking in their lives and the lives of their friends. They also educate on healthy relationships, social media safety, and personal responsibility.

7-12 REGISTRATION DAY:

Drop/Add and New Student Registration is scheduled for Friday, August 9th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students and parents can stop by during this time to enroll or make changes to an existing schedule. If you need to schedule another time to meet, please call Mrs. Kruse or high school secretary, Kathy Houser.

OPEN HOUSE:

Meridian will be hosting an "Open House" for ALL PreK-12 students on Tuesday, August 13, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. All students are encouraged to come to the school to visit their classrooms and meet (or get reacquainted with) their teachers. Elementary students can bring school supplies and high school students can find and organize their locker. Families can come and go as they wish during

this time. I encourage ALL students and parents to take advantage of the Open House - establishing a positive parent-teacher-student relationship is an important part of the educational process!

ACT:

Incoming Juniors and Seniors:

It's time to be thinking about the ACT! For those of you interested in taking the September ACT, note that you must register before school begins in August. Go to actstudent.org to register. For those in need of a fee waiver, contact Mrs. Kruse.

2019-2020 ACT National Test Dates:

Registration Deadline	Test Date
Aug. 16 2019	Sept. 14, 2019
Sept. 20, 2019	Oct. 26, 2019
Nov. 8, 2019	Dec. 14, 2019
Jan. 10, 2020	Feb. 8, 2020
Feb. 28, 2020	Apr. 4, 2020
May 8, 2020	June 13, 2020

Questions/Concerns? Contact Lisa Kruse at lkruise@meridianmustangs.org or (402)446-7265 ext.1253.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING

American Recycling will be at Meridian School from Monday, August 26, through Sunday, September 8, 2019. They will be accepting household appliances and electronics (with some exceptions). If you have items you would like to recycle, for more details please see the flier included in this newsletter.





2019-2020 MERIDIAN SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Pre-K

- ◇ 1 Box of Kleenex
- ◇ 3 Containers of Disinfectant Wipes
- ◇ Book Bag
- ◇ 1 - 30" x 54" Bath Towel (for quiet time)
- ◇ Non-Marking Gym Shoes with Velcro or Elastic Straps
- ◇ 1 Container Hand Sanitizer
- ◇ 1 Complete change of clothes in a plastic bag labeled with the child's name to be kept at school in case of accidents or spills.

Optional:

- ◇ Light Jacket or Sweater for Use in Classroom
- ◇ 1 Container Baby Wipes - for Hands and Face

Please put your child's initials on the items they bring.

2nd Grade

- ◇ Pencils
- ◇ Eraser
- ◇ Crayons (24 - 48 Count)
- ◇ Markers
- ◇ 1 Box of Facial Tissue
- ◇ 1 Hand Sanitizer
- ◇ Scissors
- ◇ Book Bag
- ◇ P.E. Shoes (no dark soles)
- ◇ Pocket Folder (1)
- ◇ Paint Shirt
- ◇ Clorox Wipes - 2 containers
- ◇ Pencil Box or Container (make sure it will fit in your desk)

Please do not send personal pencil sharpeners as electric sharpeners are provided in the classroom.

5th Grade

- ◇ 4 Spiral Notebooks - to start year
- ◇ Pencils - NO Mechanical Pencils
- ◇ Book Bag
- ◇ 2 Containers Disinfectant Wipes
- ◇ P.E. Shoes - NO Dark Soles
- ◇ 2 Rolls Paper Towels
- ◇ 2 Boxes Facial Tissue
- ◇ Earbuds
- ◇ Watercolors

Kindergarten

- ◇ 2 Boxes of Facial Tissue
- ◇ Non-Marking Gym Shoes - Preferably Velcro
- ◇ Backpack/Book Bag
- ◇ 3 Large Containers Disinfectant Wipes
- ◇ 1 Complete change of clothes in a plastic bag labeled with the child's name to be kept at school in case of accidents or spills.
- ◇ 1 Paint Smock - Plastic/Vinyl (if possible)

Please label items you send with your child's name.

3rd Grade

- ◇ 4 Glue Sticks
- ◇ Pencil Case or Box
- ◇ Boxes of Tissue
- ◇ Paint Shirt for Art
- ◇ P.E. Shoes (no dark soles)
- ◇ 1 - 1" Black Binder
- ◇ 2 Yellow Highlighters
- ◇ Germ-X
- ◇ Clorox Wipes
- ◇ Pencils
- ◇ Erasers
- ◇ Loose Leaf Paper

Please DO NOT purchase personalized items to be used in the classroom. We have organizational items and materials to use.

6th Grade

- ◇ 12 Pencils
- ◇ Eraser
- ◇ Book Bag
- ◇ 1 Bottle Hand Sanitizer
- ◇ PE Shoes – NON-MARKING
- ◇ 2 Notebooks
- ◇ 6 Pocket Folders
- ◇ Dry Erase Markers
- ◇ 2 Boxes Tissue
- ◇ Earbuds/Headphones
- ◇ 1 Roll Paper Towels
- ◇ 1 Bottle Clorox Wipes
- ◇ 1 Trapper/Keeper

1st Grade

- ◇ #2 Pencils
 - ◇ Crayons (24 – 48 Count)
 - ◇ Erasers - Pencil Top and Large
 - ◇ Scissors
 - ◇ Pencil Box or Bag
 - ◇ Colored Pencils
 - ◇ Crayola Markers
 - ◇ 2 Boxes of Facial Tissue
 - ◇ 1 Container Clorox Wipes
 - ◇ 4 Jumbo Glue Sticks
 - ◇ 2 Folders with Pockets
 - ◇ 1 Subject Wide Ruled Spiral Notebook
 - ◇ Book Bag
 - ◇ Non-Marking Gym Shoes
 - ◇ Paint Shirt
- Please label items you send with your child's name.*

4th Grade

- ◇ 1 Box Facial Tissue
- ◇ 3 Book Covers
- ◇ 1 Pencil Pouch
- ◇ Earbuds
- ◇ 12 - #2 Pencils
- ◇ 2 Blue or Black Pens
- ◇ 2 Notebooks
- ◇ Clorox Wipes
- ◇ Colored Pencils
- ◇ Erasers
- ◇ 1 Set of Water Colors
- ◇ 2 Highlighters

7th Grade Social Studies

- ◇ 1 - 1/2" or 1" 3-Ring Binder
- ◇ 1 Package of 5 Dividers



DAYKIN COMMUNITY

GARAGE

SALES

*Friday August 9th
& Saturday August 10th*

*Please contact Anne Simms by
August 1st to be included on
Town Map!*



ALL Meridian PreK-12 Students and Families

You're Invited to an

OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

5:00-7:00 p.m.

Meridian Public School

***See your classrooms and bring school supplies**

***Visit with Administration and Teachers**

***Eat Free Food**



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Questions, Please Contact
402-446-7265





Recycle–Recycle-Recycle

American Recycling out of Lincoln will be accepting Electronic and Household Electronics for RECYCLING.

This is a community service and open to all area communities. Please bring items that you would like to have recycled to the Meridian School (Metal shop in back just south of the Wellness Center) anytime on the following days. (Please call the school so we have someone available to help during the week. Kathy Houser will be there on Sat. and Sun.) (402-446-7265)

**Monday - Friday, August 26th- August 30th
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday – Friday, September 3rd – 6th
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, September 7th
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, September 8th
1:00-5:00 p.m.**

NOTE... The event will be free of charge with the exception of CRT monitors and microwave ovens which will be charged \$10 each. All printers will be charged \$2 cents or 21 cents a pound for heavier models. All TV's will be charged \$1.00 per inch.

Items accepted:

Computers, Laptops, Monitors, LCD's, Printers (\$2.00 or 21 cents a pound COST), Cell Phones, Scanners, Modems, CD drives, Cables, Keyboards, Mice, VCR's, DVD players, Camcorders, Cameras, Game Players and Joysticks; Telephones, Pagers, Answering Machines, Typewriters, Calculators, Adding Machines, Fax machines, Copiers and Postage meters, Vacuum Cleaners, Toaster Ovens, Microwaves (\$10 cost), Christmas lights, lamps, toasters, blenders.

Non-Accepted Items Include:

Light bulbs, Mercury Containing Devices, Alkaline Batteries, Fluorescents, Household Chemicals, Books, Paint



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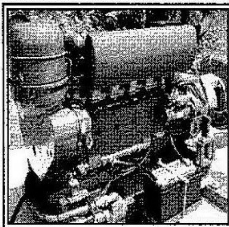
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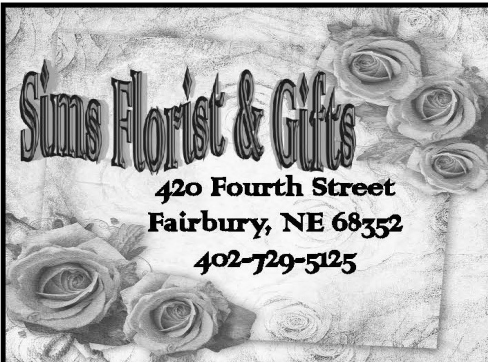
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