

MEEKER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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DECEMBER 2023

Academic Day 8:15 a.m. – 2:55 p.m.
Wednesday 8:15 a.m. – 12:55 p.m.
Office Phone 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

<http://www.kent.k12.wa.us/MK>

Hello Meeker Families,

Thank you, all the families that attended parent-teacher conferences. If you could not attend or did not get an opportunity to speak with all the staff, please email the staff. They would be more than happy to connect with you about your student's progress at Meeker. We appreciate your support and partnership with your student's success.

We are really proud of the success and participation with our Academic Support Program. Students have the opportunity to stay afterschool for 2 hours to get academic support or Saturdays for 3 hours. During this time, they are working with Meeker staff members to complete missing work and/or get tutoring support. If you would like your student to participate, please contact our Academic Support lead Jessica Pringle at Jessica.pringle@kent.k12.wa.us.

As winter break approaches, we would like to wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday break. We hope you have an opportunity to relax, reconnect with your friends and family and look forward to seeing our students back on January 2, 2024.

Make it a great day!

Bree Devlin
Meeker Principal



DECEMBER

- 4 Winter Orchestra Concert
MK Gym , 7 PM
- 6 Winter Band Concert
MK Gym, 7 PM
- 9 Saturday Academic Support
MK Library, 9 AM–12 noon
- 12 All-Stars Winter Showcase
- 15 Last School Day of 2023
- 18 **NO SCHOOL** – Winter Break
December 18–January 1, 2024

JANUARY

- 2 First School Day of 2024
- 15 NO SCHOOL – MLK Holiday
- 21 NO SCHOOL

NEED TO REPORT AN ABSENCE?

Phone Meeker Attendance:
253-373-7284

Email Attendance:
MKAttendance@kent.k12.wa.us



PIONEER PRIDE

We Set the BAR High

Be Safe — Act Responsibly — Respect Others

The Importance of a Distraction-Free Study Time



Students tend to complete their schoolwork more consistently and do higher-quality work if they have a distraction-free time to get it done. Having this time also sends the message that completing schoolwork is important and that their efforts to do so are supported.

Here are a few tips for how to establish and use this time:

- **Designate** an hour each day when there are no TVs on or loud activities occurring anywhere in the home.
- **Talk about** what work they need to complete beforehand, as this will help them plan what they will do with the time.
- While it may sound restrictive, having this **study time** be a “work time for everyone” can create a feeling of everyone being in it together. Those who don’t have homework can clean or do chores. For some kids, this can also make it easier to focus as they won’t feel left out of fun happening in another room.
- And of course, **no cell phones** allowed during this time!

Behavior and Expectations

Each month we will share a different area of behavior expectations at Meeker. This month we are featuring **PE** and **Locker Room Expectations**.

Please review these with your student so they understand what is expected of them and they can have a successful year.

PE EXPECTATIONS

BE SAFE	ACT RESPONSIBLY	RESPECT OTHERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands and feet to yourself Remain in assigned classroom and participate Follow teacher’s expectations and procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suit up daily in your PE clothes Use the restroom prior to class Sit in your assigned squad line Participate and have fun! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep a level 0 voice during instruction Earbuds away Use respectful language Demonstrate manners Phone is always put away

LOCKER ROOM

BE SAFE	ACT RESPONSIBLY	RESPECT OTHERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands and feet to yourself Remain seated by your assigned locker Follow teacher’s expectations and procedures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Put cell phones, earbuds, and other personal electronic devices away Lock up all belongings Use the restroom or get a drink before class starts Wear your PE clothes and shoes to class Wait to be dismissed by a teacher before/after class No food or drinks Clean up all trash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep a level 0 to 1 voice Earbuds away Use respectful language Demonstrate manners No phone or videos in the locker room at any time



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ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

- All sports practices are immediately after school from 3:00–5:00 p.m. on non-game days
- **No practices Wednesdays**
- Athletes are eligible to take the Activity Buses home from practice

Gymnastics

Meets start at 3:45 PM

Coaches: [Melissa Stanley](#)
[Elle Schlect](#)

Date	Opponent	Location
Fri, Dec 1	Mill Creek	Meeker
Thurs, Dec 7	Mattson	Mattson
Fri, Dec 15	Northwood/Canyon Ridge	Northwood
Thurs, Jan 4	Cedar Heights/Northwood	Meeker
Tues, Jan 9	League Meet	Northwood
Fri, Jan 12	League Meet	Mattson

Boys Basketball

Varsity games start at 3:30 PM

JV games start at 4:45 PM

Coaches: [Cameron Bailey](#)
[Andy McCorquodale](#)

Date	Opponent	Location
Tues, Dec 7	Cedar Heights	Meeker
Tues, Dec 12	Canyon Ridge	Canyon Ridge
Thurs, Dec 14	Mill Creek	Meeker
Thurs, Jan 4	Playoffs	TBA
Tues, Jan 9	Playoffs	TBA

After-School All-Stars



FOOD PROVIDED, STUDENT PERFORMANCES,
• COMMUNITY RESOURCES AVAILABLE

After-School All-Stars are hosting a **WINTER SHOWCASE** event on Tuesday, December 12, from 6-7:30 p.m. It's a free event that is open to ALL families, not just All-Star families.

There will be food, student performances, photo booths and community partners available the night of the event.

Please use the link below to RSVP so All-Stars will know how many people will be attending.

<https://forms.gle/NAHpmgkgFbhJG5MG9>



MEEKER ACTIVITIES

Field Trip – Camp Seymour

In November, Meeker students spent the day at the Camp Seymour Challenge Course in Gig Harbor! Out in the wilderness, the class was challenged by staff and faced multiple scenarios that focused on teamwork, cooperation and communication!



Robotics

On November 12, 2023, two robotics teams from Meeker participated for the first time in the Special Olympics of WA statewide Unified Robotics Championships. There were 32 teams in attendance at the competition. Teams built their Lego pirate ships and then learned programming skills which allowed the pirate ships to move along a pre-determined course and shoot cannon balls at another ship.

Meeker had two teams participate and compete in 8 total matches. They utilized every minute between their matches to improve their programming and come up with solutions to beat the challenge ahead. Neeraj Agnihotri, Meeker's advisor shared that, "Students were making sure their teammates' voices were heard and that they divided each task into parts. It was an amazing experience for me and for them."

In the end, Meeker brought home awards in two categories - one team earned a Sportsmanship Award for their willingness to help other teams, and one team earned the Rising Star Award for their improvement in each round of competition. Congratulations to Joshua B., Landon G., Michael D., Lyrik M., and Jackson T. for their achievements and amazing job!





MEEKER NEWS

CTE (Career and Technical Education)

Hi Meeker families,

In the month of December we're wrapping up the lunchtime career exploration series on "Dream Jobs". The last few jobs, which were submitted by Meeker students as some of the jobs they'd most like to do, will feature gaming, law, and work with animals. In January we'll start a new series of careers to explore.



Winter break is a great time for students to engage in self-reflection related to career development. Students are ready to think about their futures, and want information on how to match their interests and skills with careers.

An easy activity families can do together:

1. Grab a piece of paper, and have your student write down a few personality traits they see as strengths (ex: organization, leadership, learning, listening, making friends easily)
2. Next, write down activities and topics they're interested in, or subjects that come easily to them (ex: math, puzzles, music, writing, building)
3. Finally have students write down things they value or are passionate about (ex: environmentalism, caring for others, inventing, solving problems)
4. See if there are any connections between their answers and suggest career ideas to your student. Students can then read about those careers using online resources, like www.careerexplorer.com and www.onetonline.org/find/all

If students would like to do other career exploration activities, I'm available to meet with students 1:1. Just email me at jenifer.wu@kent.k12.wa.us and we'll find a time to meet.

Jen Wu
Career Specialist

Field Trip – Renton Technical College

In November, Mr. Washington's Food Science classes visited Renton Technical College. Meeker students were able to tour and learn about the Culinary Arts and Baking programs offered at the college.





KAC PTSA Clothing Bank

CLOTHING BANK OPEN NIGHT!!!

DECEMBER 7th 5:30pm- 7:30pm



**Welcome! This is open to all Kent
School District students in need.**

317 4th Ave S Kent Wa

Located on the back side of the Kent Valley
Early Learning building. Please be advised,
because of construction the only way to
access the clothes is up a few stairs.

clothing_bank@kacpta.org



The SmileMobile is coming to Kent!



The dental team will see babies (first tooth) up through high school, pregnant/postpartum people with Apple Health and no insurance.

When: January 16 - 19, 2024

Where: Kent Elementary School
24700 64th Ave. S.

Please call [888.286.9105](tel:888.286.9105) to schedule your dental appointment.

At your SmileMobile appointment, we may do one or more of the following:

- > Dental examination
- > Oral health education
- > Fluoride varnish
- > Sealants
- > Simple extraction
- > Filling
- > X-rays

COVID-19 Update: To reduce the spread of COVID-19, the SmileMobile program is implementing new recommendations for infection control. All these changes and precautions are to keep you, your family, and the dental team safe and healthy. Operated by Arcora Foundation in partnership with Seattle Children's Hospital.

¡SmileMobile llega a Kent!



El equipo dental atiende desde bebés (primer diente) hasta jóvenes de escuela secundaria y mujeres embarazadas/en período de posparto que tengan Apple Health o no tengan seguro.

Fecha: del 16 al 19 de enero de 2024

Lugar: Escuela primaria Kent
24700 64th Ave. S.

Llame al [888.286.9105](tel:888.286.9105) para programar su cita dental.

En su cita con SmileMobile, podemos hacer una o más de las siguientes cosas:

- > examen dental
- > educación sobre salud bucal
- > barniz de flúor
- > selladores
- > extracción simple
- > empaste
- > radiografías

Actualización de COVID-19: Para reducir la propagación de la COVID-19, el programa SmileMobile está implementando nuevas recomendaciones para el control de la infección. Todos estos cambios y precauciones son para mantenerle a usted, a su familia y al equipo dental seguros y sanos. Gestionado por Arcora Foundation en colaboración con Seattle Children's Hospital.



TUTORS

Volunteer tutors provide homework help for students in grades K-12.

Drop in anytime during Tutors program hours online or in libraries.

Bring homework or practice materials to work from.

Help is available in many languages for English language learners.



Schedules and program information:
kcls.org/StudyZone or call Ask KCLS,
425.462.9600 or 800.462.9600

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KSD COMMUNITY NEWS

Inclement Weather

On inclement weather days, families will be notified as soon as possible about the impacts of weather on services or learning, such as the potential delay or rescheduling of school or meal delivery. We also recognize school closures disrupt family schedules and extend the school year. There are several methods of notification when schools and/or the district is closed or delayed due to inclement weather.

NOTIFICATION METHODS



Automated Phone Calls

Early morning calls are made to the primary number(s) for each family. Update your phone number in [Skyward](#).

Recommendation: provide a phone number that is not dependent on power. *Many landlines are now bundled with cable services and do not work during power outages.*



Emails

Be sure your contact information is current in [Skyward](#). Parents and guardians need to have updated contact information in [Skyward](#) to receive email notifications.



Mobile App Notifications

Download the Kent School District mobile app from the AppStore or Google Play and enable push notifications.



District and School Website Alerts

Alerts are posted on Kent School District and school homepages.



Social Media

Check KSD [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts for updates.



FlashAlerts

Visit Kent School District's [FlashAlert](#) page to subscribe and receive email messages from KSD.



Local Media

Local media outlets are notified of closures or delays. Check local radio and television stations for updates.

Staff should check email or connect with their supervisor, HR or labor group for questions about specific duties and changes to schedule due to inclement weather.

[See page 2 for Safety Tips](#)

For more information, please visit
www.kent.k12.wa.us/InclementWeather



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