

MEEKER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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JANUARY 2024

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,

Happy New Year! The start of a new calendar year marks the time when first semester is approaching closure for our Meeker students. There are just a few short weeks to make one final push to change or improve grades before January 19th. I would encourage you to keep an extra close eye on your student's grade by regularly checking Skyward Family Access and Canvas. During these short weeks, I have seen students suddenly come alive and raise failing grades to passing grades. It is important that your child believe that they can still improve their grade before the semester ends. I would encourage you to work with your student's teachers to develop an immediate plan for getting all make-up work in before grades are due. Reminder that we offer after school and Saturday Academic Support programs. On the other side of the spectrum, I have also seen students relax on their schoolwork and end up with less than they expected. Please don't let this be your child. Let's make these final few weeks of the semester something we can all look back on with pride and a sense of accomplishment.

The winter i-Ready assessment is scheduled for the week of January 8th. We will be using the data from the fall assessment in comparison with the winter assessment to assist with 2nd semester schedules to identify targeted supports for students off grade level, as well as, to assist with next year registration. It is important for your student to be prepared for i-Ready and to do their best. Thank you again for sharing your student with us.

Make it a great day!

Dr. Bree Devlin



JANUARY

2 First School Day of 2024

6 Saturday Academic Support

10 iReady Testing ELA

15 NO SCHOOL

Martin Luth King Jr. Day

17 iReady Testing Math

22 NO SCHOOL

Teacher Workshop

23 PTSA Meeting

MK Library @ 6:30–8 pm

24 Multicultural Night @ 5:15-8:30pm
Journey Around the World

29 High School Registration–part 1

30 Book Exchange Night

MK Library @ 6–7:30 pm

FEBRUARY

5 High School Registration–part 2

19-21 NO SCHOOL

Mid-Winter Break

22 “Dream!” Field Trip

23 “Dream!” Field Trip

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

Behavior and Expectations

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

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

CAFETERIA EXPECTATIONS

BE SAFE	ACT RESPONSIBLY	RESPECT OTHERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keep hands and feet to yourself Walk Use main entrances only Use e-Hall Pass during non-passing times Do not throw or bounce items in the cafeteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean up after yourself Keep all food in cafeteria Remain seated while eating Stay in assigned areas Use cell phones appropriately 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use Level 0-3 voices Use respectful language Demonstrate manners Keep surfaces clean and respect school property

HALLWAY EXPECTATIONS

BE SAFE	ACT RESPONSIBLY	RESPECT OTHERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WALK on the RIGHT Eyes up, stay right, and keep moving Keep hands and feet to yourself Use e-Hall Pass during non-passing times No throwing or bouncing items 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head straight to your destination and walk with a purpose Use lockers before school, after school, or on the way to lunch Use trash cans Put cell phones, earbuds, and other personal electronic devices away 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 0-2 voice Use respectful language Demonstrate manners



An Alternative to Asking, “How Was School Today?”



Some kids don't like answering questions about what they did in school. Some find it stressful and will say whatever they need to say to end the conversation or change the topic. If you've had similar experiences with your child, try this:

Instead of asking about school, talk about things that will invite them to talk about it if they want to.

Here are some examples:

- Instead of “How did your math test go?” say “I remember you were studying for a math test today.”
- Instead of “How was school today?” talk about how your day went.
- Instead of “What's something you learned in school?” talk about something that you learned today.

This is more how we conduct adult conversations; while we sometimes ask questions, we tend to just talk about things and give space for others to contribute when they want to.



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

Academic Support

Academic Support provides students with a quiet space to work on assignments, and gives them access to hands-on teacher support in specific subjects. **All students are welcome to attend.**



Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

- After school from 3:00–5:15 p.m. in the Meeker Library.
- Monday–Math; Tuesday–Science and Social Studies; Thursdays–ELA (Students may work on assignments from any subject any day.)
- Students being picked up do not have to stay the entire time.
- Transportation home on the Activity Bus is provided for eligible students. Students riding the bus **must remain** at Academic Support or All-Stars the entire time.



Saturday Academic Support

- On designated Saturdays from 9 am–noon in the Meeker Library.
- Transportation home is **not** provided.
- Upcoming dates: January 6, February 3 and 10, March 2, 16, and 30



Please email teachers jessica.pringle@kent.k12.wa.us or nicolette.schuster@kent.k12.wa.us if you would like your student to attend, or with any questions about the program.



CTE (Career and Technical Education)

Hi Meeker families,

In the month of January, our 8th grade students will be taking a career assessment. The assessment is a requirement by OSPI, the agency overseeing education in Washington, and will support career exploration as 8th graders prepare for high school course planning and registration. It is something that all Washington State 8th graders will have the opportunity to take before heading to high school.



The assessment is a simple career quiz, and it is not graded. Students will be given structured time to complete the quiz. It will not tell students exactly what career they should choose; instead, it's a tool to identify possible career opportunities for the unique future paths of each student. As always, students can set up a time to meet with me to discuss careers in depth if they want more support or guidance in this process. As a former college career counselor, I'm thrilled to have these types of conversations with students!

In the second half of the school year, we'll also incorporate career development activities for 7th and 8th graders, including workshops and grade specific activities.

Jen Wu, Career Specialist

Meeker Book Exchange

Meeker is excited to be hosting a Book Exchange event on **Tuesday, January 30, from 6:00–7:00 p.m.** All current and future Meeker families are welcome to come and pick up books.

If you have extra books you would like to donate to the book exchange, please bring them to Meeker or one of the elementary schools before January 23 so we can get them sorted. Books for all ages and languages are welcome, and we need them.

We will also be sharing some stories and a few other literacy activities during the event. Many of the KSD elementary Librarians from schools that feed in to Meeker will be at the event, so feel free to come by and say "hi."

King County Librarians will be here with an activity, as well as applications for KCLS library cards for all. KCLS is now a late-fine-free library system.

If you have questions, please feel free to email the Meeker Librarian at scott.a.quinn@kent.k12.wa.us





Meeker Middle School

*All students will be invited on a field trip either Thursday February 22nd or Friday February 23rd depending on their 1st period class to go to Kentridge High School to see an Acts on Stage production called DREAMS!. Field trip forms will be sent home in January and due on Friday February 2nd. Field trip forms **must be returned to Meeker by February 2nd** in order for students to attend. Dream! is a production that promotes student engagement and overcoming barriers in school and life for students to be able to fully see and realize their potential.*

Believe in
Yoursel

We are also inviting Meeker and Kentridge families to see DREAMS! on Saturday February 24th at no cost.
(While tickets last)





Multicultural Night January 24, 2024

You're invited!

Join us for a trip around the world
at Meeker



Sign up today!!!

If you would like to participate by performing, assisting with the assembly or information booth, or contributing a favorite food dish, please sign up!!

Cultural Performances~Music~Gallery
Walk~Passports~Map~Cultural Dress
Raffle~Food Samples
Starts at 5:15pm



Participants Wanted... Sign up for Multicultural exhibits

Assembly

- Songs
- Stories
- Clothing
- Celebrations
and holidays

Gallery

- Artifacts
- Clothes
- Symbols
- Food
Samples

To sign up or ask questions email Ms. Alexander
amy.alexander@kent.k12.wa.us





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.

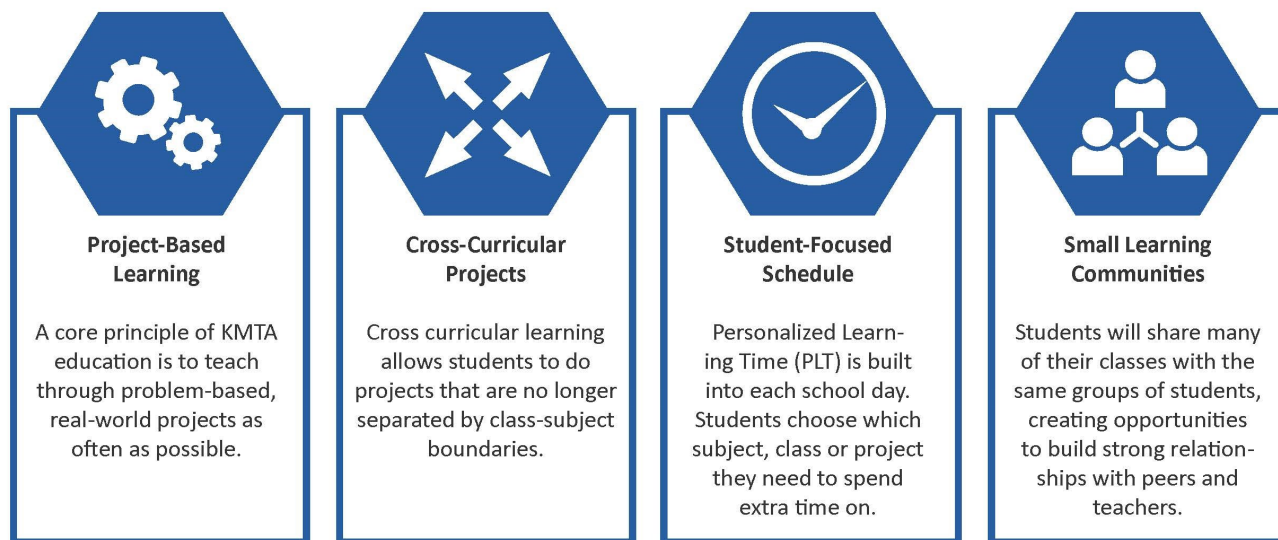


KSD COMMUNITY NEWS

Kent-Meridian Technology Academy



Kent-Meridian Technology Academy (KMTA) is a choice program offered to all Kent School District students. While the program is offered at Kent-Meridian High School, students from any middle school in the district can apply to attend. KMTA offers a unique learning environment focused on project-based learning, technology application, student-focused scheduling and small learning communities. Our program is based on strong and supportive relationships between students and teachers.



Frequently Asked Questions

Can I earn college credit in my KMTA classes?

KMTA students have the opportunity to earn college credit in several classes.

Can I still be involved in extra-curricular activities?

KMTA students still have the opportunity to be involved in all extra-curricular programs offered at Kent-Meridian High School.

Is transportation provided to attend the program?

Any student within Kent School District boundaries is eligible for district transportation.

How can I apply or get more information?

Please scan the QR code on this flyer to be taken directly to the online application for KMTA. For more information, visit www.kent.12.wa.us/kmta or send an email to KMTA@kent.k12.wa.us





STUDY ZONE

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

Visit kcls.org for the Terms of Use Agreement and steps the Library System is taking to maintain a safe and positive space.



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