

MEEKER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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NOVEMBER 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,

November has opportunities for parents and guardians to check in on their student's progress at school. Conferences are held in-person on Tuesday, November 21, between 1:30-4:30 p.m. and 5:30-7:00 p.m. Please remember how important you are in the life of your child. Our pre-teen and teens are striving for independence, and they do not always express appreciation for your love, guidance, and support. This is the time to keep talking to your students about their academics, attendance (including being on time to class), and decision making.

We have many opportunities for families and students to be engaged with the school. We encourage all in becoming a member of the Meeker PTSA ([Member Planet](#) or contact board@meekermiddleptsa.org), students can join After School All Stars program ([online registration](#)), and/or Meeker's Student Academic Success program available 3 days a week after school or on occasional Saturdays. Weekday transportation is available for eligible students who participate in afterschool activities. The activity bus is not available for students who attend sporting events as spectators.

To all those who have served, and those who continue to serve...**Happy Veterans Day!**

Make it a great day!

Bree Devlin
Meeker Principal



NOVEMBER

- 3 NO SCHOOL**
Teacher Workshop Day
- 5 Daylight Savings Ends
- 10 NO SCHOOL**
Veterans Day
- 18 Saturday Academic Support
MK Library 9 AM—12 noon
- 21 Early Release
Dismiss at 11:55 AM
- 21 Parent/Teacher Conferences
1:30-4:30 PM and 5:30-7:00 PM
- 22 Early Release Wednesday
Dismiss at 12:55 PM
- 23 NO SCHOOL**
Thanksgiving Day
- 24 NO SCHOOL**
Holiday

DECEMBER

- 15 Last School Day of 2022
- 18 **NO SCHOOL** – Winter Break
(through January 1, 2023)

NEED TO REPORT AN ABSENCE?

Phone Meeker Attendance:
253-373-7284

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

**Please visit our Meeker school website
for more information:**

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



PIONEER PRIDE

We Set the BAR High

Be Safe – Act Responsibly – Respect Others

Counseling Corner

For the 2nd quarter we will be covering Unit 2 of the Second Step Curriculum. This includes 6th grade recognizing the common types of bullying, 7th graders learning about harassment, and 8th grade learning about physical, social and emotional changes in their lives.

Please make sure that your student is working on their home work everyday at a consistent time and getting good rest and limiting screen time. Routines are important for students' success at school.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your student's counselor.

6th Grade Counselor – Ms. Samina

Phone: (253) 373-7289

Email: Samina.Shafi@kent.k12.wa.us

7th Grade Counselor – Ms. Taferre

Phone: (253) 373-7106

Email: Sara.Taferre@kent.k12.wa.us

8th Grade Counselor – Ms. White

Phone: (253) 373-6385

Email: Deborah.White.Price@kent.k12.wa.us

Mid-Semester Reflection

Success in middle school depends on keeping track of how you're doing and making adjustments when need be.

To help your student find success, consider asking them these questions:

- Are your grades as good as you want them to be?
- Are you able to get all of your homework done every night?
- Is anything making it hard for you to succeed in class?
- What class or classes do you need to commit more time to studying for?
- What teacher or teachers do you need to talk to about your schoolwork?
- In the final few weeks of the quarter, what is one thing you will do differently?



It can also help to ask some more lighthearted questions to get the conversation going:

- What's your favorite class right now?
- What's the most interesting thing you learned this week?
- What do you like most about your favorite teacher?

BATHROOM EXPECTATIONS

BE SAFE	ACT RESPONSIBLY	RESPECT OTHERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Keep hands and feet to yourself▪ Go directly to and from nearest bathroom▪ No hanging out or groups in the bathroom▪ Use e-Hall Pass during non-passing times▪ No eating/drinking▪ Wash hands for ≥30 seconds	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Notify staff of problems▪ Only put toilet paper in toilet▪ Do not throw food or other waste in the toilet▪ Flush▪ Use trash cans▪ Put cell phones, earbuds, and other personal electronic devices away	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Level 0-2 voice▪ Be mindful of other's privacy▪ Be mindful that others need to use this space▪ Keep surfaces clean and respect school property



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ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

Meeker Spirit Wear

The order window is still open for you to purchase your Meeker spiritwear! Sweatshirts, flannel pants, t-shirts, and beanies!

To order, go to:

<https://meekermms2023.itemorder.com/shop/home/>



You must select a fabric color and logo for most items.

All orders will be shipped to the Meeker Cashier within 3-4 weeks after the online store closes. Students will be notified when orders are ready to be picked up.

Please contact the Meeker Cashier at (253) 373-6381, or lashana.youngblood@kent.k12.wa.us with questions.

The online store closes Friday, November 3.



*See color options on website

After School All Stars

Open to all 6th-8th grade students attending Meeker Middle School. Out FREE after school program includes a daily hour of academic tutoring and homework help, as well as a variety of fun enrichment activities!

- ✓ Daily Snack
- ✓ Homework Help
- ✓ Enrichment Activities
- ✓ Field Trips
- ✓ Bus Transportation



REGISTER ONLINE
<https://form.jotform.com/23204513111132>

Contact:
Baylie Kidd (she/her)
Site Coordinator
Cell: (619) 987-6088
Baylie.Kidd@as-as.org

CONFERENCE WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, November 20

School Dismisses at 2:55 p.m.

Tuesday, November 21

School Dismisses at 11:55 a.m.

Parent/Teacher Conferences 1:30-4:30 p.m. and 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 22

School Dismisses at 12:55 p.m.

Thursday-Friday, November 23-24

No School



MEEKER NEWS

Meeker CTE Opportunities!



Hi Meeker Families,

Last month, Meeker recognized [Discover U](#) week, which is a regional K-12 encouragement for students to engage in career and college exploration. Students signed up to attend a “Your Questions Answered: College” workshop covering reasons for attendance, types of schools, variety of costs/locations/acceptance processes and more. Staff were also encouraged to participate in College Gear Day on Thursday, wearing the names of the colleges or universities they attended or root for!

College isn't the desired path for everyone, so throughout the year we'll also highlight jobs and career preparation programs that don't require a degree. There are so many terrific options now!

November is a great time for career exploration for your students. It's possible they have little knowledge of what the adults in their lives do for work, so at the next friend/family gathering they should get curious!

Here's some questions they could ask:

- What sort of jobs have you had in the past? What do you do now?
- How did you know that you wanted to do this kind of work?
- What about your personality, your interests or your skills is a good fit for your job?
- Are there any additional education requirements, training or certifications needed for your job?



Learning from a personal connection is a powerful way for students to start their own career development. As always, I'm available to you and your student for more support or questions. Email at jenifer.wu@kent.k12.wa.us.

Jen Wu
Career Specialist

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.
- Semester One dates: November 18, December 2 and 9, January 6



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.



MEEKER PTSA

Reflections Contest—PTSA

There is an exciting opportunity for students who love to express their creative side! Our Meeker PTSA is participating in **Reflections**, a nationally recognized program for students to submit their original works in the categories below. Entries may be selected as local, state, or even, national winners!

- Literature: Works of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, prose, drama, short stories and lyrics.
- Music Composition: Original musical composition, with or without words.
- Photography: Color or black/white, included techniques: photogram, negative sandwich, and multiple exposure.
- Visual Arts: Architecture (2D/3D), carpentry, ceramics, collages, photographic collages (multiple photos cut/pasted), computer-generated image, crafts, design, dioramas, drawing, fiber work, jewelry, kites, metal etching/punch work, mobiles, painting, printmaking, sculpture and wind chimes
- Film Production: With/without sound of animation, narrative, documentary, experimental or music video/film.
- Choreography/Dance: Originally choreographed dance composition.

All entry pieces or projects should be turned in to the main office **by Friday, November 17**. Only original works are accepted. Questions, contact president@meekermiddleptsa.org.

For additional information, visit <https://www.wastatepta.org/events-programs/reflections/>



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