# MEEKER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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## **FEBRUARY 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,

We have started semester two. Be on the lookout for your child's first semester grades in Skyward. If you have concerns about your child's grades, please do not hesitate to contact the teacher. We encourage open communication between the home and the school to make sure we are all doing everything we can to support our students. Our staff are continuing their work to provide the best education possible for your children. The focus of our instructional staff is on Common Core State Standards, Professional Learning Communities, and the five dimensions of effective instruction (clear purpose, student engagement, curriculum/pedagogy, formative assessments, and classroom environment/culture).

We are also excited about an all-school field trip that is schedule for either Thursday, February 22 or Friday, February 23 depending on their 1<sup>st</sup> period teacher. Students will be going with their 1<sup>st</sup> period classes to Kentridge High School's Performing Arts Center to see an Acts of Stage production called DREAM! on either day. One of our very own Meeker students is performing in the production. Students will check into 1st period class before we leave Meeker Middle School at 8:30 a.m. and return at 11:00 a.m. Students who are late to school will need to check into Meeker's main office and will go to the library during their designated field trip time. Students are only able to attend the field trip on this assigned day. 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. In addition to the field trip, we would like to

invite families to attend the performance on Saturday, February 24, at 7 p.m. We will send further communication and links to reserve your free tickets. See the flyer on page 4.

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### **FEBRUARY**

- 1 Future Freshman Night at KSD high schools
- 5 High School and 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration (Part 2)
- 8 Incoming 6th Grader Night
- 16 Sports Pictures @ Gym, 3 PM Dance, Girls Basketball, Wrestling

# 19-21 NO SCHOOL Mid-Winter Break

- 22 DREAM! Field Trip
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- 24 DREAM! Meeker families
- 29 Leap Year!

#### MARCH

- 7 National History Day Contest
- 8 NO SCHOOL Teacher Workshop Day
- 25 REGULAR SCHEDULE
- 27 Spring Band Concert, 7PM
- 30 National History Day contest (regional-level)

#### **NEED TO REPORT AN ABSENCE?**

**Phone Meeker Attendance**: 253-373-7284

#### **Email Attendance:**

MKAttendance@kent.k12.wa.us

Mid-Winter Break — NO SCHOOL — Mon, Feb 19 thru Wed, Feb 21



# **MEEKER NEWS**

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Meeker is beginning the process of course selections for next year. Students are starting to receive information from High School Counselors and Meeker Counselors about courses they may want to take next year. This is happening during their social studies classes. Information about course selection and electives can be found on Meeker's Family and Community (Canvas) page. During the week of February 5, students will start making their course selections. Next year's Meeker students will be selecting their elective choices only, core classes such as math, science, social studies, language arts, and PE will be automatically selected in Skyward. We hope your student is sharing information with you and their interest in elective options.

As always, we thank you for your continued support in your student's future.

Make it a great day!

Dr. Bree Devlin

# **Counseling Corner**

With the start of the second semester, please help your student maintain a good routine of studying and getting a good night's sleep. This is important for everyday attendance and academic achievement.

Please be on a lookout for your student to bring home elective registration information for next year. Help your student with course selection by discussing the options. All counselors will be meeting with students to share information, and then again the following week to help students register in Skyward.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor – Ms. Samina (253) 373-7289 Samina.Shafi@kent.k12.wa.us 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor – Ms. Sara (253) 373-7106 Sara.Taferre@kent.k12.wa.us 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Counselor – Mrs. White (253) 373-6385 Deborah.WhitePrice@kent.k12.wa.us

# CTE (College and Technical Education)

Hi Meeker families,

Career & Technical Education programs provide 21st-century, academic and technical skills for all students. At Meeker, there are two CTE courses offered: **Food Science** and **Robotics**. These courses include learning experiences that support basic academic and life skills, enable achievement of high academic standards, advanced and continuing education, leadership and options for high skill/high wage employment preparation. These courses also offer opportunities for early career exploration.



At the high school level, there many more options for CTE courses, which can be found in the high school course catalogs. These courses can help your student try out various professional pathways, which can support more concrete post-high school planning.

As always, I'm available to both students and parents for any questions or concerns!

Jen Wu, Career Specialist



## 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 <u>Library</u> and <u>Voice Level Chart</u>.

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



# LIBRARY EXPECTATIONS

BE SAFE AC	T RESPONSIBLY	RESPECT OTHERS
<ul> <li>Use e-Hall Pass to enter</li> <li>Keep hands and feet to yourself</li> <li>Only enter library when staff is present</li> <li>Common read of the common read of</li></ul>	he library is a esource, not shortcut nter through 00 hallway ush in chair hen you leave heck out any naterials that will ave the library	<ul> <li>Level 0-1 voice</li> <li>Use respectful language</li> <li>Demonstrate manners</li> <li>Keep surfaces clean and respect school property</li> <li>Be a contributor, not a distraction</li> </ul>

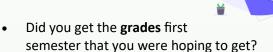
## **VOICE LEVEL CHART**

VOICE LEVEL CHART	
4	SHOUTING
3	LOUD VOICE
2	SPEAKING
1	WHISPER
0	SILENT
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# **Mid-Year Reflection**

All students benefit from occasionally reflecting on their level of academic success.

Now that we are starting a new semester, consider asking your student these questions:

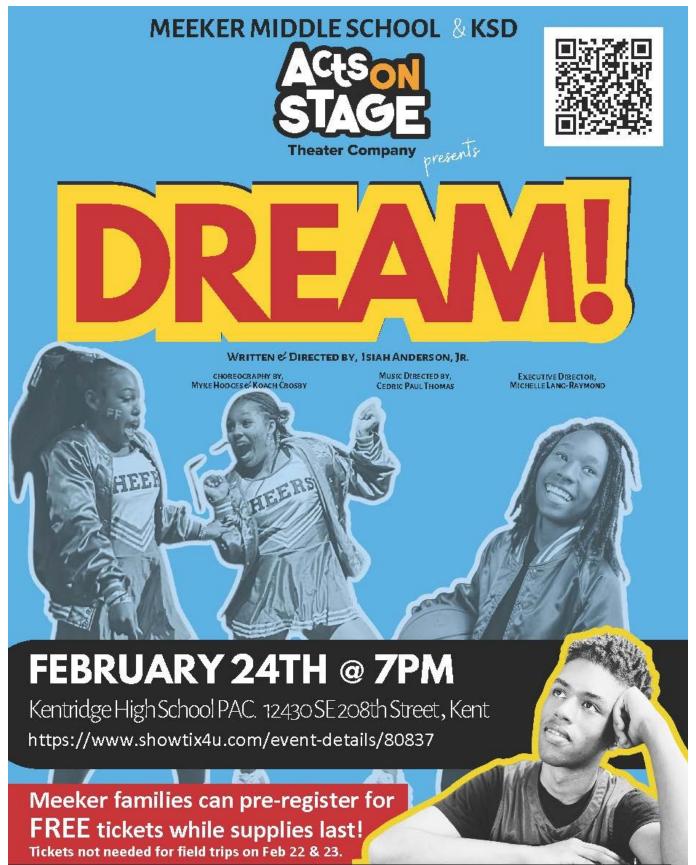


- Is there any work you did first semester that you are especially **proud of**?
- Describe your homework habits. Describe your study habits.
- If you don't have homework or study habits, when and where will you do your homework or review your notes every day?
- What class do you want to **improve** in the most?
- What will you do next time you miss an assignment? Will you ignore it or will you talk to the teacher?
- How will you communicate with the teacher if you need help?
- What are your **goals** for the semester?





# **MEEKER NEWS**





# **ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES**

- All sports practices are immediately after school from 3:00–5:00 p.m. on non-game days
- No practices Wednesdays (except Feb. 7, athletes go to after-school study hall followed by practice)
  - Athletes are eligible to take the Activity Buses home from practice

# **Wrestling**

Meets start at 3:45 PM

\*Tournaments: Weigh-Ins 8 AM Matches 10 AM

Coaches: Nathan Perrine
Grady Wakeman

Date	Opponent	Location
Thurs, Feb 8	Summit Trail	Meeker
Tues, Feb 13	Meridian	Meridian
Thurs, Feb 15	Maple View	Meeker
Tues, Feb 27	BYE	
Thurs, Feb 29	Cedar Heights	Cedar Heights
Sat, Mar 2	Mid-Season Tournament *	Mattson
Tues, Mar 5	Canyon Ridge	Meeker
Thurs, Mar 7	Mill Creek	Mill Creek
Tues, Mar 12	Northwood	Meeker
Thurs, Mar 14	Mattson	Mattson
Sat, Mar 16	All Conference Tournament *	Kentwood HS

# Girls Basketball

Varsity games start at 3:30 PM

JV games to follow

Coaches: April Moon

Date	Opponent	Location
Tues, Feb 6	Jamboree	Northwood
Thurs, Feb 8	Summit Trail	Summit Trail
Tues, Feb 13	Meridian	Meeker
Thurs, Feb 15	Maple View	Maple View
Tues, Feb 27	BYE	
Thurs, Feb 29	Cedar Heights	Meeker
Tues, Mar 5	Canyon Ridge	Canyon Ridge
Thurs, Mar 7	Mill Creek	Meeker
Tues, Mar 12	Northwood	Northwood
Thurs, Mar 14	Mattson	Meeker
Tues, Mar 19	Playoffs Begin	TBD



## ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

# MEEKER INTRAMURALS



QUARTER 3

# \*REGISTRATION IS OPEN ON FINAL FORMS \*NO PHYSICAL REQUIRED

## **OPEN GYM (COED)**

FEBRUARY 7TH, WEDNESDAY 7AM-8AM

FEBRUARY 14TH, WEDNESDAY 7AM-8AM

FEBRUARY 28TH, WEDNESDAY 7AM-8AM

MARCH 6TH, WEDNESDAY 7AM-8AM

MARCH 13TH, WEDNESDAY 7AM-8AM

MARCH 20TH, WEDNESDAY 7AM-8AM

## E-SPORTS (COED)

FEBRUARTY 5TH, MONDAY 3-5PM

FEBRUARY 12TH, MONDAY 3-5PM

FEBRUARY 26TH, MONDAY 3-5PM

MARCH 4TH, MONDAY 3-5PM

MARCH 11TH, MONDAY 3-5PM

MARCH 18TH, MONDAY 3-5PM

# **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: February 3 and 10, March 2 and 16, April 6 and 27, May 11 and 18, June 8

Please email teachers jessica.pringle@kent.k12.wa.us or nicolette.schuster@kent.k12.wa.us.





## **MEEKER PTSA**

# PTSA Membership

### Did you know that you get discounts with a Meeker PTSA membership?

By becoming a PTSA member, not only are you helping Meeker, but you are eligible for discounts to things like Great Wolf Lodge, Washington State Fair, The Seattle Symphony, Avis Car Rental, Budget Car Rental, and more. You can join by scanning the QR Code.



### **PTSA Needs Your Help!**

Do you like to create baskets for fundraisers? Are you looking for a way to help your child's school? We are looking for someone who can get donations and put together a fundraiser basket for the PTA Founder's Banquet. We have been assigned a theme for our basket and we need to submit the finished basket **by April 19**. If you are interested in helping, please email president@meekermiddleptsa.org.

## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration Planning



The PTSA would like people who can help plan and put together a celebration for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders at the end of the year. The last few years, it has been a dance. Event is held during school hours. If you have an interest in helping plan and put together this year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration, please email president@meekermiddleptsa.org

#### Meeker Spirit Night at Chipotle

Support Meeker by eating out at Kent Station Chipotle. You can order online using code K7H4ZAV or show the flyer at the restaurant on March 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:00–9:00 p.m.



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MEEKER MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSA

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH | 5-9PM 512 RAMSAY WAY STE 101, KENT, WA, 98032

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **K7H4ZAV**OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT





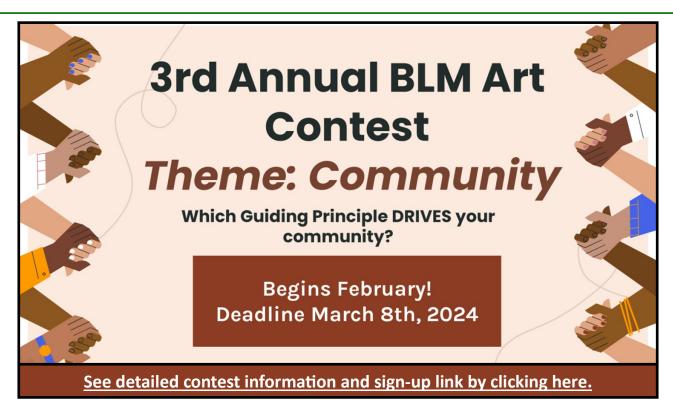
Para que las órdenes en línea se tengan en cuenta para el evento de recaudación de fondos, deberán ser del mismo lugar del evento y realizarse durante las horas del mismo. Las órdenes con servicio de entrega y las realizadas con una tarjeta de regalo no cuentan para el evento. Se requiere un mínimo de \$150 dólares de ventas para recibir cualquier donación.

ORDENA EN LÍNEA PARA RECOGER USANDO EL CÓDIGO K7H4ZAV

O MUESTRA ESTE VOLANTE EN EL RESTAURANTE



# **MEEKER COMMUNITY NEWS**







Kent School District does not discriminate in admission, access, treatment, or employment on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender

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