MEEKER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dr. Breanne Devlin, Principal Michael Cohen, Assistant Principal



MARCH 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 had an amazing time on the field trips and family evening for Acts of Stage production to see DREAM! We would like to send a thank you Virginia Mason Franciscan Health and the Violence Prevention Initiative and Impact Program for awarding Meeker Middle School a grant to help fund the family night for DREAM! In the next few weeks, as a follow-up to these engagement events, Meeker Middle School will be sending out school and community resources to aid students in achieving their dreams. We appreciate everyone's support in sharing these resources with friends and families.

We are also excited that Meeker is showing so much growth this year. Our student population increased this year with the move of 6th grade to middle school. When we compare data from last year to this year, we celebrate!

- ELA- Reading iReady we have a 6% growth rate of all students early on grade level or above, and decreased students below grade level by 3%.
- Math- iReady we have 22% growth rate of all students early on grade level or above, and decreased students below grade level by 6%.
- When comparing Meeker's on track to graduate (attendance, behavior and grades) we have 24% growth rate when comparing this year to last year data.

We can't wait to see more growth with Spring iReady, SBA, and students' on track to graduate status. We are so proud of the work our students are doing.

Make it a great day! Dr. Bree Devlin Meeker Principal



MARCH

- 2 Saturday School @ 9 am-noon
- 7 National History Day Contest
- 8 NO SCHOOL Teacher Workshop Day
- 16 Saturday School @ 9 am-noon
- 22 Season 3 Pep Assembly
- 25 **Regular Schedule** Snow Day Make-Up Day
- 27 Spring Band Concert, 7 pm
- 30 National History Day contest (Regional level)

APRIL

- 1 Spring Orchestra Concert, 7 pm
- 3 i-Ready Testing—ELA
- 6 Saturday School @ 9 am-noon
- 8-12 **NO SCHOOL**, Spring Break
- 17 i-Ready Testing—Math
- 19 NO SCHOOL- Optional Snow Day
- 27 Saturday School @ 9 am-noon

NEED TO REPORT AN ABSENCE?

Phone Meeker Attendance: 253-373-7284

Email Attendance:

MKAttendance@kent.k12.wa.us



MEEKER NEWS

Field trip photos from the DREAM! performance.







Counseling Corner

As usual, time is going unbelievably fast. Already, your 6th and 7th graders have chosen their courses for next year, and your 8th graders are all registered for high school!

Currently, we are finishing Unit 3 of Second Step (SEL Lessons) "Thoughts, Emotions & Decisions" and will begin Unit 4 "Managing Relationships & Social Conflict" during March Pioneer Times.

Ramadan starts March 11. Students must have a signed prayer permission form on file to use the prayer room. Forms can be picked up from the main office.

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

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–12 pm (noon) in the Meeker Library.
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PIONEER PRIDE

We Set the BAR High

Be Safe — **A**ct Responsibly — **R**espect Others

Building Up "Independent Learner" Habits

Educators sometimes refer to students as "dependent learners" or "independent learners". An independent learner is not necessarily someone who can learn without the help of a teacher, but rather someone who recognizes when they need help and can take action. Here are some examples:

Situation	Dependent Learner	Independent Learner
Doesn't have a pencil	Waits for someone to ask if they need a	Asks for a pencil
	pencil	
Is confused about an	Waits for someone to notice they aren't	Rereads the directions or asks
assignment	working and offer help	someone for help
Misses a lesson due to an	Waits for the teacher to tell them what	Asks teacher what they missed and
absence	they need to do to get caught up	what they need to do to get caught up

To help your student develop independent learner habits, ask them these questions:

- What are the things you need to bring to school?
- What will you do if you forget one of those things?
- What will you do if the directions to an assignment aren't clear?
- What will you do if you miss a class period?
- What will you do if you don't understand a skill you are working on? (ex: a new math skill)
- What will you do if you are tempted to take out your phone or play a game on your computer?
- What will you do if you are assigned homework?

Asking these questions frequently, especially if your student is struggling, will increase the chances that they take their answers to heart and act on them in school.

Behavior and Expectations

Each month we will share a different area of behavior expectations at Meeker. This month we are featuring **Courtyard** and **Bus Zone**.

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



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BUS ZONE EXPECTATIONS				
BE SAFE	ACT RESPONSIBLY	RESPECT OTHERS		
Keep hands and feet to yourself	■ Take a picture of bus pass	Use respectful language		
WalkKeep your body,	Have your bus pass ready by lunch	Demonstrate manners		
voice, and belongings inside the bus	 Find your bus on the board and go directly to it 	Respect school property		
Stay in designated areas		Have positive conversations		

BE SAFE	ACT RESPONSIBLY	RESPECT OTHERS
Eyes up and stay alert	■ Use trash cans	■ Level 0-3 voice
Stay within boundaries	Use cell phones appropriately	Use respectful language
 Keep hands and feet to yourself 	Keep track of your belongings	 Demonstrate manners and good sportsmanship
■ Walk	Leave the area	
 No climbing or throwing debris from gardens 	better than you found it	 Be aware of your surroundings, especially when participating in
 Do not climb fence or rock 		activities



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

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

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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—JV game only	Canyon Ridge 3:30pm
Thurs, Mar 7	Mill Creek	Meeker
Tues, Mar 12	Northwood	Northwood
Thurs, Mar 14	Mattson	Meeker
Tues, Mar 19	Playoffs	TBD
Thurs, Mar 21	Playoffs	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

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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.

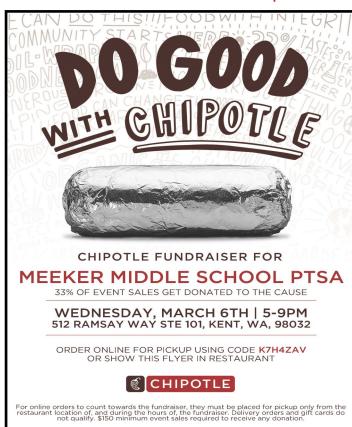
8th Grade Celebration Planning

The PTSA would like people who can help plan and put together a celebration for our 8th 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 8th grade celebration, please email president@meekermiddleptsa.org



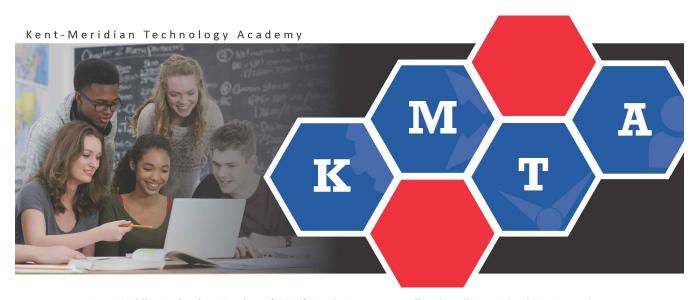
Meeker Spirit Night at Chipotle

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 6th from 5:00–9:00 p.m.









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.



Project-Based Learning

A core principle of KMTA education is to teach through problem-based, real-world projects as often as possible.



Cross-Curricular Projects

Cross curricular learning allows students to do projects that are no longer separated by class-subject boundaries.



Student-Focused Schedule

Personalized Learning Time (PLT) is built into each school day. Students choose which subject, class or project they need to spend extra time on.



Small Learning Communities

Students will share many of their classes with the same groups of students, creating opportunities to build strong relationships with peers 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







Free Vaccine Clinic

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20TH, 2024

IPM-5PM

KENT MERIDIAN HIGH SCHOOL

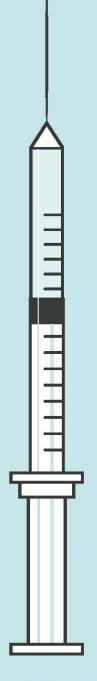
10020 SE 256TH ST.

KENT, WA 98030

PRE-REGISTRATION

GO-VAX Kids at Kent Meridian High School Wednesday, March 20th, 2024 1pm-5pm





Go-Vax Kids ~ govaxkids.com ~ Text: 206-688-1057







Welcome!

Hello and welcome to another year of ACE!

We are looking forward to welcoming new and returning campers in 2024. Between some fun new programs and the return of old favorites, we are thrilled to offer another season of aviation, space, and STEM programming!

Whether your camper is a budding aviator, a future astronaut, or is exploring these topics for the first time, ACE is committed to providing our campers with a safe, fun, and engaging week experiencing all that The Museum of Flight has to offer. We're especially excited this summer to share with our campers a one-of-a-kind temporary exhibit about space stations that will be opening in June.

The Museum of Flight's Aerospace Camp Experience offers a blend of hands-on educational activities with the fun of camp to stimulate a lifelong interest in science, connect with fellow learners and begin building life-long friendships. With behind-the-scenes access to The Museum of Flight and our expansive collection, campers will find inspiration and connection through imaginative games, special tours and time spent learning real-world science from experts.

We look forward to exploring and learning with you this summer!

Best wishes, The ACE Team





Register for ACE online at museumofflight.org/ACE
Camp Hours: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Monday-Friday
For Assistance Contact: ACE@museumofflight.org or 206.716.0820

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Fees & Payment

Deposit

A non-refundable \$100.00 deposit is due at time of registration.

Payment Schedule

Full registration payment is due by June 3rd. Campers with outstanding payments will not be admitted to ACE until payment is made in full.

Refunds & Cancellations

Registrations that are canceled three weeks prior to the start of a camp session are refundable, minus the \$100.00 non-refundable deposit. Registrations canceled within three weeks of the start of a camp session are non-refundable.

ACE Financial Assistance Program

To support The Museum of Flight's ongoing commitment to accessibility, participants who experience financial barriers to enrolling in ACE can submit an application and register through our Access Program.

Full and Partial Access Camperships are available for ACE attendance. Applications are reviewed in the order they are received. Funds are limited.

Application can be completed during registration or by emailing the ACE office at ACE@museumofflight.org. ACE Staff will notify participants of acceptance by Monday, June 3, 2024.

Partial Access Campership

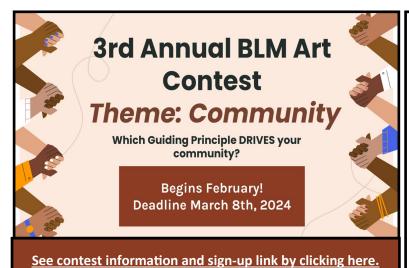
\$100.00 will cover one week of Camp, including Before & After Care fees. A \$6.00 administrative fee is due at registration, and the full \$100.00 fee is due by June 3, 2024

Full Access Campership

ACE will fully cover one week of Camp, plus Before & After Care fees. \$6.00 administrative fee due at time of registration.*

*Contact the ACE Office at 206.716.0820 with questions or concerns.





KENT PTSA CLOTHING BANK

The clothing bank will be open for shopping on the following date from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

- March 7
- March 28

Located: 317 4th Ave. S Kent, WA 98032







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

EQUITY | EXCELLENCE | COMMUNITY | EXPERIENCE | COMMUNITY | Compliance Coordinator and Section 504/ADA Coordinator, Randall Heath, Executive Director, Student and Family Support Services. He can be reached at 253-373-7081, by email at randall.heath@kent.kl2.wa.us, or via mail at 12033 SE 256th St. Kent, WA. 98030. Kent School District will also take steps to assure that national origin persons who lack English language skills can participate in all education programs, services and activities. For information regarding translation services or bilingual education, contact Student and Family Support Services at 253-373-7269. Further, the District complies with all requirements and objectives of applicable state and federal laws.