

MEEKER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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OCTOBER 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 to all the families and students who participated in our open house and Skyward session. If you have any questions about your student's courses or academic progress, please contact the teachers and check Skyward. We encourage a partnership between home and school. We continue the school year learning the expectations and school policies. We have wonderful students at Meeker who are setting the **BAR** high (**B**e Safe, **A**ct Responsibility, **R**espect Others) and exceeding the expectations. Please watch your emails for notifications that your student has earned a Gold Bar.

In October we will be focusing on attendance. We will particularly be looking at students getting to class on time. You can check Skyward for your student's attendance. The codes you will see in Skyward might be "W", meaning your student was absent from class and the absence was entered by the teacher. The code "L" means your student was late to class but within 10 minutes from the start of the class period. The "N" code means your student was more than 10 minutes late to class. A reminder that we have 4-minute passing periods and music plays the last 60 seconds as a warning students need to get to class. We are holding a grade-level competition called On-Time Incentive System (OTIS) to see what grade level has the least number of tardies and what grade level is showing progress on reducing tardies. Ask your student to find the posters around school and find out who is in the lead.




Make it a great day!
Bree Devlin
Meeker Principal

OCTOBER

- 6 NO SCHOOL**
Teacher Workshop Day
- 13 School Picture Retake Day**
- 18 Early Release Day**
- 23 Fall Orchestra Concert—7PM**
- 25 Fall Band Concert—7PM**
- 26 Quarter 1 Ends**

NOVEMBER

- 3 NO SCHOOL**
Teacher Workshop Day
- 10 NO SCHOOL**
Veterans Day
- 24 NO SCHOOL**
Thanksgiving Day
- 25 NO SCHOOL**
Holiday

	7-9 Absences DANGER ZONE	There is a good chance your child has fallen behind academically. Develop a plan with the school to help your child get to school on time and attend regularly.
	4-6 Absences WARNING ZONE	Your child's learning may be affected. Pay special attention to make sure your child is keeping up with the work.
	0-3 Absences SATISFACTORY ZONE	Your child has good attendance. Celebrate and make a goal with your child to have even better attendance.

NEED TO REPORT AN ABSENCE?

Phone Meeker Attendance:
253-373-7284

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

Skyward Attendance: Enter info on the Attendance Tab on the right side



Levies Benefit All Students

Like a subscription, local school levies must be renewed. Failure of either of these levies would mean significant reductions in staff and services that meet the needs of our students, including teaching and paraeducator positions, and our 1:1 student learning technology (laptops & tablets) program along with critical repairs and improvements.

Levy Elections—November 7, 2023

There are two propositions on the ballot.

#1—The EP&O is a [three-year replacement levy](#) and funds nearly 15% of total operating revenue for the Kent School District. It currently accounts for \$74,000,000 in annual funding, including over \$40,000,000 in salary costs not funded by the State. It would support:

- Safe and secure schools (three-quarters of our safety staff)
- School health & support services (including nurses, social workers, & psychologists)
- Athletic, music, and art programs; advanced coursework and classes
- Over 190 FTE positions, including classroom teachers and paraeducators

#2—The Capital Projects and Technology levy is proposed to extend four years. This means both levies will now be in alignment on the renewal calendar and will be up for reauthorization at the same time in 2027. This alignment saves taxpayers the extra expense of running multiple levies in alternate years.

[This proposition](#) would provide the majority of funding for health and safety improvements, facility repairs, the 1:1 technology (laptops/tablets) education program, and program expansion.

- Health and safety - upgrade the intrusion alarm system
- Cybersecurity to protect sensitive data and information
- Repairs and improvements to maintain healthy learning environments
- Pre-K program space at every elementary school

For more information, visit KSDLevy.org.

Family Income Survey

Many of you have had some concerns about the Family Income Survey only being a paper form in English. [Here at the Nutrition Services website](#), you will find that there is an online Family Income Survey available, as well as the paper form in English and Spanish. This should make it much more accessible for families.

Meals, (not a la cart items) will be served to all students at Meeker for free regardless of free and reduced status.



PIONEER PRIDE

We Set the BAR High

Be Safe – Act Responsibly – Respect Others

Meeker Behavior and Expectations

Each month we will feature behavior expectations that have already been reviewed with your student. This month we are featuring **Cell Phone Expectations**.

Please remind your student so they know what is expected of them and they can have a successful year.

CELL PHONE EXPECTATIONS



- **OK** during lunch
- **OK** before school
- **OK** after school



- **NOT** during class
- **NOT** during passing period
- **NOT** in bathrooms or locker rooms
- **NOT** during assemblies



Counseling

Our SEL Lessons from Second Step Curriculum started last Wednesday. These lessons will happen every Wednesday in 4th period during Pioneer Time for all grades.

All counselors will be visiting the classrooms in the middle of October for introductions and a Needs Assessment Survey.

If you think your student needs any social/emotional help at school, please talk to their counselor.

If you have questions or concerns regarding your student's academic, social, or emotional needs, please contact your the counselor.

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

No Halloween Costumes

It's Halloween season and we know students are excited to take part in the seasonal fun, but please keep the masks and costumes at home, **not at school**. During the instructional day any costumes, Halloween masks, ski masks, hoods, wigs, sunglasses, or similar items may not be worn on the buses or at school.





ATHLETICS AND ACTIVITIES

All sports practices are immediately after school from 3:00–5:00 p.m. on non-game days.
The activity bus home is available to students on practice days. **NO PRACTICES WEDNESDAYS.**

Track

Meets start at 3:30 PM

Head Coach: [Melissa Stanley](#)

Coaches: [Rey Ramirez](#)

[Natalie Ehle](#)

[Jamie Barney](#)

Date	Opponent	Location	
Thu, Sep 14	Canyon Ridge/Cedar Heights	@	Meeker
Tue, Sep 19	Mattson/Meridian	@	Mattson
Tue, Sep 26	Mill Creek/Northwood	@	French Field
Tue, Oct 3	Maple View/Summit Trail	@	Maple View
Tue, Oct 10	Meridian/Northwood	@	Northwood
Wed, Oct 18	District Finals	@	French Field

Boys Soccer

Varsity games start 3:30 PM

JV games start approx. 4:45 PM

Coaches: [Andy McCorquodale](#)

[Jasmine Ernest](#)

Date	Opponent	Location	
Fri, Sep 15	Northwood	@	Petrovitsky Park
	Both games at		Varsity - Field 1
Fri, Sep 22	Cedar Heights	@	Meeker
Mon, Sep 25	Meridian	@	Meridian
Fri, Sep 29	Canyon Ridge	@	Meeker
Mon, Oct 2	Mill Creek	@	Hogan Park
Mon, Oct 9	Mattson	@	Meeker
TBD	Playoffs	@	TBD

Girls Badminton

Varsity games start at 3:30 PM

Coaches: [Todd Ehle](#)

[Donald Hall](#)

Date	Opponent	Location	
Tue, Sep 12	Summit Trail	@	Summit Trail
Thu, Sep 14	Meridian	@	Meeker
Tue, Sep 19	Maple View	@	Maple View
Tue, Sep 26	Cedar Heights	@	Meeker
Thu, Sep 28	Canyon Ridge	@	Canyon Ridge
Tue, Oct 3	Mill Creek	@	Meeker
Thu, Oct 10	Mattson	@	Meeker
Tues, Oct 17	Playoffs	@	Mattson
Thu, Oct 19	Playoffs	@	Maple View



MEEKER NEWS

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 Wednesday

- 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.

Saturday Academic Support

- On designated Saturdays from 9 am–noon in the Meeker Library.
- Transportation home is **not** provided.
- Semester One dates: September 30, October 14 and 21, 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 CTE Opportunities!

Hello Meeker Families!

We're starting off a lunchtime series called "**Dream Jobs**", with careers suggested by your students! I'll be in the cafeteria during lunch once per week, featuring a job that MK students said they wanted to do, such as professional athlete, gamer, pilot, actor, doctor and more. Students can swing by and say hi during lunch or check their email to learn more about the featured Career of the Week.

I'm also open for individual meetings with students during lunch or before/after school. This is a chance for us to talk about your student's strengths, interests, abilities and possible career paths after high school. Middle school is a great time to have these discussions, as it provides focus and some guidance for making high school choices.

If you or your student would like to schedule time with me, please send me an email at jenifer.wu@kent.k12.wa.us.

Finally, in October I'll be offering a lunchtime workshop. We'll be covering the basics of what college is, such as why people go to college, what types of colleges there are, how much it costs and how to prepare for it. Students can sign up during lunch or by watching for a sign up in their email.

Jen Wu
Career Specialist



CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION



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FREE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Meeker Middle School

Starting Tuesday, September 26, 2023

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays | 3:00-5:15pm

Early Release Wednesdays | 1:00-3:15pm



Open to all 6th-8th grade students attending Meeker Middle School. Our 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:

- Coding & Robotics
- Photography
- Yoga & Mindfulness
- Creative Arts
- Cooking
- Sports & Fitness
- Dance
- And MORE!



Field Trips



Bus Transportation



REGISTER ONLINE

<https://form.jotform.com/232045131111132>

Contact:

Baylie Kidd (she/her)

Site Coordinator



Cell: (619) 987-6088

Baylie.Kidd@as-as.org



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Picture Retake Day

School picture retake day is **Friday, October 13.**

Students who were absent the first picture day will be able to get their picture taken on retake day. Picture order forms are in the main office and should be turned in to the photographer during the retake.

If you ordered school pictures but would like your student to do a retake, please have them bring their original purchased photo packet with them. This will be turned in when they do the retake and a new picture packet will arrive in a few weeks.

* Photos on students ID cards are not updated when a retake is done.*



SAGA Club



All Students are welcome to join the Meeker **Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA)**.

If you are a student who believes that Meeker should be a safe and welcoming place for students who identify as LGBTQIA+, you are welcome to attend on Tuesdays from 3–4:30 p.m. in Room 104.

The club provides a place for discussion and problem-solving of issues relating to LGBTQIA+ treatment at Meeker and the larger community, and promotes ideas that create community, self-confidence and artistic expression.

After SAGA Club dismisses, students eligible for the Activity Bus home may remain on campus to work on homework while waiting for the bus.

The club sponsor is Ms. McManus and there will be snacks! Email with questions, Elizabeth.mcmanus@kent.k12.wa.us.

Robotics STEM Club

Join the Meeker **Robotics STEM club** beginning October 13!

The club will meet every other week on Fridays from 3:00–5:00 p.m. in Room 401. Students will get the chance to experience hands-on robotics materials and underwater robotics. This club is sponsored by nationally recognized Technology Student Association and will participate in competitions during the school year!

If you are interested, contact Mrs. Agnihotri in Room 401 who is hosting the club.

Neeraj.agnihotri@kent.k12.wa.us



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