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Mission Statement:

Meridian Public Schools will educate all students in a safe, nurturing environment while challenging them to develop their integrity, knowledge, and unique talents to become responsible, productive citizens.

Newsletter

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September, 2022

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Superintendent
Randy Kort

Welcome Back

What a great time of year, seeing all the students coming back to school, meeting the new students and welcoming them to our Meridian family.

The Meridian staff is excited to start the 2022-2023 school year. Meridian welcomes Mrs. Yowel, our new Ag and FFA teacher; Mrs. Halama, our new vocal music teacher; and Mrs. Jen Wolfe, as an elementary para.

As the fields are being prepared for harvest, please drive safe and be cautious of combines and trucks.

Thanks to MPIE for arranging the food and drinks at the Open House. Thanks also go to Mrs. Peters and Mr. Nore for sponsoring the back to school dance for the secondary students.

Students began on August 17 and we opened our doors to a total of 224 students, 19 more than the start of the 21-22 school year.

Athletics begin this week at Meridian with the volleyball team playing a jamboree game on Tuesday, the 23, at Thayer Central. Thursday, the 25, is our volleyball season opener at Blue Hill. This year the football team has their bye week the first week so they will begin play on September 2, at Red Cloud. **There is a change in location for the football game on September 30th. Meridian is still playing Lewiston at 3:00 p.m., but the game will be held at STERLING.**

The band will be marching at the state fair on Thursday, September 1 at approximately 10:30 AM.

Bus Routes

Our bus routes are continuing to change and adapt to best serve our students.

Please be flexible over the next two weeks as those changes are made.

Throughout the school year, please notify your bus driver by 6:30 a.m. if your child will not be riding the bus. When you have advanced knowledge your child will NOT be riding the bus, contact the school and leave a message with Kelli.

Alexandria Area Route

Janelle Heiserman
402-300-1704

Fairbury / Daykin (Methodist Church stop) Route

Tonya Griffin
402-300-1722

Ohiowa/Tobias Area Route

Elizabeth Noel
402-300-1705

Western/Daykin Area Route

Charles Houser
402-446-7407 or 402-300-1707

Tobias/Western Area Route

Wendy McKenzie
308-627-7091

Activity Passes

Activity passes are available this year at the following prices: Adults = \$40; K-12 = \$35; Golden Passes (over 65) = Free. Please contact Trish Endorf at the school for your pass, 402-446-7265.

** Gate prices will be \$5 for adults and \$4 for students.

Board of Education Meridian Public Schools District – 48-0303

**Daykin, Nebraska, 68338
Monday, August 15, 2022**

Regular August 15, 2022 Meeting 7:15 P.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on August 15, 2022, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President Bartels called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented.

Roll call was taken: Vorderstrasse – present, Niederklein – present, Sobotka – present, Rut – present, Scheer – present, and Bartels – present. Also present was Superintendent Kort and Principal Scott.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

No comments were heard from the public.

Sobotka moved and Rut seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented.

A: Minutes of Monday, July 14, 2022

Regular Meeting

B: District Financial Report

C: Activity Fund Report

E: Bills

Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Principal Scott presented the Curriculum Report to the Board.

Scheer moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve ALICAP as the insurer for the 2022-2023 school year. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

The District Area Workshop for school boards will be held on September 7, 2022 in York. The State School Board Convention will be held November 16 – 18, 2022 in Omaha.

Sobotka moved and Rut seconded to approve the transfer of the 2021 – 2022 budget funds into the Activity Account. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Vorderstrasse moved and Scheer seconded to approve the transfer 2021 – 2022 budget funds into the Depreciation Account. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.



Scheer moved and Rut seconded to approve the 2022 – 2023 Student Handbook. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Rut moved and Niederklein seconded to approve the substitute teacher pay rates for the 2022 – 2023 school year. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Principal’s Report:

- Current student count – Elementary – 121, High School – 96, and Exchange Students – 1.
- A reminder that on Fridays we dismiss at 3:12pm. (30 minutes early) We ask that parents be aware that students will be dropped off 30 minutes earlier on Fridays!
- We would like to welcome our new staff members:
 - Maureen Halama
Vocal Music
 - Emilye Yowell
Agriculture/Industrial Ed
 - Jen Wolfe
SPED Para &
Assistant Volleyball Coach
 - Brooke Wolfe
HS Volleyball Coach
 - Rene’ Scheer
One Act Play Production Coach
- Student handbooks have been prepared with some minor updates. We will be including the PBiS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) matrices for the elementary and secondary. This will be the second year of implementation.
- In-service meetings began on Friday, August 12, continuing on August 15, 16 & 17. Trainings include MANDT, QPR, close reading, fidelity documentation, van driving, committees, blood borne pathogens, Seizure/First Aid, technology, review of policies covering dating violence, and being mandatory reporters.
- M-PIE open house will be Monday, August 15 from 5:00-7:00pm. A hot dog meal is planned to be served.
- Students’ first day of school is Wednesday, August 17 with a 1:30 dismissal.
- The back-to-school bash is planned for Friday, August 19 at 6:30pm.
- School pictures are scheduled for Wednesday, August 24.

- Volleyball Jamboree game will be at Thayer Central in Hebron on Tuesday, August 23 vs Thayer & Deshler.
- JV & Varsity volleyball play at Blue Hill on Thursday, August 25 starting at 6pm.
- The first football game will be Friday, September 2 at Red Cloud at 7pm.
- The marching band is scheduled to perform at the Sandy Creek Festival in Alexandria on Saturday, Aug 27, and the State Fair the following week.

Superintendent’s Report:

- Update on Summer Projects
 - Stove and stainless-steel cabinets installed
- Students Involved in Fall Sports
 - 13 of 31 Boys Involved (42%)
 - 21 of 37 Girls Involved (57%)
- Projection of 2022-2023 Budget
 - Current Valuation has not been Received
 - Option Money Increase
 - Plan to Increase Special Building from ½ – 1 ½ Cent
 - Increase to General Fund will be Minimal

Next Meeting was set for Monday, September 19, 2022. Budget Hearing will begin at 7:00 p.m., immediately followed by the Tax Request Hearing, immediately followed by the Regular Board Meeting.

Sobotka moved and Scheer seconded to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse – aye, Niederklein – aye, Sobotka – aye, Rut – aye, Scheer – aye, and Bartels – aye. Motion passed 6-0.

Jamie Niederklein.

Secretary Meridian District #48-030

NIGHT CUSTODIAN

Meridian Public School is accepting applications for a part-time Night Custodian/Maintenance person. General knowledge of basic facility maintenance is needed. Training will be provided as needed. Retirement packages may be available. Please stop by Meridian Public School to complete an application or send resume to: Randy Kort
Meridian Public School
PO Box 190
Daykin, NE 68338
OR
rkort@meridianmustangs.org
Applications will be accepted until position is filled. EOE



*Mustang MEMO
Mr. Harold Scott*

Anticipated Student Count

for 2022-2023 (as of 8-15-22)

PreK	9 +1	7th	18 +1
Kindergarten	11	8th	13 -1
1st	22 +1	9th	20 +2
2nd	16 -1	10th	19
3rd	13 +2	11th	12 +1
4th	18 -2+1	12th	20 +1
5th	16 +1		102
6th	16 +3 Exchange		1
	121		103

Grand Total 224 +10 since July

NSAA 9th-11th count –

(anticipated this year 51)(Last year 49)
(2 years 49)(3 years 51)(4 years 58)(5 years 60)(6 years 67)(7 years 59)(8 years 46)

(was 48)

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The Back to School Bash was held on Friday, August 19 starting at 6:30pm. Student Council served hotdogs, candy, and pop. A good time was had by all who attended.

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This year has been off to an excellent start! I have really enjoyed seeing the students again as school starts to get underway. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 402-446-7265 x1253 or lhermsmeier@meridianmustangs.org.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Month of September – NWEA MAP testing in grades K-11 (K-2 – Math & Reading; 3-11 Math, Reading, Science, and Language Usage)

Friday, September 16 – ACCUPLACER for Juniors/Seniors for College Classes

Wednesday, October 12 – PSAT for Interested Juniors

Thursday, October 13 – ASVAB for all Juniors

Seniors...5 must-do tasks for this fall!

- 1. Apply to your top college choices.** Meridian participates in Nebraska's *Apply2College* campaign in October, so you'll get help with your college applications during a school-day event.
- 2. Create an FSA ID.** You and a parent must each create a username and password at fsaid.ed.gov that will serve as your Federal Student Aid (FSA) IDs for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You will each need your own email address to create an FSA ID.
- 3. Complete the FAFSA at fafsa.gov on or after October 1.** The FAFSA is your application for federal, state, and college-based financial aid. The colleges you list on the application will use that information to determine the types and amounts of financial aid they will award you.
- 4. Attend the EducationQuest Financial Aid Webinar** at the school in October (Seniors will watch this as a class) to learn about types of financial aid and the FAFSA.
- 5. Find free FAFSA Tools** at EducationQuest.org to help you prepare for and complete the FAFSA.

Just a 🎵 From the Music Department

We are off and running into our first few weeks of school and Mustang Musicians are already hard at work! The high school band has been gearing up for a busy marching season, kicking off with a parade for Alexandria's 150th celebration Saturday, August 27. Additional marching band performances include the Meridian Homecoming Parade on Wednesday, September 7; the Nebraska State Fair on Thursday, September 1; and Harvest of Harmony on Saturday, October 1.

Our show choir had a very successful summer camp to start out our year in early August, and they have been diligently working to perfect their show. Choral musicians have also been preparing for our first concert, Sunday, October 9 at 2pm in our main gym. This performance will feature junior and senior high musicians showcasing a mixture of choral and instrumental music we've been studying this first quarter.

Ms. Drees and Mrs. Halama are so proud of all of the students' hard work, and would love to invite you to support our musicians at any of their upcoming performances. Please feel free to contact either of us with any questions at ldrees@meridianmustangs.org or mhalama@meridianmustangs.org.

ADULT CERAMICS

Adult ceramics class is being offered this again this year on Wednesday evenings. The cost of the class is \$5 per session plus cost of materials. The first class starts Wednesday, September 14 in the Art Room. Classes will be in session from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. For further information contact Mr. Placek at cplacek@meridianmustangs.org or 402-446-7265 ext. 1274

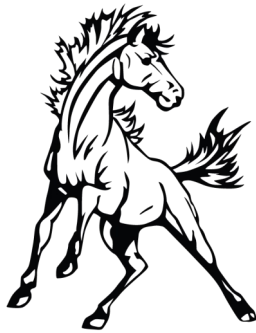
Student Council

The school year has barely started, but the Meridian Student Council's activities have already begun. This year's group of 14 students has Seniors: Dylan Peterson, Kaylee Pribyl, Bailey Holtmeier, Jesus Nunez, and Lena Perez; Juniors: Peyton Norine and Kymber Schwisow; Sophomores: Taelyn Filipi, Samuel Thomas, and McKenzie Hofstetter; and Freshmen: Olivia Schaefer and Colby Smith. Junior High representatives include Kendall Filipi and Lani Lutjemeier. The first order of business was the Back to School Bash, which the Student Council organizes each year on the first Friday after school starts. It's always a fun event and there was a good turnout this year. Stuco is looking forward to many more activities this year, and some are in development right now. The Student Council will be collecting blankets for the Child Advocacy Center in Lincoln. Bring your blankets to home volleyball games to support the children and teens that need them! The blankets should be new and at least 50"x60" to be accepted by the center. We can't wait to join the community in making a difference! Homecoming is approaching as well, and it's up to Stuco to make sure all goes smoothly. The new school year brings many opportunities, and with support from fellow students, parents, and the community, the Student Council will accomplish much.

Sam Thomas



**Due to unforeseen
circumstance at Friend
Country Club, we need
to look for a new
location!! As information
becomes available, we
will let the details be
known. Please check
our website and
Facebook page for
further information.**



The Meridian Foundation is proud to sponsor

Tailgate Night



Friday, September 9th, 2022

Night of the Homecoming Football Game vs Harvard

At Jim Durflinger Field

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Serving from 6:00 p.m. thru Halftime

\$6.00 Hamburger Meal Deal

\$5.00 Hotdog Meal Deal

Includes Hamburger or Hotdog, Chips,
Bar/Cookie, and Drink

Individual Hamburgers are \$3.00

Individual Hotdogs are \$2.00

Individual Bar/Cookies are 50 cents



All Community Members are Welcome!!

Proceeds will go toward Meridian Foundation projects



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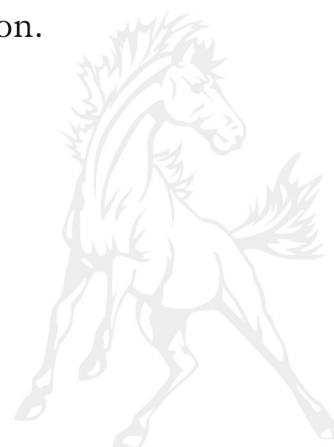
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GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO INVEST IN MERIDIAN STUDENTS

Thanks to our generous patrons, the Meridian Foundation has been able to benefit the present and future students at Meridian. Projects that the Foundation has been able to support include the Green House, Community Fitness Center, Fitness Center upgrades, and most recently an updated lighting and sound system. The new state of the art lighting and sound system will benefit the music, drama, and athletic departments. The Foundation also awards scholarships to Seniors to help facilitate their college education. We are asking for your help to invest in our Mustang community and students. Please consider donating to the Meridian Foundation.

Thank You for your continued support!

Jason Bartels
Meridian Foundation President



Meridian Foundation
P.O. Box 190
Daykin, NE 68338

Monetary or Grain Donations Accepted!

I would like to donate: _____

Please Email bartels.jason@meridianmustangs.org or call 402-446-2005 with questions.



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(Meridian Partners in Education)

School Spirit Apparel

Ordering and payment will be done online only.



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<https://meridian-mustangs.spiritsale.com/products>

***Click "CATALOG" to see ALL apparel options!**

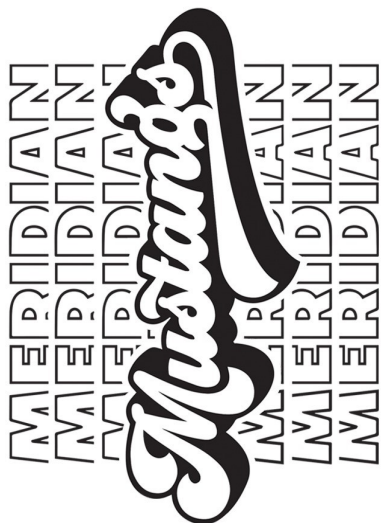
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