

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.

Meridian Public Schools WII BUG Newsletter Newsletter-April, 2015 Randy Kort

Remarkable, amazing, incredible - those summarize the work terms and dedication I was fortunate to witness as Meridian Public Schools hosted the D1 and D2 District Speech Contests last week. It was fascinating, the extent of work so many people put into running this event and hosting 17 schools. Once again I had received compliments on our facilities, politeness of staff and students, and of course our concessions and hospitality room. It gives me, as it should any patron, a sense of pride that our staff and students demonstrate the kind and welcoming values they are known for. A special thanks to Rene' Scheer, Bobette Toalson, Mr Scott, Trish Endorf, and Jacob Smiley for all the behind the scenes work they did.

I have also been watching our students dedicate themselves to the musical "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Death Star". Please be aware of the upcoming dates and attend one of the productions.

We are entering the final quarter of the 2014-2015 school year. Please be aware of the events and activities your children will be involved in during the final quarter. There are track meets, quiz bowls, reading classics, field trips, honor choir, honor band, district music and, of course, we are preparing for NeSA testing. There are a lot of activities going on and our students do a great job of being involved and participating.

BUSING INFORMATION

Within this newsletter is a Bus Information Update page for school year 2015-2016. If you have not completed this form please do so and return to the

www.meridianmustangs.org

school immediately. We have asked that these be returned by March 27th.

TORNADO DRILL

Meridian Public Schools will be following the state recommendation by running a Tornado Drill on Wednesday March 25th at 10:00 a.m.

Board of Education Meridian Public Schools District – 48-0303 Daykin, Nebraska, 68338 Wednesday, March 11, 2015

SPECIAL MEETING - 6:00 P.M.

President VanWesten called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The open meeting law was presented. Members present were VanWesten, Miller, Scheer, and Vorderstrasse. Also present was Superintendent Kort. Meeting was recessed and reconvened in York, Nebraska, where members Frank and Sobotka joined the meeting.

Superintendent Kort updated the Board on the budget. Mike Lucas, consultant, led discussion on short and long range goals for Meridian Public School.

Next Regular Meeting was set for Monday, March 16, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.

Sobotka moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Vorderstrasse - aye, Miller - aye, Frank - aye, Scheer - aye, Sobotka - aye, and VanWesten – aye. Motion carried 6-0.

9. Scott Sobotka, Secretary Meridian District #48-0303



Board of Education Meridian Public Schools District 48-0303 Daykin, Nebraska 68338 Monday, March 16, 2015

April, 2015

Regular March 16, 2015 Meeting 7:30 P.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on March 16, 2015, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President VanWesten called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented. Members present were Sobotka, Frank, Miller, Scheer, Vorderstrasse, and VanWesten. Also present were Superintendent Kort, Principal Scott, Matt Mittan, Marilyn Bachle, Robert Bachle, Ty Brakhage, and McKehna Bartels.

Frank moved Miller seconded to approve consent agenda as follows:

- 1. Minutes of the February 11, 2015 Regular Meeting
- 2. Districts Financial Report
- 3. Activity Fund Report
- 4. Hot Lunch Report
- 5. Bills

Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-ave, Milleraye, Frank-aye, Scheer-aye, Sobotka-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Kort reviewed different Marquee options and pricing.

Matt Mittan, ESU technology agent for Meridian, updated the Board on the school's technology and reviewed the stages of the installation of the wireless system.

Scheer moved and Miller seconded to approve the Resolution to participate in the multi-jurisdictional All-Hazard Mitigation Plan update process. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Frank-aye, Scheer-aye, Sobotka-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

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The Board thanked Marilyn Bachle for her 40 plus years of dedicated service to Meridian Public School. Sobotka moved	The board reentered open session at 8:51 p.m.	Baber and the entire team for a great season.
and Frank seconded to approve the retirement of Marilyn Bachle, with regrets. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Frank-aye, Scheer-aye, Sobotka-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0. Scheer moved and Miller seconded to	Scheer moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to pay Principal Scott the negotiated salary of \$80,496 and to reimburse \$9,004 for insurance costs for the 2015-2016 school year. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Frank-aye, Scheer-aye, Sobotka-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-	The girls' basketball team won their first game of sub-districts, defeating Exeter-Milligan. A senior girl was heard to say this was the first time in her four years Meridian had beaten E- M in any girls' sport. Congratulations to coaches Schropfer and Hofstetter and their team.
approve the rehiring of the certified staff members for the 2015-2016 school year. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller- aye, Frank-aye, Scheer-aye, Sobotka-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.	0. Miller moved and Sobotka seconded to go into executive session at 8:53 p.m. to negotiate the Superintendent's Salary for 2015-2016 school year. Vote	Meridian boys' basketball team also won the first game of sub-districts, defeating McCool Junction. Congratulations to the team, and coaches Pohlmann and Frank.
The board reviewed the handbook Policy 1000 series. The 1000 series includes: communication, facilities, fund raising, school organization, and chain of command. Review and updating of the	taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Frank-aye, Scheer-aye, Sobotka-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6- 0.	The cheerleaders were state champions in Side Line Cheer. Congratulations to coach Brakhage and our cheer squad.
handbook will continue throughout the year.Principal Scott reported:1. State Wrestling2. Girls' District Basketball	President VanWesten stated that it had been voted to go to executive session to negotiate the Superintendent's salary for the 2015-2016 school year. The board reentered open session at	We have had several families visit school this past month inquiring about sending their students to Meridian next year. We are looking forward to these families becoming part of the Mustang herd.
 Boys' District Basketball Cheerleaders' State Competition Meridian D1-1 and D2-1 Speech Meet Track Beatrice Homestead Event Student Behavior and Consequences Report 	 9:01 p.m. Miller moved and Scheer seconded to pay Superintendent Kort the negotiated salary of \$108,500 for the 2015-2016 school year. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse -aye, Miller-aye, Frank-aye, Scheer- aye, Sobotka-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0. 	COUNSELOR'S NOTES by Kelly Frank Spring is officially here, which means it's time to start thinking about schedules for next year! I have been
 Superintendent Kort reported: Buildings and Grounds Committee Head Maintenance Position Summer Projects Non-Certified Employees Legislative Bills Student Enrollment Board Retreat 	Next Regular Meeting set for Monday, April 20, 2015 – 7:30 p.m. Miller moved and Frank seconded to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Frank- aye, Scheer-aye, Sobotka-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.	meeting individually with students in grades 6-11 to get an idea of the classes they are interested in. Once a schedule is set for next year, students will have a chance to finalize their selections. As a reminder, all Meridian students need 4 years of English and Social Studies, 3 years of Math and Science, 2 years of
Sobotka moved and Frank seconded to go into executive session at 8:33 p.m. to negotiate the Principal's Salary for 2015- 2016 school year. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Frank- aye, Scheer-aye, Sobotka-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.	J. Scott Sobotka, Secretary Meridian District # 48-0303 Mustang MEMO Mr. Harold Scott Principal	Fine Arts, 1 year each of Technology, Physical Education, and Vocational or Foreign Language. Parents, please be sure to discuss your student's plan for the upcoming year. Once again, next year's Junior and Senior students will have an
President VanWesten stated that it had been voted to go to executive session to negotiate the Principal's salary for the 2015-2016 school year.	Seven of nine wrestlers qualified for State Wrestling. Brandon Jackson earned the bronze medal. Congratulations to coaches Placek and	opportunity to take dual-credit online college classes. Certain requirements to participate in these classes do apply. Right now, we utilize college resources through Peru State and Southeast



Onward to victory... May they win again today...

Nebraska.

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ACTIONS DAY

On Wednesday, March 18th, twenty

five Meridian high school students

attended ACTIONS Day at Central

Community College in Hastings,

students were recommended by their

classroom teachers. Each year over

900 students from eastern Nebraska

complete in over forty subject areas.

Each student must take two tests, but

may opt to take three. Every test has

breaker questions are built into the

tests. Tests are scored by adding the

raw percentile score with the accuracy

percentile score. Awards are given to

the top five winners in each test area

100 multiple choice questions.

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Community College. Students also have an opportunity to participate in SENCAP's Career Academy, which is a great way to earn college credits free of charge! Students have been informed of these offerings. Parents, if you have questions regarding this, please talk to your child or feel free to contact me.

Seniors

Just a reminder that many local scholarships are due **APRIL 15th**. The application forms for all scholarships are found on the school website under the "Counselor" tab. Be sure to follow directions and complete all steps of each application.

Also, you need to let me know of any scholarships you receive – whether you accept them or not. All of the scholarships you receive will be announced at graduation.

If you haven't completed the FAFSA yet, now is the time to do so! Remember, the FAFSA will provide you with a Student Aid Report, which will determine your financial aid eligibility for next year.

Juniors

Some of you have taken the opportunity this spring to visit a college of interest. I would encourage more of you to do this if you can find time around spring events. I can schedule the visit for you, though some colleges like you to submit a request from their website. When you visit, remember to take a "Campus Visit Form" with you so the office can mark it as an excused absence.

Many juniors have also completed a job shadow or have made plans to complete one before school ends. These are great opportunities to explore an area of interest. Contact me if you have questions on job shadowing.

Reminder: The registration deadline for the June 13th ACT is **May 8th**. Go to <u>www.actstudent.org</u> to register.

If you have questions or concerns at any time, please feel free to contact me. Kelly Frank Guidance Counselor <u>kfrank@meridianmustangs.org</u> 402-446-7265 ext. 1253 Sports. This was one of Meridian's larger trophy wins in the fifteen years that our students have participated in ACTIONS Day. Congratulations students! Mrs. Bachle Enrichment Coordinator Meridian Public School

2015-2016 PRE-K

Children who reach the age of four by July 31st, 2015, qualify for Pre-K for the 2015-2016 school year. If your child fits these parameters, please contact Mr. Kort, Mrs. Paul, or Judy Grummert at 402-446-7265. Remember, you DO NOT need to Option Enroll Pre-K students.

IMMUNIZATION & PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS

All students entering Kindergarten and Seventh Grade are required by law to have a physical and up-to-date immunizations prior to entering the 2015 -2016 school year. Kindergarten students must also have an eye exam completed before the start of school.

All Junior High and High School students who intend on participating in ANY athletics or cheerleading are required to have a current physical on file. The physical form needs to include a Clearance Waiver. Current forms for physicals and waivers will be available in the District Office or online within the month of March.

The Fairbury Clinic will be offering sports physicals to students of any grade by appointment. Please call 402-729-3361 to schedule your appointment. Sports physicals need to be scheduled prior to July 15, 2015. Students must bring ALL forms with their name and date of birth on each as indicated, including the medical history form filled out with the child's name and birth date on each form as indicated. These also need to be signed by a parent or guardian. The forms are available at Meridian's District Office. If a student arrives at the Fairbury Clinic without these completed forms, they will need to reschedule their appointment. The price will be \$65.00 for the physical and an additional \$8.00 for a urine analysis, if required. Urine



(L to R): Russell Pesek, Ty Brakhage, Blair Hofstetter, Guadalupe Dimas, Brooke Massa

Meridian students attending ACTIONS Day were: seniors - Tobias Bermann, Ty Brakhage, Dylan Brown, Hannah Crijns, Guadalupe Dimas, Ann Endorf, Michael Groves, Blair Hofstetter, and Liam Noel; juniors - Jordan Daniels, Bridgette Jackson, Brooke Massa, Anna Most, April Nelson, Joshua Traynor, and Jakub VanWesten; sophomores - Baxter Beals, Allison Klipp, Crystal Nunez, Russell Pesek and Waylynn Sheets; and freshmen -Adeline Beals, Erin Johnson, Rylee Pieper, and Jaicee Sobotka. Meridian had five students who won awards. They were Guadalupe Dimas (senior) with a first place in Vocabulary, Russell Pesek (sophomore) with a second place in Civil War, Brooke Massa (junior) with a third place in Nicknames, Blair Hofstetter (senior) with a fourth place in Health, and Ty Brakhage (senior) with a fifth place in





We'll give a cheer for the varsity... Long may they reign supreme ...

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analysis are required for 7th Grade and Kindergarten physicals. If a UA is required, please pick up a sterile urine cup ahead of time at the Fairbury Clinic and bring it with you to the appointment with your child's name on it. The Fairbury Clinic also submits physicals to insurance if you would like them to do so.

BAKING PANS

Meridian FBLA always have pans available for sale. The small and large pans have plastic covers available. Talk to Ricky Nuñez, President, or Mrs. Soukup, Sponsor, if you are interested.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

On Tuesday, April 14th, at 6:15 p.m. the Meridian Chapter of the National Honor Society will hold its formal induction ceremony for new members. New 2015-16 are: members for Jordan Joshua Traynor, Daniels. Shelby Homolka, Allison Klipp, and foreign exchange students Hannah Crijns and Tobias Bermann. Anyone is welcome to attend the ceremony as it will be held before the junior/senior spring music concert that night.

2015 SPRING MUSICAL

Most of Meridian High School has been working hard, putting in long hours, to bring you their production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Death Star", a musical comedy. Darth Vader sings! C-3PO dances!! Yoda talks backwards!!! Set your blasters on "fun!"

Performances will be May 1, at 7:00 pm, May 3, 3:00 pm, and May 4 (May the Fourth be With You)-School Performance. Please teleport to Meridian Public Schools at light speed to support the students and their directors (Mr. Smiley and Mrs. VanderSchaaf) in this enterprise.

READING CLASSICS

Jefferson County Court House was the site of the 2015 Reading Classic competition for grades 3-6. The competition encourages students to read good books. Many books on the list are Caldecott and Newberry winners. Students then convene in the courthouse Meridian Public School, District 48-0303

to be quizzed over the books. This vear's competitors included: Third Grade: Kolton Kumpf. Kaira Niederklein, Blayne Schelbitzki, Kymber Schwisow, and Evelyn Woitalewicz Fourth graders: Chase Bartels, Hayden Frank, Anissa Gonzales, Bailey Holtmeier, Kailyn Paul, and Alyssa Haake Fifth graders: Ana Aldrich, Brynn Holtmeier, Ally Kort, Erika Schwisow, and Briannah Stromer Sixth graders: Lane Barton, Austin Massa, and Hannah Stromer.

FUN WITH SCIENCE

Meridian hosted a fun-filled night of exciting and engaging science activities on March 20, 2015. Meridian Partners in Education sponsored the Edgerton Explore-it Center from Aurora. NE. Students, parents, grandparents, and community members enjoyed a science show entitled, "The Go Show", followed by Edgerton's "Science-onthe-Go" program offering many handson activities. Edgerton's active participation coupled with activities provided by surrounding County Extension Offices provided many with a unique look at science.

STUCO NEWS

The fourth quarter begins and is the busiest quarter of all. Multiple activities such as Track, FBLA, and Quiz Bowl are going on causing many absences. Considering the tight schedule, let's take a look at what Student Council has achieved this month.

The Student Council had a successful turn out for the school dance on March 6th. Brandon Jackson is the school's DJ for almost every dance. Considering he is a senior this year, the Council needs to have a replacement. Isaiah Ellis and Seth Noel volunteered to fill Brandon's shoes by being the DJ's on the 6th. Brandon was on hand and could help them if they had any questions. They did a great job and we look forward to their help next year.

StuCo is hoping to have continued success with our Canned Food Drive. Our goal is to collect at least 750 lbs. of food before the end of March. If you would like to donate, please drop your canned items off with Judy Grummert, Elementary Secretary, or in Mr. VanderSchaaf's room.

Dr. Seuss' birthday was March 2, and StuCo tradition is to split into groups and read to the elementary classes. The Council had fun reading books like: *Daisy-Head Mayzie*, *On Beyond Bugs*, *The Cat in the Hat*, and many more. We hope the elementary students will learn to love to read.

Student Council wished the boy's State qualifiers for wrestling good luck by sending them off with a short assembly and giving them lovely goodie bags. The cheerleaders were also given goodie bags to wish them luck for State Cheer.

If you have any questions or concerns please notify a member...don't forget to smile, life is no fun when you're in the downs.

> The One and Only Fabulous, Crystal Nuñez Public Relations





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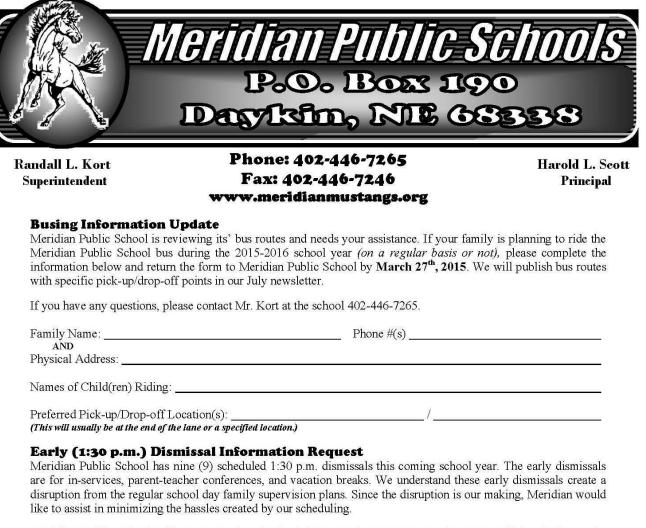




Go Mustangs!!

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Meridian Public School will create "Early Dismissal (1:30 p.m.) Bus Routes". The routes will be similar to the regular daily routes - same number of routes, various drop-off locations, and an estimated time schedule. Because these routes may be different than the regular daily routes with additional or different drop-off locations and times, we need your assistance.

All families who plan to utilize Meridian's bus services on *early dismissal days* need to complete and return the information below by **March 27th**, 2015.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kort at the school 402-446-7265.

Family Name:	Phone #(s)	
AND Physical Address:		
Names of Child(ren) Riding:		
Preferred Pick-up/Drop-off Location(s):		
BY MARCH 27	TH , 2015, please return to:	
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Summary of the School Immunization Rules and Regulations 2014-2015

Student Age Group	Required Vaccines
Ages 2 through 5 years enrolled in a school based program not licensed as a child care provider	 4 doses of DTaP, DTP, or DT vaccine, 3 doses of Polio vaccine, 3 doses of Hib vaccine or 1 dose of Hib given at or after 15 months of age, *Hib not required after child reaches 5 yrs of age 3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine, 1 dose of MMR or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age, 1 dose of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted. 4 doses of pneumococcal or 1 dose of pneumococcal given on or after 15 months of age. *Pneumococcal not required after child reaches 5 yrs of age
Students from Kindergarten through 12 th Grade, including all transfer students from outside the State of Nebraska and any foreign students	 3 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td vaccine, one given on or after the 4th birthday, 3 doses of Polio vaccine, 3 doses of pediatric Hepatitis B vaccine or 2 doses of adolescent vaccine if student is 11-15 years of age. 2 doses of MMR or MMRV vaccine, given on or after 12 months of age and separated by at least one month, 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. Written documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care provider will be accepted. If the child has had varicella disease, they do not need any varicella shots.
Additionally, for 7 th Grade Only	1 dose of Tdap (must contain Pertussis booster)

Source: Nebraska Immunization Program, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, 2011. For additional information, call 402-471-6423.

The School Rules & Regulations are available on the internet: <u>http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/reg/t173.htm</u> (Title 173: Control of Communicable Diseases - Chapter 3; revised and implemented 2011) Updated 1/2014

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MERIDIAN ELEMENTARY

CARNIVAL

FRIDAY, APRIL 17th, 2015



5:30 TO 7:30

PRIZES!!



GAMES, CAKE WALK,

FACE PAINTING & BOUNCE HOUSE!

Rain or Shine,

Carnival will be held at Meridian Gym

Concession stand will be serving Hot Dog, BBQ's and snacks!

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Meridian Alumni Banquet June 13, 2015

Activities are being planned for the Meridian Alumni Banquet to be held on Saturday, June 13, 2015, at the Tobias Auditorium.

Honored classes for this year will be: 1970, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 2000, 05, 10, and 15. We encourage members of those classes to contribute ideas and any help to make your honor class a special group.

Speaker for this year has not been selected yet. However, we are considering the following: Nebraska Basketball Coach Connie Yori Olympic Volleyball Player Jordan Larson A Nationally Traveled Comedian

We will be honoring the 1990 boys' basketball team as part of the 25-year class reunion. This team was the only Meridian boys team to qualify for State basketball, finishing third in state.

There will be co-ed sand volleyball at the Daykin volleyball court, and alumni wrestling is being proposed. **Spouses** and **guests** who did not graduate from Meridian are invited to participate. The Alumni Association is also open to a golf tournament on Saturday if there would be enough participants.

Cost for the banquet is \$18 for single or \$35 per couple. This includes the following:

- 1) T-shirt for graduates
- 2) Awards for VB and BB
- 3) Building rent
- 4) Banquet meal

- 6) Speaker
- 7) Dance
- 8) Certificates

5) Beverages at banquet

For additional information on any matter contact:

Larry Miller (402)446-7271 Paul Bachle (402)446-7243

Meridian Alumni Banquet June 13, 2015				
Banquet Only	Name	Yr Graduated	T-shirt Size	
Banquet Only	Name	Yr Graduated	T-shirt Size	
Volleyball				
Volleyball Enclosed is my check for(\$18/35) Checks payable to Meridian Alumni. Mail registrations to: Meridian Alumni, PO Box 172, Daykin, NE 68338				

