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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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July, 2015

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Superintendent
Randy Kort

SUMMER BREAK HALF OVER

I hope everyone has had an opportunity to spend some time with your children. I have been at several of the softball games and it amazes me how the students always seem to grow so much during the summer months. It is a great time of the year and please take time for your family to make some memories.

CONGRATULATIONS

We send out big congratulations to all girls' softball teams in their past weekend accomplishments. The 8U's and 10U's won their league tournaments. While the 14U's and 18U's earned the second place in their prospective league tournaments.

Again, congratulations to all players and coaches. Good Luck at Districts and State!

SUMMER PROJECTS

We have numerous projects underway here at Meridian Public Schools. There have been several rooms repainted and cleaned up; our roof replacement is underway and with the spring rain it has confirmed the need for the roof; we have been doing some concrete work in the commons; painting the outdoor benches near the football field; will begin the work on the Crow's nest this month; and installing the new marquee.

JUNIOR HIGH SPORTS

Looking at this years' numbers we are looking to field all of our Jr. High sports with the enrolled students in grades 7 & 8.

BUSING

Parents will be notified of the busing times and routes in late July.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Stay updated with the District news by visiting the Meridian Public Schools website (www.meridianmustangs.org).

**Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska 68338
Monday, June 15, 2015**

Regular June 15, 2015 Meeting -7:30 P.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on June 15, 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, Miller, Scheer, Vorderstrasse, Frank, and VanWesten. Superintendent Kort was also present.

Scheer moved and Vorderstrasse seconded to approve consent agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of the Monday, May 18, 2015 Regular Meeting
2. District Financial Report
3. Activity Fund Report
4. Hot Lunch Report
5. Bills

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

Superintendent Kort reviewed the curriculum rotation schedule that includes Social Studies books for the 2015-2016 school year. Math books are scheduled to be replaced in the 2016-2017 school year.

Miller moved and Scheer seconded to approve the 2015 School District Census. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Scheer-aye, Frank-aye, Sobotka-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Vorderstrasse moved and Miller seconded to approve the letter of intent for the Technology Bond. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Scheer-aye, Sobotka-aye, Frank-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Sobotka moved and Scheer seconded to approve the bid from Eagan Supply Company for the purchase of replacement scrubber and stripper machines. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Scheer-aye, Sobotka-aye, Frank-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

The board discussed the handbook Policy 3000 series. The first reading will be in July and the second in August. Review and updating of the handbook will continue throughout the year.

A Public Hearing on Student Fees, Parent Involvement and Bullying will be held July 20, 2015, before the regularly scheduled board meeting. Sobotka will attend the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Meeting in July.

Miller moved and Sobotka seconded to approve the increase of the Substitute pay from \$96 to \$100 for a full day and to \$50 for a half day. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Scheer-aye, Sobotka-aye, Frank-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent Kort reported:

1. Kitchen improvements
2. Building Improvements
3. New Marquee
4. Saving School Files Electronically
5. Presented Plan for Updating Chairs and Tables





The next Regular Meeting set for Monday, July 20, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.

Frank moved and Scheer seconded to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Vote taken: Vorderstrasse-aye, Miller-aye, Scheer-aye, Sobotka-aye, Frank-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion carried 6-0.

J. Scott Sobotka.

Secretary Meridian District # 48-0303



Hello! My name is Gina Kroon and I am excited to be your new school counselor! I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and share how my path has led to Meridian Public Schools.

I originally grew up on a farm near Hardy, Nebraska and graduated from Superior High School in 2004. I attended Dana College in Blair, Nebraska and obtained a bachelor's degree in January of 2008 in the areas of K-6 Elementary Education and K-12 Special Education. For 5 1/2 years, I taught at West Point Elementary School in West Point, Nebraska in both the elementary language arts and moderate/severe special education settings. In 2014, I received a master's degree in 7-12 School Counseling from Wayne State College and have spent the past two years as a 9-12 school counselor at West Point-Beemer High School.

My husband (Nicholas) and I got married in 2007 and have both enjoyed working in the field of education. He is excited to start his new position in August as the Assistant Principal and Activities Director at Fairbury High School. We have three children and consider ourselves fortunate to now live close to family in Southern Nebraska!

I am thankful for the opportunity to work with the students, parents, staff, and community members of Meridian Public Schools! Feel free to contact me this summer and throughout the school year at jkroon@meridianmustangs.org. I look forward to meeting all of you! Go Mustangs!

2015-2016 ACT National Test Dates:

Test Date

- September 12, 2015
- October 24, 2015
- December 12, 2015
- February 6, 2016
- April 9, 2016
- June 11, 2016

Registration Deadline

- August 7, 2015
- September 18, 2015
- November 6, 2015
- January 8, 2016
- March 4, 2016
- May 6, 2016

**For those of you interested in taking the September ACT, note that you must register before school begins in August!

SPED SERVICES MEETING

This is a notice from Meridian Public Schools to give an opportunity for parents and representatives of nonpublic schools and home-schooled students to participate in the development of a plan for providing special education services to children with disabilities. This meet will be held on Monday, July 20th, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at Meridian Public Schools.

Nebraska Recycles

Nebraska Recycles will be conducting a 1 day electronic recycling event to provide a responsible recycling solution for your un-wanted electronics. The event will be available for commercial and residential customers. The event will be free of charge with the exception of CRT monitors and microwave ovens which will be charged \$10 each. We will not be accepting tube TV's this year, although we will be accepting flat panel TV's.

Nebraska Recycles ensures all customers that all electronics are properly handled and recycled and all hard drives are properly destroyed.

The electronics recycling event will be held from 8 a.m. -3 p.m. on Saturday, July 25th at the Meridian School

north parking lot. Attendees are encouraged to stay in their vehicles as Nebraska Recycles personnel will assist in unloading all materials.

We are also accepting adults and children's bicycles for Mad Dads of Lincoln.

For questions or more information, please call Nebraska Recycles at [402-405-2365](tel:402-405-2365) or Kathy Houser at [402-446-7265 ext. 3](tel:402-446-7265).

Items accepted:

Computers, Laptops, Monitors, LCD's, Cell Phones, Printers, Scanners, Modems, CD drives, Cables, Keyboards, Mice, VCR's, DVD players, Camcorders, Cameras, Game Players and joysticks; Telephones, Pagers, Answering Machines, Typewriters, Calculators, adding machines, Fax machines, Copiers and Postage meters, Vacuum Cleaners, Toaster Ovens, Microwaves.

Non-Accepted Items Include:

Light bulbs, Mercury Containing Devices, Alkaline Batteries, Fluorescents, Household Chemicals, Books, Paint.

Pre-K Supply List

- 1 box of Kleenex
- 3 containers of disinfectant wipes
- 1 regular size bath towel (30" x 54") (for quiet time)
- Book Bag
- Non-marking gym shoes
- 1 hand sanitizer
- 1 complete change of clothes in a plastic bag labeled with the child's name to be kept at school (these are just in case of accidents or spills)

OPTIONAL

- Light jacket or sweater for use in the classroom

Please put your child's initials on the items they bring



1st Grade Back-to-School List

1. 20 pencils
2. Crayons (24 count)
3. 2 large erasers
4. Scissors
5. Pencil Box
6. Colored Pencils (optional)
7. Crayola Markers (optional)
8. Kleenex - 2 boxes
9. Clorox Wipes - 2 Containers
10. Germ-X - 1 bottle

3rd Grade Back-to-School List

1. Pencils and erasers
2. Colored pencils, markers, or crayons
3. Scissors
4. One bottle of glue
5. Two glue sticks
6. Pencil case or box: To hold all of the above
7. Spiral notebooks- 1 or 2
8. Pocket folders- 4
9. Loose-Leaf Paper
10. A ruler: One with both inches and centimeters.
11. Boxes of tissues
12. One box Clorox Wipes
13. One bottle hand sanitizer
14. Paint shirt for art
15. PE Shoes

Supplies for Fourth Grade

*Please mark all supplies with your name or initials *

- 12 Pencils (get some that stay at home for homework too!)
- Pens
- Big Eraser
- Scissors
- Dry Erase Markers (Eraser is optional)
- 2 Glue Sticks
- Pencil Box or Bag – needs to hold the above items
- Crayons, Colored Pencils, or Markers (24-48 count)
- 2 - Pocket Folders with 3 hole fasteners-not made of paper
 - o Math, Writing
- Minimum of 3 Notebooks
 - o Math, Social Studies & Science, Scratch Paper
- 1 Writing Notebook – Composition, not spiral
- 4 **JUMBO** Sized Book Covers
- Trapper Keeper (to keep supplies for Science & Soc. Studies)
- 2 Rolls Paper Towels
- 1 Container Disinfectant Wipes
- 1 Bottle Hand Sanitizer
- 2 Boxes Kleenex
- Book Bag
- PE Shoes – **NO DARK SOLES**

Optional Items

- Shelf for Locker
- Highlighters (yellow, green, pink, orange, blue)





2015 SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

June 1st (Monday)	York vs Meridian 10's DeWitt vs Meridian 14's	6:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m./8:45 p.m.
June 3rd (Wednesday)	Meridian 8's @ York	6:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.
June 4th (Thursday)	Meridian 14's @ Crete Rising City vs Meridian 18's	6:30 p.m./8:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m./8:00 p.m.
June 5th (Friday)	McCool Junction vs Meridian 8's	6:30 p.m.
June 8th (Monday)	Fairbury vs Meridian 8's Meridian 10's @ McCool Junction	6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.
June 9th (Tuesday)	Hebron vs Meridian 8's Hebron vs Meridian 14's	6:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m./8:45 p.m.
June 10th (Wednesday)	Exeter-Milligan vs Meridian 10's Exeter-Milligan vs Meridian 14's	6:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m./8:45 p.m.
June 12th (Friday)	Meridian 18's @ DeWitt Meridian 18's vs Crete @ DeWitt	6:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
June 13th & 14th	8's League Tournament	TBA
June 16th (Tuesday)	Seward vs Meridian 14's Blue Springs vs Meridian 14's	6:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.
June 17th (Wednesday)	Meridian 8's @ Shickley Meridian 10's @ Shickley Gresham vs Meridian 18's	6:00 p.m./7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m./8:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m./8:00 p.m.
June 20th & 21st	10's, 14's, & 18's League Tournament	TBA
June 22nd (Monday)	Exeter-Milligan vs Meridian 8's Meridian 10's @ Hebron Meridian 18's @ Friend	6:30 p.m./7:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m./7:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m./8:00 p.m.
June 24th (Wednesday)	Meridian 10's @ Geneva	6:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.
June 26th, 27th, 28th	District Softball @ Hastings	TBA
July 1st (Wednesday)	Sutton vs Meridian 8's	6:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.
July 10th, 11th, 12th	Class C State Tournament	TBA
July 17th, 18th, 19th	Class D State Tournament	TBA

* Home games are BOLD



2015 SFS BASEBALL SCHEDULE

June 2nd (Tuesday)	Meridian vs McCool (PW, AL, NL)	5:50, 7:00, 8:30 p.m. @ Tobias
June 4th (Thursday)	Meridian vs DeWitt (PW) Meridian vs Dorchester (AL) Meridian vs DeWitt M (NL)	5:50 p.m. @ DeWitt 7:00 p.m. @ Dorchester 8:30 p.m. @ DeWitt
June 9th (Tuesday)	Meridian vs Plymouth White (PW) Meridian vs Plymouth Blue (AL) Meridian vs E-M North (NL)	5:50 p.m. @ Plymouth 7:00 p.m. @ Plymouth 8:30 p.m. @ Tobias
June 11th (Thursday)	Meridian vs Geneva Black (PW, AL, NL)	5:50, 7:00, 8:30 p.m. @ Geneva
June 16th (Tuesday)	Meridian vs E-M South (PW, AL) Meridian vs Wilber White (NL)	5:50, 7:00 p.m. @ Tobias 8:30 p.m. @ Tobias
June 18th (Thursday)	Meridian vs McCool (PW, AL, NL)	5:50, 7:00, 8:30 p.m. @ McCool
June 23rd (Tuesday)	Meridian vs E-M North (PW, NL) Meridian vs E-M South (AL)	5:50, 8:30 p.m. @ Exeter 7:00 p.m. @ Milligan

Tournaments: PW @ Wilber-June 26, 27, 28 AL @ Tobias-June 25, 27, 29 NL @ Geneva-June 28, 30, July 2

2015 LEGION BASEBALL SCHEDULE

June 7th (Sunday)	Meridian vs Wilber	7:00 p.m. @ Daykin
June 10th (Wednesday)	Meridian vs Tri County	8:00 p.m. @ DeWitt
June 14th (Sunday)	Meridian vs Adams	6:30 p.m. @ Adams
June 17th (Wednesday)	Meridian vs Edgar	7:00 p.m. @ Edgar
June 27th (Saturday)	Meridian vs Tri County	7:00 p.m. @ Daykin
June 28th (Sunday)	Meridian vs Adams	6:30 p.m. @ Daykin
July 1st (Wednesday)	Meridian vs Geneva	7:00 p.m. @ Geneva
July 9th (Thursday)	Meridian vs Wymore	7:00 p.m. @ Daykin
July 15th (Wednesday)	Meridian vs Wilber	7:00 p.m. @ Wilber
July 19th (Sunday)	Meridian vs Geneva	7:00 p.m. @ Daykin
July 21st (Tuesday)	Meridian vs Wymore	7:00 p.m. @ Wymore
July 24th-28th	Districts	TBA

**Additional Legion games may be added by the coaches

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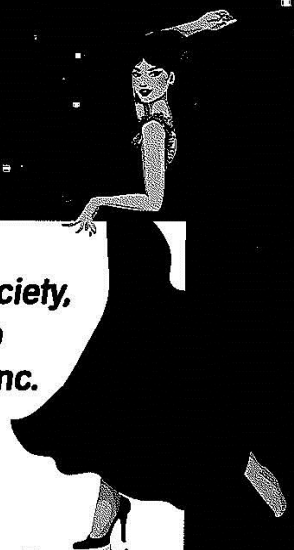
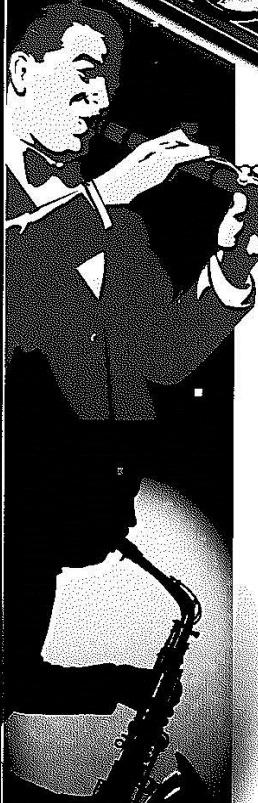
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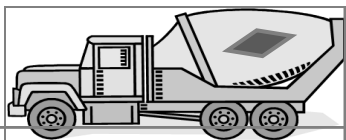


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