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Newsletter

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September, 2014

Newsletter–August 2014
Superintendent
Randy Kort

“Off and running...”

I wanted to personally say thank you to everyone who has made the start of the school year so successful. This has been a great start and I expect this to continue throughout the school year. Once again we have many new faces as staff, students and administration so please continue to do your best in helping everyone feel welcome. The start of the year has presented our staff with the opportunity to educate 216 students, this is an increase of 42 students (almost 25%) from the end of school last year. With this increase, we are continuing to make adjustments with transportation, locker space, desks, chairs, and books. Once again, thank you to everyone for your continued support of the Meridian Public Schools.

The Board of Education has scheduled the Annual Budget Hearing on Monday, September 15, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 113. The Annual Tax Request Hearing has been scheduled for 7:15 p.m. on Monday, September 15, 2014, in Conference Room 113. The regular monthly meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m. If you have any questions about the school or school budget please feel free to contact Mr. Kort at the school 402-446-7265.

Employment Opportunities:

Meridian Public Schools has the following positions open:

Assistant Boys Basketball Coach

Substitute bus drivers

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Randy Kort at Meridian Public Schools, PO Box 190, Daykin, NE 68338, Phone: 402-446-7265, Email: rkort@meridianmustangs.org.

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. We will print the routes and schedules in the October newsletter.

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 the student will not be riding the bus, contact the school and leave a message for the driver.

Alexandria Area Route

Janell Heiserman

402-749-4450 or 402-300-1704

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402-300-0252 or 402-300-1722

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402-243-2292 or 402-300-1705

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Charles Houser

402-446-7407 or 402-300-1707

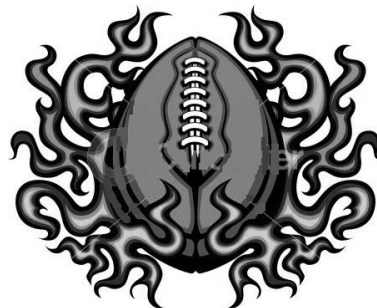
Substitute driver: Allen Lintz

Activity Passes:

Activity passes are available this year at the following prices: Adults = \$40; K-12 = \$30; Golden Passes (over 65) = Free. Please contact Trish Endorf at the school for your pass.

Activity Calendar Changes:

There **will not** be a Jr. High Football game on **September 2, 2014**. The Jr. High Football game against Tri-County on **October 6, 2014**, will begin at **4:30**. This is a time change on the start.



Board of Education
Meridian Public Schools
District 48-0303
Daykin, Nebraska 68338
Monday, August 18, 2014

Regular August 18, 2014 Meeting 7:00 P.M.

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on August 18, 2014, as per notice Fairbury Journal News.

President Wolfe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The open meeting law information was presented. Members present were Miller, Frank, VanWesten, and Wolfe. Also present were Superintendent Kort, Principal Scott, Erin VanderSchaaf, ReNee Henry, and Nancy Paul.

VanWesten moved and Miller seconded to excuse board member Jackson. Vote taken: Miller-aye, Frank-aye, VanWesten-aye, and Wolfe-aye. Motion carried 4-0.

Frank moved and Miller seconded to approve consent agenda as follows:

1. Minutes of the July 21, 2014 Regular Meeting
2. Districts Financial Report
3. Activity Fund Report
4. Hot Lunch Report
5. Bills

Vote taken: Miller-aye, Frank-aye, VanWesten-aye, and Wolfe-aye. Motion carried 4-0.

Miller moved and Frank seconded to transfer 2014 Budget funds into the depreciation account in the amount of \$265,000. Vote taken: VanWesten-aye, Miller-aye, Frank-aye, and Wolfe-aye. Motion carried 4-0.

VanWesten moved and Frank seconded to transfer 2014 Budget funds into the activity accounts in the amount of \$30,000. Vote taken: Miller-aye, Frank-aye, VanWesten-aye, and Wolfe-aye. Motion carried 4-0.

Miller moved and VanWesten seconded to the approval ALICAP as the schools



worker's comp coverage with a premium of \$13,417. Vote taken: VanWesten-aye, Miller-aye, Frank-aye, and Wolfe-aye. Motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent Kort and Principal Scott discussed the increase in enrollment and the effects on bus routes.

Superintendent Kort informed the board on the vacancy created by Mussman's resignation. No action, tabled until the September meeting.

Superintendent Kort gave a list of the upcoming NASB meetings. The area meeting is September 3rd, in York.

Superintendent Kort provided a listing of the compliances the board/administration has approved and have been met for the 2014-2015 school year.

Principal Scott reported:

1. Enrollment
2. Attendance at open house
3. Back to School Bash
4. ACT and NESAs scores will be released

Superintendent Kort reported:

1. Busing
2. Staff Meetings
3. HVAC update
4. Maintenance agreement for HVAC system
5. Scheduling East Butler for 2015 Conference
6. Grounds upkeep
7. Teacher groups and organizing
8. Roofing bids for the future
9. Power School server changes, possible COOP

Dr. Mike Lucas led a Board workshop to discuss the expectations of the superintendent. This is part of the contract with McPherson & Jacobson L.L.C and will help with creating an evaluation document.

The 2014-2015 Budget Hearing and Budget Summary will be held at 7:00 September 15, 2014. This hearing will be followed by Final Tax Request at 7:15 p.m.



Next Regular Meeting was set for Monday, September 15, 2014 – 7:30 p.m.

VanWesten moved and Frank seconded to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Vote taken Frank-aye, Miller-aye, VanWesten-aye, and Wolfe-aye. Motion carried 4-0.

Jay VanWesten,

Secretary Meridian District # 48-0303



The 2014-2015 school year is off to a great start. On Thursday, August 14, we held our beginning of the year open house. Attendance was tremendous. The M-PIE and Foundation provided a hot dog meal and ran out of food at the end of the evening. The first day of school was Friday, August 15. We held an assembly in the gym with all of the students and teachers. The new teachers were introduced. We had all new students stand and be recognized. That was 25% of the student body!

Friday evening was the "Back to School Bash." This was well attended by the junior high and senior high students. Mr. Baber and Mr. VanderSchaaf grilled hot dogs. A dance followed the hot dog meal. Students were well behaved and "a good time was had by all."

We are back into the routine of full school days. Everyone has been very flexible as we work out the details of schedules. We continue to make adjustments to best meet the needs of our students. Laptops were checked out on Monday, August 18 to those high school students that returned their paperwork. For many it was like getting reacquainted with an old friend.

Students are doing a great job of getting to school on time. The school day starts at 8:00 a.m. The warning bell rings at 8:05 a.m., and the first class begins at 8:10 a.m. We will continue to set high expectations for students to be in class on time. If you

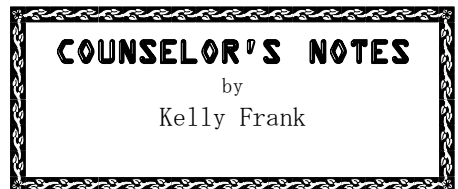
have in your mind that school starts at 8:10 a.m., chances are you may run late. Remember, "To be early is to be on time; to be on time is to be late." Be ready to start class as soon as the tardy bell rings. If you are walking into class as the bell rings, we lose valuable educational time. Buses arrive around 8:00, so we do allow those students time to get breakfast, but they are still able to get to class on time.

Activities are in full swing and students are preparing for some early performances. On Friday, August 29, 2014 the high school band is scheduled to march at the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island. The high school football team has the home opener also on Friday, August 29 vs. Osceola starting at 7pm.

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, September 24, from 4:00-9:00pm and Thursday, September 25, from 2:00-5:30pm. We'd love to have 100% attendance!

Early releases for September are Wednesday the 17th and Thursday the 25th. There is no school on Monday, September 1 or Friday, September 26.

Here's to a positive start to the new school year. "Let's Get Fired Up"! Go Mustangs!



Upcoming Dates

September 3 rd -19 th	NWEA MAP Testing Grades 3-11
September 10 th	ASVAB Test for Juniors
September 13 th	ACT test date
September 17 th	SCC College Fair for Juniors and Seniors (morning only)
September 19 th	ACT Registration date
September 24 th -25 th	Parent-Teacher Conferences



Thank you, thank you to those who attended the Open House on August 14th. It was exciting to see the new faces to Meridian and it was a good chance for those returning to check out the school before the first day. A special thanks to M-PIE and the Meridian Foundation for providing the hotdog meal that night. Several door prizes were given out as well. These students won a prize from the drawing:

- Jasmine Daniels Chance Vanderpool
- Kolby Schafer Taelyn Filipi
- Tucker Simms Seth Noel
- Kylee VanWesten Cartman Boomgaarn
- Alyssa Haake Emilee Aldrich
- Alex Bartolome Chase Schafer
- Shaysah Burkhart Isaiah Ellis
- Hayden Specht Kymber Schwisow
- Drew Niederklein Zaira Alonso-Sandoval
- Wyatt Dunn Baxter Beals
- Kaylee Pribyl Carlos Dimas
- Allyson Kort Jake VanWesten
- Blayne Schelbitzki Jaicee Sobotka



Front Row (L to R): Nancy Paul (Pre-K), McKenzie Hofstetter
Back Row (L to R): Shawn Pohlmann (6th), Natalie Meyer (5th), Alexis Henk (3rd), Mary Houchin (1st), Robbin Hergott (2nd), Pat Schwan (K), Ali Bower (4th), Judy Grummer (Elem. Secretary)

2nd GRADER HAS HEART

McKenzie Hostetter, a 2nd grade student at Meridian, held a bake sale this summer. She raised \$95 and bought school supplies for students that couldn't afford to buy their own. McKenzie presented bags of school supplies to the elementary teachers at the beginning of the school year. Thanks, McKenzie, for going above and beyond to show your Mustang pride!

MERIDIAN ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

The Meridian Enrichment Program is designed to meet the diversified cognitive, emotional, and social needs of high-ability learners, by providing differentiated educational services,

within and beyond the regular classroom. The Enrichment Coordinator will evaluate all students (K through 12) to see if they qualify as high-ability learners. The areas for qualification include intellectual, academic, specific academic, creativity, leadership, and visual and performing arts. The initial identification process will be completed within the first thirty days of school. However, the identification process is on-going; thus, additional students may qualify any time during the school year. Parents who feel their child might meet the qualifications for placement in the Enrichment Program, should feel free to contact Mrs. Bachle at school. Also, if anyone has questions concerning the Enrichment Program, they should address them to Mrs. Bachle.

National Honor Society

To be a member of the National Honor Society at Meridian students must have a 92.0% GPA or higher and uphold the qualities of Leadership, Character, Service, and Scholarship. Currently, there are 10 members in NHS.

Recently the group met to elect officer for the 2014-15 school year. Officers are:

- President - Ty Brakhage
- Vice President - Lupe Dimas
- Secretary - Blair Hofstetter
- Treasurer - Ann Endorf
- Public Relations - Jake VanWesten

Other members include:

- Brandon Jackson
- Ricky Nunez
- Mikayla Schafer
- McKehna Bartels
- Brooke Massa

Look for upcoming information on projects sponsored by NHS this year.

MUSICAL NOTES

With growing enrollment at Meridian, our music ensembles have been growing, too! Both high school band and choir have around 35 students enrolled, the junior high band is at 28, and we will have around 24 students in elementary band. With all of our

students who are new to band, we will gladly take any donated instruments!

The high school band students at Meridian are wasting no time preparing a new piece for marching at the State Fair on August 29th at 10:15. If you are in Grand Island, make sure you wave to the Mustangs along the parade route! If you can't make it to the fair, the Yorkfest Parade, beginning at 10:00 on September 6th, is another great opportunity to see the marching Mustangs.

Don't forget that any alumni and/or friends of the band are always welcome to bring your instrument and play in pep band! Our first pep band is at the first home football game on August 29th. Thanks for supporting your musicians!

STUCO NEWS

Oh boy! Where did Summer Vacation go? As soon as the new school year began, Student Council didn't hesitate to get started on the busy year. Wait, where are my manners, I almost forgot to introduce myself! As the new public relations, Crystal Nuñez, I have replaced Guadalupe Dimas. No worries, I guarantee I will do a very spectacular job as his replacement, perhaps even better!

Let's take it back a bit to when the new officers were elected; like any other year Student Council voted for their new officers towards the end of the year. Brandon Jackson received the majority of votes winning President, Guadalupe Dimas as Vice President, McKehna Bartels as Secretary, Blair Hofstetter as Treasurer, Shelby Homolka and Mikayla Schafer both as historians, and of course me, Crystal, as Public Relations Officer.

Student Council did not just wait until the new school year started to get busy, but also used the summer for a couple of jobs. In the month of July and August Student Council got together for landscaping. A few members walked around picking up any trash around the school building, others pulled weeds from the sidewalk in front of the building and in the kid's playground. Meanwhile, many other members planted flowers in the front side of the building. Ultimately the two times Student Council got together for landscaping no time was



wasted to beautify the school. Besides the summer landscaping Student Council rejoined for a summer meeting. Throughout the meeting much was discussed about the first day of school assuring that everything was ready to go. Homecoming was also brought up in the meeting, that being one of Student Council's main projects of the school year, or more like main stress causer.

Student Council did not waste anytime to make everyone feel welcomed to school. On the first day Student Council handed out popsicles as a treat at the end of the day, which is always great! As always the Back to School Bash was held on the same night as the first day of school welcoming 7-12 students. The Student Council members provided a meal for \$1 before the dance. The members are planning on having their weekly meetings on Wednesdays at 3:15, a slight alteration from last year.

Although this summer went by blazing fast, we all must move on and enjoy the new school year. This being the first

time, wouldn't you say I did a spectacular job? Please contact any Student Council member like myself for any questions or comments.

The One and Only Spectacular,
Crystal Nuñez
Public Relations

M-PIE

M-PIE is once again selling Meridian Mustang apparel. Available this year are screen-printed t-shirts, performance tees, sweatshirts and hooded sweatshirts. Embroidered items available are jackets, polo's, dry-fit tees and baseball caps. In addition to apparel, MPIE also has stadium seats available for \$35. Please contact Kathy Houser at Meridian Public Schools if you are interested in a baseball cap or stadium seat. All other items can be ordered by returning the order form included in this month's newsletter along with your payment to Meridian

Public Schools. If you have any questions on ordering items, please contact Kathy. All orders are due by September 8, 2014.

THANK YOU!

At this time, Vintage Tech LLC would like to thank the Meridian School District and surrounding area for your business and your concern for the environment. We are devoted to the recycling of all electronics, and our programs are designed to give you the lowest destruction cost on non-marketable material while protecting the environment. Thanks for supporting the Vintage Tech/Meridian Schools co-sponsored project, Recycling Electronic and Household Items. We collected almost 11,000 pounds for recycling this year; an increase from just under 8,000 pounds last year. We would like to thank Kathy Houser, who headed the project, and Chandler Burkhart, Connor and Corin Paul for helping load the materials. Their help was greatly appreciated by the company.



2 PERSON SCRAMBLE

September 14, 2014

Hidden Hills Country Club, Geneva, Nebraska

\$40.00 per person; 18 holes, golf cart (if available), continental breakfast and lunch included. Golf carts are limited, if you bring your own cart price will be reduced.

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:30 A.M. WITH TEE TIME AT 9:15 A.M. RSVP is required to ensure cart. RSVP to Deanna Brakhage (402-418-0120); OR Hidden Hills Country Club (402-759-3084)

5th Annual Cheer Classic Meridian Cheerleaders

**McKehna Bartels, Jordan Daniels, Shelby Homolka, Bridgette Jackson, Shianne Mattson,
April Nelson, Crystal Nuñez**



2014 2nd Semester ~ Renaissance Winners

RED Level – all A's: Jaicee Sobotka, Adeline Beals, Rylee Pieper, Brooke Massa, Erin Johnson, Blair Hofstetter, McKehna Bartels, Brandon Jackson



BLACK Level – 85% average or above: Brianna Barton, Ashley Durlinger, Shea Eyer, Fred Kujath, Sara Most, Miguel Dimas, Grant Endorf, Allison Klipp, Breanna Miller, Baxter Beals, Isaiah Ellis, Jordan Daniels, Bridgette Jackson, Jake VanWesten, Lupe Dimas, Ann Endorf, Victoria Johnson, Mikayla Schafer, Ashli Soukup, Thomas Swoboda



WHITE Level – raise GPA by .500%:

Zach Garton, Cordel Krupicka, Cala Krupicka, Michelle Brinkmann



Meridian Renaissance

--A recognition program for students who display academic excellence along with exhibiting exemplary attendance, discipline, and punctuality habits.



MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

Our band numbers are growing and we have an immediate need for instruments

We welcome any donations of used, and preferably working :), instruments

If you are wanting to sell your instrument, please contact Mrs. VanderSchaaf at 402-446-7265 so she can match you up with a student who is looking to buy

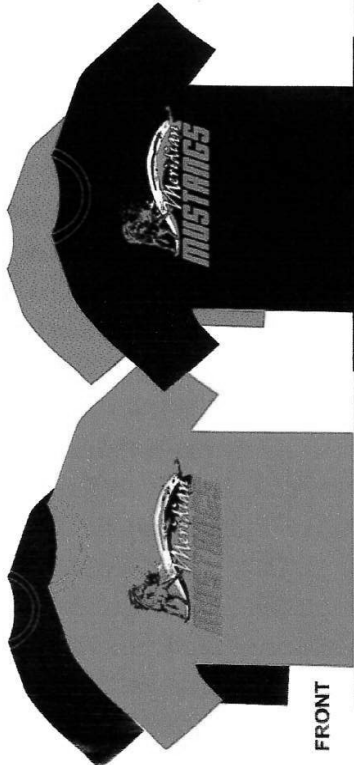


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BACK

Name on back of shirt

PERFORMANCE TEE

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R B	Yth S	@ \$10	R B	Yth S	@ \$14
R B	Yth M	@ \$10	R B	Yth M	@ \$14
R B	Yth L	@ \$10	R B	Yth L	@ \$14
R B	Small	@ \$10	R B	Small	@ \$14
R B	Med	@ \$10	R B	Med	@ \$14
R B	Large	@ \$10	R B	Large	@ \$14
R B	XL	@ \$10	R B	XL	@ \$14
R B	2XL	@ \$13	R B	2XL	@ \$17
R B	3XL	@ \$13	R B	3XL	@ \$17
TOTAL \$ _____			TOTAL \$ _____		

7.75 oz HOODED SWEATSHIRT

Circle Color:	QTY	TOTAL	Circle Color:	QTY	TOTAL
R B	*Yth S	@ \$20	R B	*Yth S	@ \$20
R B	*Yth M	@ \$20	R B	*Yth M	@ \$20
R B	*Yth L	@ \$20	R B	*Yth L	@ \$20
R B	Small	@ \$20	R B	Small	@ \$20
R B	Med	@ \$20	R B	Med	@ \$20
R B	Large	@ \$20	R B	Large	@ \$20
R B	XL	@ \$20	R B	XL	@ \$20
R B	2XL	@ \$23	R B	2XL	@ \$23
R B	3XL	@ \$23	R B	3XL	@ \$23
TOTAL \$ _____			TOTAL \$ _____		

Name on back of shirt

NAME for the back 1: _____
 shirt style/color: _____
 NAME for the back 2: _____
 shirt style/color: _____
 NAME for the back 3: _____
 shirt style/color: _____

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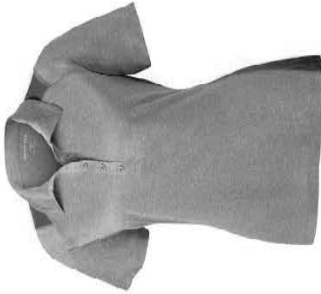
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TOTAL: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: "M-PIE"



ORDER Deadline: SEPTEMBER 8

Name: _____ Phone #: _____



BLACK COAT			
Circle Color	Size	Quantity	Total
Black	Yth XS	@ \$40.00	_____
Black	Yth S	@ \$40.00	_____
Black	Yth M	@ \$40.00	_____
Black	Yth L	@ \$40.00	_____
Black	Yth XL	@ \$40.00	_____
Black	Ladies XS	@ \$40.00	_____
Black	Ladies S	@ \$40.00	_____
Black	Ladies M	@ \$40.00	_____
Black	Ladies L	@ \$40.00	_____
Black	Ladies XL	@ \$40.00	_____
Black	Ladies 1XL	@ \$40.00	_____
Black	Ladies 2XL	@ \$42.00	_____
Black	Ladies 3XL	@ \$42.00	_____
Black	Men XS	@ \$40.00	_____
Black	Men S	@ \$40.00	_____
Black	Men M	@ \$40.00	_____
Black	Men L	@ \$40.00	_____
Black	Men XL	@ \$40.00	_____
Black	Men 1XL	@ \$40.00	_____
Black	Men 2XL	@ \$42.00	_____
Black	Men 3XL	@ \$42.00	_____
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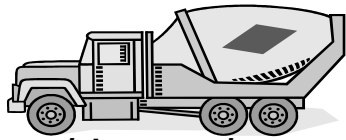
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Gray & Red	Ladies L	@ \$25.00	_____
Gray & Red	Ladies XL	@ \$25.00	_____
Gray & Red	Ladies 1XL	@ \$25.00	_____
Gray & Red	Ladies 2XL	@ \$27.00	_____
Gray & Red	Ladies 3XL	@ \$27.00	_____
Gray & Red	Ladies 4XL	@ \$27.00	_____
Gray & Red	Men XS	@ \$25.00	_____
Gray & Red	Men S	@ \$25.00	_____
Gray & Red	Men M	@ \$25.00	_____
Gray & Red	Men L	@ \$25.00	_____
Gray & Red	Men XL	@ \$25.00	_____
Gray & Red	Men 1XL	@ \$25.00	_____
Gray & Red	Men 2XL	@ \$27.00	_____
Gray & Red	Men 3XL	@ \$27.00	_____
Gray & Red	Men 4XL	@ \$27.00	_____
Total \$			_____

MEN'S DRY-FIT TEE			
Circle Color	Size	Quantity	Total
Gray & Red	Men XS	@ \$18.00	_____
Gray & Red	Men S	@ \$18.00	_____
Gray & Red	Men M	@ \$18.00	_____
Gray & Red	Men L	@ \$18.00	_____
Gray & Red	Men XL	@ \$18.00	_____
Gray & Red	Men 1XL	@ \$18.00	_____
Gray & Red	Men 2XL	@ \$20.00	_____
Gray & Red	Men 3XL	@ \$20.00	_____
Gray & Red	Men 4XL	@ \$20.00	_____
Total \$			_____

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