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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, 2019

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Superintendent
Randy Kort

Welcome Back!

The Meridian staff is excited to start the 2019-2020 school year. Meridian welcomes Mrs. Morin, our new vocal music teacher (Ms. Drees will be moving to the instrumental instructor), and Mrs. Peters, our new FCS teacher. We are pleased to add Mrs. Kotas, assistant cook, Mrs. Endorf, the new elementary para, Mrs. Hinrichs as para in the secondary, and our new elementary secretary, Kelly Kanost, to our staff.

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.

Thanks to MPIE for arranging the food and drinks at the Open House. Thanks also go to Mr. VanderSchaaf and Ms. Drees for sponsoring the back to school dance for the secondary students.

Students began on August 15th and we opened our doors to a total of 228 students.

Athletics begin this week at Meridian with the volleyball team playing a jamboree game on Tuesday, the 27th, with a start time of 5:00 pm. against Thayer Central and Deshler at 6:00. The games will be played at Hebron. Friday August 30th, the volleyball and football teams open their seasons with home games against Blue Hill. The JV Volleyball will begin at 4:00 followed by the varsity game. The football game will begin at 7:00 pm.

The band will be marching at the state fair on Monday, August 26th, at approximately 11:00 AM.

Board of Education

The Board of Education has scheduled the Annual Budget Hearing on Sunday, September 15, 2019, at 12:30 p.m. in

Conference Room 113. The Annual Tax Request Hearing has been scheduled for 12:45 p.m. on Sunday, September 15, 2019, in Conference Room 113. The regular monthly meeting will follow. If you have any questions about the school or school budget please feel free to contact Mr. Kort at the school 402-446-7265.

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 for the driver.

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
402-300-1708

Western/Daykin Area Route

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

Tobias/Western Area Route

Wendy McKenzie
402-300-1705

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, 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 19, 2019**

REGULAR AUGUST MEETING

7:00 P.M.:

Meridian Public School Board of Education met on Monday, August 19, 2019, as per notice in the Fairbury Journal-News.

President VanWesten called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The open meetings law was presented.

Nothing new was added to the agenda.

Roll call was taken: Vorderstrasse-absent, Niederklein-present, Sobotka-present, Bartels-present, Scheer-absent, and VanWesten-present. Also present were Superintendent Kort, Principal Scott, and Josiee Sobotka.

Sobotka moved and Niederklein seconded to approve the absence of Scheer and Vorderstrasse. Vote take: Niederklein-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, and VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 4-0.

There were no comments made by the public.

Bartels moved and Sobotka seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows.

1. Minutes of the Monday, July 15, 2019 Regular Meeting
2. District Financial Report
3. Activity Fund Report
4. Hot Lunch Fund Report
5. Bills

Vote taken: Niederklein-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 4-0.

The Curriculum Report was heard. Josiee Sobotka gave the Board an update on the Student Council's planned activities for the year.



Discussion was held on dates for the Area Workshop and State Meeting.

Niederklein moved and Sobotka seconded to approve School Safe Transportation Policy 5506. Vote taken: Niederklein-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Bartels moved and Niederklein seconded to approve the transfer of 2018-2019 Budget Funds to Activity Account. Vote taken: Niederklein-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Sobotka moved and Bartels seconded to approve the Resolution to Pay Off Outstanding Bonds. Vote taken: Niederklein-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Principal Scott gave the Principal's Report.

1. Student Count is 128 PK-6th and 100 7-12th: Total = 228 Students
2. Current NSAA Count is 50
3. Reminder of 3:12 Friday Dismissals
4. Welcome new Faculty: Kelly Garcia -Spanish, Gabby Morin-3rd-12th Vocal Music, and Kim Peters-FCS
5. Welcome new staff members Kim Kotas-Assistant Cook, Kelly Kanost-Elementary Secretary, Michaela Endorf-Elementary Para, and Stephanie Hinrichs-HS Para
6. Welcome Exchange Students Francesca Stella and Gretje Gloede
7. Marching Band to NE State Fair on August 26th
8. VB Jamboree Games at Thayer Central, August 27th at 5:00 p.m.
9. First Football Game Friday, August 30th, Home Versus Blue Hill
10. VB Versus Blue Hill Home on August 30; JV at 4:00 p.m. and Varsity at 5:00 p.m.

Superintendent Kort gave the Superintendent's Report.

1. Concrete Poured
2. Bus Options
3. Discuss Negotiations
4. Fall Sports Participation: Football 17 and Volleyball 15
5. Projected Budget and Tax Levy; Valuations Decreased in all Counties Homecoming Moved to October 11th
6. Foundation Tailgate September 20th -Tri County FB Game

Next regular meeting was set for Sunday, September 15th, 2019. Budget Hearing at 12:30 p.m., Tax Hearing at 12:45 p.m. with regular meeting to follow.

Sobotka moved and Niederklein seconded to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. Vote taken: Niederklein-aye, Sobotka-aye, Bartels-aye, VanWesten-aye. Motion passed 4-0.

**Jason Bartels,
Secretary Meridian District #48-0303**



Student count for 2019-2020
(as of 8-12-19)

PreK	12	7 th	16
Kindergarten	13	8 th	13
1 st	19	9 th	19
2 nd	17	10 th	18
3 rd	13	11 th	14
4 th	20	12 th	<u>20</u>
5 th	14		
6 th	<u>20</u>		
	128		100
Grand Total	228		

This includes 30 new elementary, 2 new junior high, and 2 foreign exchange students.

NSAA 9th-11th Count -
Our current 9th through 11th grade NSAA count is 51. Last year's count was 58, 2 years ago equaled 60, the count 3 years ago was 67, 4 years ago we had a count of 59, and 5 years ago we had 46.

I would like to remind everyone that we will once again dismiss at 3:12 p.m. on Fridays. We ask that parents be aware students will be dropped off 30 minutes earlier on Fridays!

We would like to welcome our new faculty members:
Kelly Garcia - Spanish
Gabby Morin - 3rd-12th vocal music
Kim Peters - FCS

We want to welcome our foreign exchange students:
Francesca Stella from Italy is being hosted by the Mike Hofstetter family and Gretje Gloede whose host family is the Robert Schropfers.

The marching band will be at the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island on Monday, August 26 at 11am.

Volleyball Jamboree game will be at Thayer Central in Hebron on Tuesday, August 27, at 5pm.

Both volleyball and football teams have home games versus Blue Hill on Friday, August 30th. JV volleyball will play at 4pm, followed by the varsity at 5:30. The first football game of the year will start at 7pm.



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 lkruse@meridianmustangs.org.

- Important Upcoming Dates:**
Month of September
 NWEA MAP testing in grades 3-11
Thursday, September 5
 ACCUPLACER Test for any interested Junior or Senior
Wednesday, September 11
 University of Nebraska - Lincoln (Juniors)
Wednesday, September 18
 Explore It! Career Fair (Sophomores/Juniors)
Wednesday, September 25
 Careers in Ag Day (Juniors in Ag Classes)
Wednesday, November 13
 Peru State College Visit (Freshman)
Wednesday, October 2
 SCC College Fair (Juniors/Seniors)
Wednesday, October 9
 Hastings College (Sophomores)
Friday, October 11
 EducationQuest Financial Meeting @ 2:00 p.m. (Seniors - Parents are welcome to attend as well)
Wednesday, October 16
 PSAT for interested Juniors

Seniors...3 must-do tasks for this fall!
1. **Apply to your top college choices.**
If your school participates in Nebraska's *Apply2College* campaign in October, 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 Program on October 11 to learn about types of financial aid and the FAFSA. By attending, you can register to win a \$500 scholarship!
5. Find free FAFSA Tools at EducationQuest.org to help you prepare for and complete the FAFSA.

Adult Ceramics Class

Adult Ceramics Class is once again being offered to the community. If you are interested in attending the class is held on Wednesday evenings from 7 - 9 pm in the high school Art Room. The cost is \$5 per evening plus cost of finished ceramics. The first class is Wednesday September 4, if you have any questions please contact Mr. Placek at (402) 446 - 7265 ext. 1274 between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm.

STRIV VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Meridian streams a majority of school events to the Internet for people to watch at home. If your child is in 6th grade or older and is interested in filming these activities, please have them contact Mrs. Schropfer at Meridian. Your child would not be responsible for every event as other students will also be filming. Students would be responsible for transportation to and from the school.

Benefits for volunteering include:

- Free admission to that event
- One free popcorn and pop for the event your child is filming
- Filming experience

Here is what is expected:

- Show up for assigned events.
- Show up 15 minutes before start time
- Call Mrs. Schropfer if unable to attend assigned event

Again, if your child is interested, please contact Mrs. Schropfer at Meridian or call 402-446-7265.

FFA

Over our busy summers, Meridian FFA was not resting. Officers kicked off the summer by attending COLT Conference (Chapter Officer Leadership Training) at the Leadership Center in Aurora. While there, we learned more about our roles as an officer and how to work together as a team.

On May 23rd, Zach, Wyatt, Drew, Brayden, Sonny, Patrick, Jaslyn, and Kim traveled up to Duncan (west of Columbus) to help a farmer clean up his pasture and fix fence that was destroyed by the devastating March flooding.

Throughout the summer, SAE (Supervised Agricultural Experiences) visits also took place. Ms. Wollenburg visited several different students' SAE projects to see what they were up to, set goals, and plan which classes and FFA contests would benefit them the most.

In July, Meridian FFA had five delegates attend NAYI (Nebraska Agricultural Youth Institute) - Fred, Hector, Sonny, Wyatt, and Zach. At the institute they learned more about careers in agriculture, heard from speakers, gained leadership experience, and networked with industry professionals and peers from all across Nebraska.

Meridian FFA had multiple people showing in the surrounding fairs. Four students competed at the Saline County Fair. In the beef show: Kymber Schwisow receiving 4 ribbons, Erika Schwisow receiving 5 ribbons, and Chase Bartels receiving 3 ribbons. In the swine show, Kolby Schafer earned 3 ribbons.

At the Jefferson County Fair, four students competed. In the small animal and poultry show, Kailyn Paul earned 10 ribbons and Jackson Huls earned 4 ribbons. In the horse show, Erin Kujath earned 9 ribbons. In the beef show, Keagan Sones earned 1 ribbon.

We took part in a community service project in Daykin at St. John's

Lutheran Church. Members helped clean up and landscape around the church.

Members volunteered their time to help at the Jefferson County Progressive Ag Safety Day. Members helped set up, teach, lead, and clean up the event.

We held our first FFA meeting on August 10th at Lone Star Rec Area to inform parents/members about the upcoming year. The FFA sign up sheet is in Ms. Wollenburg's room. More information about the upcoming year in FFA will be sent out soon!

Thanks to all who helped out and represented Meridian FFA so well throughout the summer!

Upcoming Events:

- Husker Harvest Days - September 11 (Officers)
- Careers in Ag Day - September 25 (Juniors & Seniors in ag classes)
- October 1 - FFA Concessions at volleyball game vs. Nebraska Lutheran
- October 2 - Area Land Judging Contest
- October 7 - Connecting Chapters Training from 4-6 at Fillmore Central

Sincerely,
Nylah Moody
2019-2020 Reporter

STUCO

School is now in session! The first couple of weeks went by fast. The Student Council was busy preparing for school and making sure the school is a welcoming environment this past month. This included welcoming the new teachers, hosting the Back-to-School Bash, and selling planners to students. Stu-Co also decorated the sidewalk and front windows before the Open House.

Each year the Student Council sets new goals. Stu-Co's goals for this are increasing student involvement within the school, collaborate with other organizations, and be more of a voice for the student body. The Student Council plans to work on these goals throughout the entire year. Stu-Co also looks forward to serving the school and its community this year!

Wishing you a happy school year!
Public Relations, Brynn Holtmeier



2 PERSON SCRAMBLE

September 15, 2019

Hidden Hills Country Club, Geneva, Nebraska

\$35.00 per person; 18 holes, continental breakfast and lunch included.

Golf carts are limited, \$15.00 additional fee for a 2 person golf cart. Please RSVP for a golf cart!!!!

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 8:30 AM WITH TEE TIME AT 9:00 AM

RSVP is required to ensure cart. RSVP is encouraged for all interested, please RSVP to Deanna Brakhage at 402-418-0120. No rain date scheduled.

✓ *Pay out and pin prizes*

❖ *Mulligan's available.*

11th Annual Cheer Classic

Meridian Cheerleaders



Recycle-Recycle-Recycle

American Recycling out of Lincoln will be accepting Electronic and Household Electronics for RECYCLING.

This is a community service and open to all area communities. Please bring items that you would like to have recycled to the Meridian School (Metal shop in back just south of the Wellness Center) anytime on the following days. (Please call the school so we have someone available to help during the week. Kathy Houser will be there on Sat. and Sun.) (402-446-7265)

**Monday - Friday, August 26th- August 30th
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday – Friday, September 3rd – 6th
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, September 7th
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, September 8th
1:00-5:00 p.m.**

NOTE... The event will be free of charge with the exception of CRT monitors and microwave ovens which will be charged \$10 each. All printers will be charged \$2 cents or 21 cents a pound for heavier models. All TV's will be charged \$1.00 per inch.

Items accepted:

Computers, Laptops, Monitors, LCD's, Printers (\$2.00 or 21 cents a pound COST), Cell Phones, 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 (\$10 cost), Christmas lights, lamps, toasters, blenders.

Non-Accepted Items Include:

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



Return Order Forms to: **Jamie Niederklein or Meridian Schools / 402-446-2080** by: **SEPTEMBER 6TH, 2019**

PHONE NUMBER: _____

NAME: _____



NAME / NUMBER - BACK

NAME for the back 1: _____ NUMBER (optional) _____
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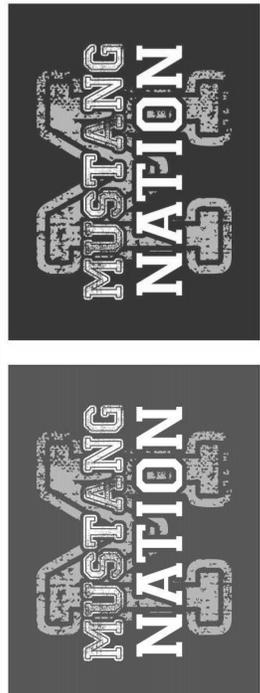
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TOTAL \$ _____

Gildan G800 / G800B 50/50 T-Shirt **Gildan G840 / Jerseys 29B 50/50 L/S T-Shirt** **Gildan G180 / G180B 50/50 Crew Sweatshirt** **Gildan G185 / G185 50/50 Heavy Hood**

Circle One (Red, Red or Dark Heather)	QTY	TOTAL	Circle One (Red, Red or Dark Heather)	QTY	TOTAL	Circle One (L/K, Red)	QTY	TOTAL
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RH	Yth L	@ \$12	T	Yth L	@ \$16	RH	Yth L	@ \$22
RH	Yth XL	@ \$12	T	Yth XL	@ \$16	RH	Yth XL	@ \$22
RH	Small	@ \$12	RH	Small	@ \$16	RH	Small	@ \$22
RH	Med	@ \$12	RH	Med	@ \$16	RH	Med	@ \$22
RH	Large	@ \$12	RH	Large	@ \$16	RH	Large	@ \$22
RH	XL	@ \$12	RH	XL	@ \$16	RH	XL	@ \$22
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RH	3XL	@ \$15	RH	3XL	@ \$19	RH	3XL	@ \$25
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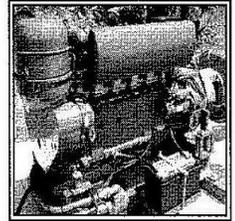
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