

Daily Attendance Rate Goal: 93%
Current All School Daily Attendance Rate: 93.26%
Current Grade Level Leader: 3rd Grade 93.91%

Daily Attendance Ahead of Last Year

On a weekly basis I update families with our average daily attendance rate for the school year, and if you look a few lines you will notice that to this point in the school year it's 93.26%. I am proud to report that we are a full 1.41% ahead of last year at this time, 91.85%. This is outstanding! Daily is a pillar of what we stand on for the advancement of our students academically and socially. As I have stated in the past, if they are not present at school consistently then they are not learning. Obviously, there are going to be reasons to miss, but the consistent attendance of children at school has proven research to support their overall development. This is a moment in the school year as we reach December and celebrate a victory and progress within our school community. I want to thank our families for making school attendance a continued priority and our teachers for creating a relationship and environment for students that they want to be in. Now, with that being said, we have to keep the progress going in the right direction from here to the end of the school year. I want to celebrate where we are at, but let's keep it going, please! Let's go MAC community!

Have a great weekend!

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Meramec Prop P Project: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FngNnR6ij-0>

Official Meramec Spirit Wear Store:

<https://1stplacespiritwear.com/schools/MO/Arnold/Meramec%20Heights%20Elementary%20School>

Important Dates:

December 6th: Pictures with Santa at Meramec
December 14th: Student Leadership Meeting at 8:15am
December 19th: Sky Zone Fundraiser Trip
December 19th: Winter Holiday Classroom Parties from 2:00-3:00pm
December 20th-January 2nd: Winter Break
January 3rd: School Resumes

Mouse Races: Get your table or individual tickets for the upcoming parent club MOUSE RACES on Saturday, January 27th! This is an adults only evening and an absolute blast of a

time at Andre's West Banquet Center from 6:30-10:00pm. The evening is full of mouse races, raffle items, silent auction, chuck-a-luck and all kinds of other fun activities. There is a discount for reserving a table and any entrance to the event includes beverage service for the evening. LET'S PACK THE HOUSE FOR OUR STUDENTS!

Pictures with Santa at Meramec: Pictures with Santa is Wednesday, December 6th. At this time the reservation slots for Pictures with Santa are all FULL. For families that secured a slot PLEASE make sure that you adhere to the slot you signed up for. For families that did not secure a slot there will not be walk ups that evening due to the tight schedule.

Kiwanis Club Event: Please see the attached flyer regarding information on an upcoming Holiday event.

Fox C-6 Speaker Series: The school district is presenting various speakers and topics throughout the school year. Please see the attached flyer for the next scheduled events coming up:

FREE & Reduced Lunch Form: It's extremely important that ALL families fill out the Free and Reduced Application. Last year our building made it a goal to have **80% of the families to complete the application** whether they believe they will qualify or not, and we met that goal so every student received a **Kona Ice** snow cone. That will once again be our goal for the upcoming school year. ALL FAMILIES can complete the application online in Infinite Campus when they follow these steps:

Steps to complete the application through Infinite Campus

- Log into Infinite Campus
- Select "More" from the menu on the left side of the screen
- Select "Meals Benefits"
- Select "Meal Benefits Application"
- Complete the 12 steps and submit all required information

Counselor Monthly Newsletter: Please see the attached newsletter from our counselor Mrs. Randall.