

Daily Attendance Rate Goal: 93%
Current All School Daily Attendance Rate: 97.42
Current Grade Level Leader: 4th Grade 98.41

Meramec Heights as a Title 1 School

Last week's message to the community encouraged everyone to take some time to fill out the free and reduced application for this school year. The result of those applications leads to Meramec Height being identified as a Title 1 school. Title 1 is a federal fund that provides schools with supportive funding to help provide learning support to students. Over the years Meramec has benefited greatly from the additional funding and utilizes that to enhance learning from supplying teachers, resources, learning experiences and much more. With the additional funding comes requirements and guidelines that we need to follow to ensure we utilize the funding correctly. It's extremely important that we kick that off by informing our community that we are identified as a Title 1 building and we receive the funds to spend on learning this school year. An example of something we have purchased for our students is Reading Plus, an online reading program. Since the purchase of this item over the past three years we have observed great growth in our reading scores on the MAP test. In grades kdg-2nd we have utilized funds to implement a research based phonics resource to help instruct our students on learning to read. This school year we will once again utilize the funds to enhance and support learning throughout The Mac. One item that I want to share with all families to kick off this school year is our Fox School District Title 1 Compact School/Principal Agreement. This document outlines the responsibilities of the school administration, staff and families. Please take a moment to review the document and know that we will once again commit to providing the best education possible to your child.

Compact:

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:

View Important Dates Document for Entire School Year:

September 19th: Mrs. Fields School Wide Fundraiser Kick Off

September 20th: Student Leadership Meeting at 8:00am

September 22nd: Mid-Quarter
October 2nd-5th: Book Fair Preview
October 3rd: Mrs. Fields Fundraiser Orders Due
October 4th: Fall Skate Night from 6:00-8:00pm at Rock Roll O Rena
October 5th: Fall Picture Retake Day
October 6th: No School for Students
October 9th-13th: Book Fair Open for Purchases
October 10th: Parent Club Meeting 6:00pm
October 12th: Book Fair Family Night from 4:00-8:00pm
October 19th: Student Leadership 8:00am
October 20th: Kdg/1st Grade Fire Prevention Presentation
October 20th: End of the 1st Quarter

Fox School District Speaker Series: The Fox School District is providing families with the opportunity each quarter of the school year to attend guest speakers that will present information pertaining to specific topics. Please review the attached flyer for more information.

District Care Closet: The Fox School District has a care closet that provides various items to families in need. The care closet has an upcoming clothing drive. Please review the details on the flyer for how you can contribute.

Change in Daily Dismissal Plans: There are times throughout the school year when a dismissal plan for a student will change during a school day. If that happens, your safest plan to ensure that information gets to the teacher is to call the school and provide that information to the school secretary. Our teachers are not constantly checking email throughout the day so there are times they may not see an email request. This is especially true for any time after 2:00pm, please call the office to report a change in a child's dismissal.

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.