



Meneley Monthly Messenger – October 2017

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Ms. Rugger's Message

We had a wonderful start to the school year because of all the support from our families, students, staff and volunteers. I want to thank you for your dedication to our students and hope you will continue to be a part of our school community. Participating in various events, using the website, checking grades in Infinite Campus, attending PTO meetings, and parent/teacher conferences will keep you connected to the school and informed of ways to support student achievement.

We have completed MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing, which gives us information on where students are academically and their areas of growth. Encourage your student to always do their best on assessments. This insures the data is accurate of the student's performance. MAP parent brochures are being printed and will be distributed in the near future.

I would like to welcome our new Kindergarten Teacher – Teresa Rose. Bringing a fourth kindergarten class to our school reduces our class sizes allowing for more personalized education for our kindergarten students.

I am very proud of our students for working hard on academics and behavior. We have 498 students and it is important all students follow C. C. Meneley's expectations on being Respectful, Responsible and Safe. We are giving lots of Positive Behavior Tickets as we catch students showing expected behaviors!

Way to go Meneley Mountain Lions our 9th annual Walk-A-Thon was a huge success and we raised over \$18,220.69 for our school. There were several volunteers, including our PTO who organized the event. Everyone put in a great deal of time to make this happen and we truly appreciate everyone's efforts and contributions – thank you.

Together In Education,

Becky Rugger



Counselors Corner

We have some great resources for families located right here in this Valley! Tahoe Youth and Family in Gardnerville has counseling services for youth and adults as well as a fantastic mentoring program where children ages 4-17 are matched with a qualified mentor. I have applications for children to be mentees; in addition, I also have applications for adults to be mentors. All mentors are fingerprinted and must go through training to be a mentor. Fabulous connections and great fun from going to the movies, to swimming, to skiing at no cost are just some of the benefits of a mentor/mentee relationship. You can also call, go online, or stop by Tahoe Youth and Family at 1512 US Hwy. 395 Suite 3 or call them at (775) 782-4202. (www.tahoeyouth.org)

We are also lucky to have Family Support Council of Douglas County. They offer a variety of services such as mediation, support groups, and advocacy; family resources, parenting classes, and CPR classes; prevention support for violence/danger and drug and alcohol evaluations. In addition, the FISH Family Service Center is now open at 921 Mitch Dr. in Gardnerville. They have clothing, hygiene items, coaching, life skills, budgeting/finances, employment referrals, community referrals, and food referrals. This organization gives a Hand-UP not a Hand-OUT. They are extremely helpful and we are very lucky to have them in our Gardnerville Ranchos community. Stop by or call 775-265-FISH (3474).

If you have any questions regarding resources in our community, feel free to contact me at kemm@dcsd.k12.nv.us or

775-265-3154 ext. 1506. Please know that I am here to help support both students and families!



It's that time again! Walk to School Day is coming up on October 4 and our school is excited to be joining with schools across Nevada to walk to school. There will be prizes, fun, and safety, and we hope you'll join us. Anyone can participate! Here are some tips on how to make walking work for your family!

1. Allow plenty of time to get to school. You might want to try walking to the school over a weekend to see how long it takes to get there.
2. If you live too far away to walk from home, drive to a friend's house that lives closer and walk from there instead.
3. See if any other families on your street are planning to walk to school and form your own Walking School Bus! Designate a meeting location, or have everyone join the bus as it goes past their house!
4. Ask your student to practice safe walking with you. Be sure to practice looking both ways, obeying traffic signs and signals, and being aware of road hazards.
5. If you are unable to walk to school with your student, maybe a friend's parent, an older sibling, or a sitter would be willing to walk with your son or daughter. You may find walking to school is the best part of the day! It gives you a chance to spend time with your child/children, and walking to school with friends is a lot of fun for children! Try it out, and you may want to make walking to school a regular activity!



Thank you to our students who were able to support those impacted by the recent floods and hurricanes. C. C. Meneley students raised \$100.04 for the hurricane relief fund. Thank you for every penny,

C. C. Meneley Elementary School Mission Statement

C. C. Meneley challenges and supports students to be the best they can be in a caring and respectful environment.

to someone in need *You Made A Difference.*



National School Lunch Week

National School Lunch Week is October 10-14. We have some exciting things happening in the cafeteria during this week! First, you may have seen the mountain bike that spent a few days at the kitchen. The school who increases their participation the most during this week will have their tickets entered in a drawing to win one of the two mountain bikes. The drawing will be held on October 21.

Second, we are inviting parents to come and have lunch with their student(s) on Friday, October 13. If you would like to purchase hot lunch to enjoy with your student the charge is \$3.75. Promoting our meals is important and this is a great opportunity for parents to come in and see what we offer, as well as to have lunch with their child.



Cold Weather Is Coming...

With the weather changing, we want to remind parents when your child leaves for school to send them with sweatshirts and jackets. Please be sure to put your child's name inside clothing that may be shed during recess and/or PE so these articles of clothing can be found in the event they are left somewhere. If you are in need of a coat or jacket for your child and the cost just doesn't fit into the budget right now, please contact Sherree or Lisa in the school office, we have a collection of outer garments available for children.



Breakfast/Snack/Lunch Program

As a reminder, blue Free and Reduced Meal Applications have been sent home with your child. If you wish to utilize this service, you need to complete the application form and return it to the school for our Nutrition Office to review. Remember, you must reapply for the Free and Reduced Meal Program every school year and then must also receive a letter stating your application has been approved. The cutoff date was September 27 – on this date the temporary carryover of those who have not renewed their free and reduced application expired. If you have access to a computer we recommend you complete the application online as the process is much quicker.

Flu Vaccination Clinic

The Carson City Health and Human Services will offer a Flu Vaccination Clinic on October 10 at C. C. Meneley. For your child to participate, you must complete and sign a Consent Form and send the consent form to your child's teacher prior to October 10.



Spirit Fridays!

Remember to wear your C. C. Meneley shirt or our school colors (blue, white, silver) on Fridays. If you do not already have a Meneley shirt, we have them for sale in the office - \$7 for short sleeve and \$13 for a hooded pullover sweatshirt – we have two designs to choose from (thank you to the Douglas High School screen printing students who created these fabulous designs). Go Meneley Mountain Lions!

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

Our next PTO meeting is on Tuesday, October 3 at 3:30 PM! You can also reach our PTO via email at ccmespto@gmail.com.

Medication for Students

Medications must be brought to school by a parent or guardian and the appropriate Medication Assistance Request form filled out. This applies to prescription medications, inhalers, Epi-pens, etc. This applies to all medication (including over the counter – like cough medicine, ibuprofen). In order for the nurse to administer any OTC meds, the form will need to be signed by a parent / guardian.



Fall is here! I would like to review our school's Halloween festivity plans for those who choose to participate. Students, who wish to wear a costume, may come to school dressed in costume on Tuesday, October 31st. Please keep in mind we have young children at our school so scary costumes are not appropriate. We will have a whole school costume parade at the start of the day, students will then change out of their costumes into school appropriate clothing to be ready for instruction and typical classroom activities, followed by breakfast type treats (juice, milk, fruits, yogurt, muffins, granola...). Teachers will send home reminders and more information regarding the classroom plans as we get closer to the date. Alternative activities will be available for those students who do not choose to participate.



BINGO

Bingo is returning to C. C. Meneley! Mark your calendars for: October 12, December 14, February 15 and April 12 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM in the CCMES Commons. Cash prizes, children's prizes,

pizza and snacks will be sold. If you would like to volunteer with this event, please contact Mrs. Michitarian at pmichita@dcsd.k12.nv.us.



What's New In The CCMES Library

Library has begun! Each class visits the library every other week. Kindergarten & first grade students check out one book which will remain in their classroom. Students in 2nd-5th grade check out two books and have the option to take books home. Most teachers require one book stays at school, while the other book may go home. Books have a two-week loan period with the option to renew. There are no fees for late books; however, damaged or lost books will result in a replacement fee that will need to be paid before students can check out any more books.

We also encourage you to visit the Douglas County Library in Minden and make sure your children have library cards. The public library has a fabulous collection of materials for children and adults, and an amazing staff to help users. It is OPEN Monday-Wednesday, 10

AM-7 PM, Thursday-Friday, 10 AM-6 PM, & Saturday, 10 AM-5 PM and is closed on Sundays. A link to the County Library is on our school's website. For more information, you can call them at (775)782-9841.

Non-Discrimination Policy

The Douglas County School District does not knowingly discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national or ethnic origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, or disability in admission or access to, treatment, or participation in its programs and activities. All programs, classes, and opportunities are available to all students. If you have questions or concerns contact your School Teacher, Counselor, Administrator or DCSD Equal Opportunity Officer, Assistant Superintendent of Education Services at 775-782-7179.



Our lost and found rack continues to overflow with jackets, sweaters and other student belongings. Please check with your child and see if they have misplaced any clothing or other personal items. Clothing which goes unclaimed for a

period of time will be donated. *Please be sure to put your child's name inside clothing that may be shed during recess, PE and other activities so these articles of clothing can be found in the event they are left somewhere.*



During the school day, students sometimes have an accident and are in need of a change of clothes. If you would like to make a donation, we are in need of the following articles of clothing:

- Boys pants & shirts – sizes 4-8
- Girls pants & shirts – sizes 4-12

Thank you, we appreciate any donations you can provide. Donations can be dropped off at the office.

Project School Days

A special thank you to Project School Days and our community of organizations and volunteers who make "Project School Days" such a success in ensuring students have the materials needed to succeed in school. Every request was honored and is greatly appreciated. Thank you to the businesses and organizations for making Project School Days possible.

Upcoming Events:

- October 3 PTO Meeting – Library, 3:30 PM
- October 4 Walk To School Day
- October 4 2nd Grade Environmental Science Education Field Trip
- October 6 Kindergarten thru 4th Grade – Transportation School Bus Assemblies, 9:50-11 AM
- October 6 Great American Giftwrap Assembly
- October 9-13 National School Lunch Week
- October 10 Flu Immunization Clinic, 8:30-11:30 AM – parent signed permission forms required
- October 11 90 Minute Late Start – school starts at 10:20 AM**
- October 12 Bingo, 5:30-7 PM
- October 13 National School Lunch Week – Lunch with Parents Day – come join your student for lunch!
- October 16 Parent Teacher Conference Day – No School for Students**
- October 19 The Great Nevada Shake Out, 10:15 AM
- October 19 Fall Picture Retakes
- October 20 Great American Giftwrap money due
- October 23-27 Nevada Day Holiday / Fall Break – No School**

October 31 Halloween Parade, 9-10:00 AM
November 2 Grades 1-5 Reading Food For Thought – *more details to follow!*
November 7 PTO Meeting – Library, 3:30 PM
November 10 Veteran’s Day Holiday
November 17 Teacher Work/PD Day – No School for Students
November 22 Non-School Day
November 23-26 Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend
Nov. 28-Dec. 1 Scholastic Book Fair
November 28 Literature Fair
December 1 Parent Teacher Conferences – No School for Students
December 5 PTO Meeting, 3:30 PM
December 7 Art Show
December 13 **90 Minute Late Start – school starts at 10:20 AM**
December 14 Bingo, 5:30-7 PM
December 21 Merry Market Night



PBIS At Home **October 2017**

Family Involvement in School-wide PBIS

Schools implementing PBIS are typically eager to have participation from parents and families. So, get ready to get involved! In the early stages of PBIS, schools will often send a letter discussing:

- “The Rules” or a set of simple expectations, developed by the school, to communicate what is expected of all students in all areas of the school.
- Rewards used to reinforce positive behavior.
- Consequences of choosing to go against the rules.

As parents, this letter provides you with a great tool! You can review the letter with your child so both of you understand what is expected at school. Ask your child, “Do you understand these rules? Do you think you can follow these rules at school?” This is also an opportunity to talk about your expectations at home. Consider posting the expectations on your refrigerator door and use them for reference. Don’t forget, you must inspect what you expect!

Get Involved in Your School’s PBIS Initiative

- Learn more about PBIS.
- Join the PBIS Leadership Team at your child’s school.
- Review the PBIS materials sent home with your child.
- Learn “The Rules” that have been implemented at your child’s school and create consistency by enforcing them at home.
- Encourage other parents and family members to take an active role in PBIS.
- Share the PBIS successes from your family with your child’s PBIS leaders.