



Meneley Monthly Messenger – September 2017

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Ms. Rugger's Message

Welcome Meneley families and friends! We are excited to begin a new year together and we would like to welcome new staff members:

Dr. Lisa Noonan – 4th Grade Teacher

Lara Wall – 2nd Grade Teacher

Amy Sheridan – Playground Aide

Maria Landau – Playground Aide

Be sure to give them a big Meneley welcome when you see them!

I am looking for parent volunteers who would like to participate in our School Performance Plan and Safety Committee. If you are interested, please contact me at brugger@dcsd.k12.nv.us or 265-3154.

Throughout the year, your children will be working hard in the classroom on a variety of subjects they will be studying. We are asking our families to possibly donate some of the much needed school supplies we will need throughout the school year including:

- 24 Pack Crayola Crayons
- Washable Markers
- Crayola Colored pencils
- Regular #2 pencils
- Kleenex
- Clorex wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Glue sticks
- Elmer's Glue bottles
- Wide/college ruled paper
- Scotch tape

Your help in donating the above listed supplies is greatly appreciated. Furthermore, your donations are not limited to just the beginning of the year. Feel free to send items in whenever possible – your classroom teacher may have a specific list of items, which they can use throughout the school year. Thank you in advance for your assistance, we look forward to creating and learning with your children!

The staff is eager to help students achieve new goals and the students appear ready to learn. We thank you all in advance for attending our Welcome Ice

Cream Social, Back to School Night, Kindergarten Orientation and 5th grade Food For Thought events. We look forward to a great year of learning and growth.

Together In Education,



Absent From School?

Please call the office (265-3154) when your child is going to miss school for any reason. You have **72 hours** after the absence to verify it or the absence will be considered truant.



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. The cutoff date is September 27 – on this date the temporary carryover of those who have not renewed their free and reduced application will expire. 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.



Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program

Through the Nevada Department of Agriculture we are fortunate to have the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program at our school. What does that mean for your student? Twice a week students will receive different fresh fruits and vegetables to try – so far they have had the opportunity to try Sweet Sapphire Grapes and Kolhrabi. The goal of this program is to:

- Increase student's consumption of fruit & vegetables.
- Expand the variety of fruits & vegetables student's experience.
- Create healthier school environments by providing healthier food choices
- Assist children in making healthy food choices.
- Provide nutritional education in the classroom.

Please encourage your child to take advantage of this program by trying some of the fruits and vegetables offered each week!

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

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.

these fabulous designs). Go Meneley Mountain Lions!

**CCMES Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser
Sept. 15 starting at 9:00 AM
on the East Playground Field**

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

PTO welcomes all parents, grandparents and staff to be active in your school. Come learn about your school and all the fun things PTO helps to support behind the scenes.

Please help us with our big fundraiser, the "CCMES Walk-A-Thon". This is a major event for the school and we hope you will support us any way you are able. Last year the money raised at the Walk-a-Thon paid for transportation so our children could enjoy those field trips after district budget cuts. We also were able to help teachers buy supplies for special projects in their classrooms. Money also went to provide the special event assemblies for the students. Please look for the Walk-A-Thon flyer to come home in your child's Student Folder to sign up to participate.

Make this a great year at CCMES by being a part of your child's future. Share your ideas at our next PTO meeting on Tuesday, September 5 at 3:30 PM! You can also reach our PTO via email at ccmespto@gmail.com.

Sick Children

Some of you might be unsure of when/if you should keep your child home. Below are guidelines from the Douglas County School District to help you: If your child exhibits any of the following symptoms, they should stay home until these symptoms are not occurring:

- Vomiting – in the last 24 hours
- Diarrhea (more than 3 loose stools) in the last 24 hours
- Fever of 100 or higher, in the last 24 hours
- Severe cold symptoms – colored drainage from nose, sore throat or persistent cough
- Rashes with fever or behavioral change
- Unusual color of eyes, eye drainage, or matted eyes in the morning

Parent Portal & Parent Computer Kiosk at CCMES

Do you have your parent account set up in Infinite Campus? If you have not done so and need your log-in to be able to access your student's account, please stop by the office to receive this information. This is a great way to stay current on your child's progress. You can email a teacher, view real-time attendance, and catch up on your child's class assignments and grades (in grades 3-6) as well as put money on your student's cafeteria account. If you don't have access to the Internet at home, we have a Computer in the entryway at CCMES to provide you with the capability to access your child's grades.

Important Automated Phone/Email Messages to Families

Our school district uses an automated message service provider. Automated messages can go to phone, email and text. For the text messaging to work parents / guardians need to "opt in" through Infinite Campus. Important school announcements are sent to remind families of the free vaccination clinics, snow days and other important events. Please be sure we have your current telephone number(s) and email address(es) so you can receive these important announcements. If you now utilize your cell phone as your main number and/or have an email address, please log into Infinite Campus and update your information. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 265-3154.



Fall is right around the corner. I would like to review our school's Halloween festivity plans. 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 the real scary costumes are not appropriate. We will

have a whole school parade at 9:00 AM followed by breakfast type treats (juice, milk, fruits, yogurt, muffins, granola...), students will then need to change out of their costumes into appropriate clothing to be ready for instruction and typical classroom activities. Teachers will send home reminders and more information regarding the classroom plans as we get closer to the date.

No Pets On Campus

We have signs posted indicating no pets on campus. Please remember some students have allergies and fears of animals so for safety and health reasons, we ask your pets only visit when special arrangements are made directly with your child's teacher.



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 will visit 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.

High Quality Teachers

In accordance with No Child Left Behind legislation, the teachers at C. C. Meneley Elementary School meet the qualifications for "high quality teachers". Teacher qualifications are available for review by request at the school office.

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.

Parent Involvement Overview (DCSD Board Policy 226)

A complete copy of Board Policy 226 is available on the DCSD website or from your school office. A copy of your school's Parent Involvement Plan is available from your school office.

The Douglas County School District is a competency-based educational system that recognizes parent and family

involvement is essential to academic achievement. The term "parent" refers to any caregiver who assumes responsibility for nurturing and caring for students. Although parents come to our schools with diverse cultural backgrounds, primary languages, and needs, we assume they share a common interest in an excellent education for their children. School personnel, in collaboration with students, parents, and families, must establish and develop programs and opportunities which enhance parent and family involvement and reflect the needs of all involved. Douglas County School District staff members are always willing to talk to any parent or family who has a concern regarding the educational process in our competency-based education system and the educational success of their child. The Board of Trustees encourages parents to make such contacts. Only through parents and schools working together can a child's full educational potential be achieved.

Upcoming Events:

September 4	Labor Day Holiday – No School
September 5	PTO Meeting, 3:30 PM
September 11	Grandparents Breakfast – Commons, 7:30-8:45 AM
September 12	3 rd Grade Food For Thought, 5-7:00 PM
September 13	90 Minute Late Start – school starts at 10:20 AM
September 14	Fall Pictures
September 15	Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser – C. C. Meneley East Field, Starts at 9:00 AM
September 19	Preschool Food For Thought, 5-7:00 PM
September 22	Walk-A-Thon Awards Assembly – Commons, 2:00 PM
September 25	Professional Development Day – no school for students
September 26	4 th Grade Food For Thought, 5-7:00 PM
September 27	Free & Reduced Meal Cut-Off Date (application renewals must be turned in and approved prior to this date)
October 3	PTO Meeting – Library, 3:30 PM
October 3	Grades 1-5 Reading Food For Thought Program, 5-7:00 PM
October 4	Walk To School Day
October 6	Great American Giftwrap Assembly
October 9-13	National School Lunch Week
October 10	Flu Immunization Clinic, 8:30-11:30 AM
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 17 Kindergarten Reading Food For Thought, 5-7:00 PM
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 7 PTO Meeting – Library, 3:30 PM
November 10 Veteran’s Day Holiday



“Walking on Sunshine”

WALK-A-THON

Annual PTO Fundraiser

Friday, September 15, 2017

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

Volunteers are welcome and needed to count laps and help with the event.

