MEEKER MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Jeff Pelzel, Principal Julie Lynch-Allen, Assistant Principal Andy Thrush, Educational Assistant



August 2009

August 25—Orientation
August 31—1st day of school
September 7—No School
September 24—Open House

Paperless Newsletter



Our monthly newsletters are available on the Meeker website http://www.kent.k12.wa.us/ksd/MK/

If you do not have access to a computer and would like the monthly newsletter mailed to you please let the main office know (see opt-in form on last page). The newsletter is posted on our website by the 5th of each month.

From the Administration:

We are excited about starting the 2009—2010 school year at Meeker. We are taking this opportunity to share some important information with you.

On Tuesday, August 25, we will have orientation at Meeker for all students. During this orientation students will:

- ◆Have an opportunity to purchase ASB membership
- ◆Have an opportunity to pay for a yearbook
- ◆Receive bus pass, schedule, KSD calendar, locker . . .
- ◆Check out the PTSA information (see pages 7-8)

We are looking forward to seeing you, so please join us on August 25! The schedule and prices are on page 2 (If you want to skip the cashier line, see page 3 for pre-pay options).

School Hours

Academic Day begins at 8:35am and ends at 3:01pm Office hours are from 8:00 am to 3:45 pm

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FOOTBALL CONDITIONING CAMP

Aug 24 - Aug 27

3:00 pm-4:30 pm

Location: Meeker Middle School

Athletic Field

All 09-10 Meeker Students are invited.

Must have physical forms completed



ORIENTATION AND SUPPLY LIST

2009—2010 ORIENTATION TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2009

SEVENTH GRADERS

Students with last name beginning with A-H	8:00 am -	9:00 am
Students with last name beginning with I-P	9:00 am -	10:00 am
Students with last name beginning with Q-Z	10:00am –	11:00 am

EIGHTH GRADERS

Students with last name beginning with A-H	12:00 pm –	1:00 pm
Students with last name beginning with I-P	1:00 pm -	2:00 pm
Students with last name beginning with Q-Z	2:00 pm -	3:00 pm

At Orientation students will receive:

- ◆Locker
- ◆Schedule
- ◆Bus pass
- ◆*Picture purchasing information (pictures taken Sept. 10)

Pay For: (See pg. 3 for pre-pay options)

- **♦**ASB
- ♦Planner
- ◆PE shirt
- ◆PE lock
- ♦Yearbook

Meeker accepts cash or checks only. Please make checks payable to <u>Meeker Middle School</u>. We do not accept anything larger than \$20.00 bills.

SUPPLY LIST

- o Three-inch—3 ring binder
- Paper-college ruled (replenish as needed)
- 6 subject dividers for binder
- Pencil pouch for binder
- 6 spiral notebooks, 70 page, one subject-style-different colors
- # 2 pencils (Approx. 12-carry 3 with you-replenish as needed)
- Colored pencils-12 count
- Low-odor dry erase marker (Math class)
- Highlighter (keep one with you, replenish as needed)
- Ruler-12" with holes to keep in binder

- Eraser
- Blue or black ink pens (carry 2 at all times)
- Notecards-lined (3x5)
- Scientific calculator (Approx \$10.00)
- TI 83 + graphing calculator Optional (Algebra students only)
- Backpack- stored in locker during the school day
- PE shorts (PE shirt-required-available for purchase only at school)
- PE sturdy tennis shoes
- Student handbook/planner (available for purchase only at school)
- Kleenex

Individual teachers may request additional items

LABEL EVERYTHING IN PERMANENT MARKER

^{*}School and ASB pictures will be taken September 10th. All students will have their picture taken regardless of whether or not they will purchase them.

^{**}If 8th graders have a Meeker PE shirt and/or lock, they don't need new ones.



PRE-PAY FEES FOR THE

2009-2010

SCHOOL YEAR

If you would like to avoid the long cashier lines at orientation, please complete the following information and mail it to Meeker along with your check(s) or money order(s) after August 13, 2009.

Make the check(s) or money order(s) payable to MEEKER MIDDLE SCHOOL for the exact amounts. Please include your student's name and ID number in the lower left corner of the check.

Other information:

- ID cards are required for all students. They will be issued free of charge on picture day (September 10). There is a \$5.00 charge for replacement of student and laptop ID cards.
- An ASB validation is recommended for all students. It is required for all students participating in athletics, clubs, and activities.
- Yearbooks are available for pre-order from now until December. They are a fun way to remember the school year and your student's time in middle school.

If you have any questions feel free to call 253-373-7284.

WARNING: If you wait to pay at Orientation you can expect to be in line for up to an hour or more.

STUDENT NAME:			Student's 6 digit ID $\#$ (same as tech or lunch ID) :
GRADE:	PARENT NAME IF DIFFER	RENT:	
ASB Validation \$15.00 required for sports & clubs	ASB Validation & Yearbook COMBO \$35.00 (optional)	Yearbook ONLY without ASB \$25.00 (optional)	TOTAL Check # 1 for ASB & Yearbook S CHECK#
			TOTAL Check # 2 for PE shirt, lock & planner/ID \$ CHECK#
P.E. T-Shirt \$5.00 REQUIRED	P.E. Lock \$5.00 REQUIRED	Planner/Laptop ID \$6.00 REQUIRED	If 8th graders have a Meeker P.E. shirt and/or lock, they do not need to purchase a new
All required prepaid items will passed out to your student du first week of school.		MENT AFTER	MEEKER MIDDLE SCHOOL ATTENTION CASHIER 12600 SE 192 ST.



SPORTS

2009-2010 Middle School/High School Interscholastic Participation Information

Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) requires that:

▶ Prior to the first participation in interscholastic athletics, a student shall undergo a thorough medical examination and be approved for interscholastic athletic competition by a medical authority licensed to perform a physical examination. WIAA regulations state that those licensed to perform physical examinations include MD, Doctor of Osteopathy DO, Certified Registered Nurse (ARNP), Physician's Assistant (PR), and Naturopathic Physicians.

Kent School District requires that:

- ► A current physical examination is completed prior to participation at the middle school level (grades 7-8) and must be dated **AFTER JUNE 1ST OF THE 6TH GRADE YEAR**. **No exceptions!**
- ► A current physical examination is completed prior to participation at the senior high level (grades 9-12) and must be dated **AFTER JUNE 1ST OF THE 8TH GRADE YEAR**. **No exceptions!**

A letter from the Athletic Director, Don Forney and Principal, Jeff Pelzel...

Future Meeker Pioneer Fastpitch and Football Players:

The Meeker Pioneers hope that you will have an interest in joining a sport in the fall of 2009. In order to make sure you are ready for the first day of turnouts, remember that you need to have Kent School District Athletic Registration/Physical forms fully completed. These forms will be available all summer in the main office at Meeker.

Coach Wilton is excited to meet the young ladies trying out for fastpitch. The first fastpitch tryout will be on Tuesday, September 1st, right after school until 5:15.

Football players are invited by Coach Ramirez and the football staff to a pre-season conditioning camp that will be held on the Meeker field on Monday, August 24 through Thursday, August 27 from 3:00-4:30 pm. Players will also need to have Physical/Registration forms complete in order to take part in the conditioning camp. Football practices will start on Monday, August 31st, right after school until 5:15.

Again, we are looking forward to you joining the Pioneer athletic family. If you or your parents have any questions regarding sports at Meeker Middle School for next year do not hesitate to contact us at 253-373-7284.

The following sports are offered at Meeker:

1st Quarter

- » Football (non-cut)
- » Girls Fastpitch (cut)

2nd Quarter

- » Gymnastics (non-cut)
- » Boys Basketball (cut)

3rd Quarter

- » Wrestling (non-cut)
- » Girls Basketball (cut)

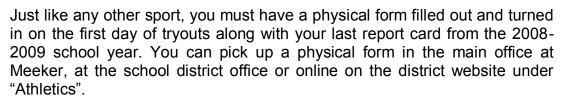
4th Quarter

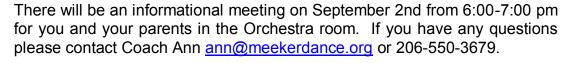
- » Track (non-cut)
- » Girls Volleyball (cut)
- » Boys Baseball (cut)



MEEKER DANCE FREE SPORTS PHYSICALS

The Meeker Dance team will be holding a one week camp/open tryouts September 14th -18th in the upper gym from 3:15 to 5:15 right after school. If you missed tryouts in May or you want to tryout again or just want to see what the dance team is all about come and join us for a week of dance. You will be learning a hip hop dance choreographed and taught to the Meeker Dance Team officers by **Shane Sparks** who is best known for his choreography on "So You Think You Can Dance".







FREE SPORTS PHYSICALS ON AUGUST 15

9:00 AM — 12:00 NOON

Kent Meridian (KM) High School has worked with Valley Medical Center and secured a date for them to provide on-site physicals at KM. Free physicals are available to all KSD student athletes. Students need to bring with them a signed Minor Consent Form (if parent is not present) (see back of this page) and a KSD Sports Physical Forms (found at al KSD schools, including Meeker).

If you plan on attending, you must call 425-656-INFO in order to reserve a spot.

DON'T FORGET:

- ► CALL (BEFORE 8-15-09) TO LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE COMING
- ► SPORTS PHYSICAL FORMS AND MINOR CONSENT FORM
- ►KM 9-12 ONLY

MEEKER MEEKER

MINOR CONSENT FORM

CONSENT TO MEDICAL CARE AND TREATMENT OF MINOR CHILDREN

Health care providers often cannot treat or care for children without consent from parents or legal guardians. This can cause problems when parents or guardians cannot be reached by the provider to obtain consent in non-emergency situations, or when further treatment is indicated after an emergency has been stabilized. An advance authorization for the person(s) caring for your child can help in these situations. Such an authorization also can be useful in emergency situations, even though consent to treat is generally implied in emergency situations.

- ◆ Complete this form and leave it with the person who is responsible for your child in your absence.
- I, _______, the natural parent / legal guardian of ______ authorize and consent to medical, surgical and hospital care, treatment and procedures to be performed for my child by a licensed physician or hospital when deemed necessary or advisable by the physician to safeguard my child's health and I cannot be contacted. I understand that consent to treat is generally implied in emergency situations, and I waive my right

In case of a need for medical treatment this form should be brought with the child to the hospital or provider.

I cannot be contacted. I understand that of informed consent to such treatment time I cannot be contacted.	nt consent to treat is ge	enerally implied in emerge	ncy situations, and I waive my ri								
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86-0340-9 (03/05) www.valleymed.org

Meeker Middle School PTSA

everychild.onevoice

12600 SE 192nd St., Renton, WA 98058

PTSA-Presidents Suzette Willmore 253-852-6797 and Mariann Kallaher mariannh@kallaher.org Membership Chair: Open

Dear Parents, Staff, Students and Community Members,

PTSA is a non-profit volunteer association that seeks to unite the home, school, and community on behalf of children and youth. The PTSA at Meeker sponsors several programs and committees including Meeker Responders, Bookfair, Staff Appreciation and an the grade party celebration to name just a few. The PTSA also provides a voice in the Washington State PTA Legislative Assembly, articipates in the National PTA Reflections program, and provides support to our school and community. PTSA news and information can be found in the monthly Meeker Middle School newsletter that can be found online at www.kent.k12.wa.us/ksd/MK/ewsletters.htm									
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	PTSA books (January & July)		Volunteer Coordinator		Choir				
	Staff Appreciation		Bookfair		Band				
	Spirit Sale		Fun Run Volunteer (Fall)		Meeker Responders				
	Membership		Health Room Volunteer		Fundraising				
	Field Trip Chaperones		After School Activities		8th grade Party				



PTSA -Continued-

Benefits of joining Meeker Middle School PTSA

In addition to the following discounts from the National PTA, Meeker PTSA will provide a weekly summary of morning school announcements to all members that provide an e-mail address with their completed membership form. You will no longer need to wonder if you received important information regarding upcoming events. It will be delivered to your inbox!

BARNES&NOBLE

National PTA and Barnesandnoble.com have developed a discounted online bookstore for PTA members featuring over one million titles of books, textbooks, audio books, music, DVDs, and videos. Members will save 5 percent off all purchases ordered from this site in addition to any normal site discounts of up to 40 percent. Orders of \$25.00 or more qualify for Fast & Free delivery within 3 business days or less (see site for details).



MetLife Auto & Home® has worked with PTA to bring PTA members a group insurance program that comes with special savings and benefits. This program includes competitive benefits and superior discounts for members.



The PTA/Sharp Electronics member store is now available to offer you valuable member discounts on Sharp AQUOS Liquid Crystal Televisions and other home electronics products! Every unit is offered at special PTA member pricing, guaranteeing you the lowest possible price.



Southwest Airlines Vacations has teamed up with National PTA to offer PTA members an exclusive discount on vacation packages. Members can save 5% on vacation packages to more than 40 exciting destinations, in addition to everyday low rates and ongoing special offers.

T · · Mobile · stick together

T-Mobile and PTA have partnered together to bring PTA members exclusive discounts on wireless mobile service and equipment:

- A 14% discount off your monthly service charges (new and existing T-Mobile subscribers)
- Exclusive equipment discounts on new activations
- · A special 30-day return policy on new activations
- · Free shipping on 2-day service
- Free activation on all orders (\$35 savings)

MedicAlert



MedicAlert Foundation has partnered with PTA to provide peace of mind to parents through discounted memberships to the MedicAlert Kid Smart® program. The program provides 24 hour child emergency ID and family emergency notification services that safeguard and identify children in an emergency. With a single phone call, emergency responders can talk with a representative to access medical history and records.



SEATTLE THUNDERBIRDS

T-BIRDS EXHIBITION GAME TO RAISE FUNDS FOR KENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Game on September 12 vs. Everett at ShoWare Center

Kent, May 11, 2009 - The Seattle Thunderbirds are excited to announce a partnership with the Kent School District to help raise funds for the district.

Kent high school and middle school students and teachers will be selling tickets to the T-Birds only home exhibition game of the of the 2009-10 season, with a portion of the ticket sales going to each of the schools participating.

The T-Birds will play the Everett Silvertips on Saturday, September 12, at 7:05 p.m. at ShoWare Center. Tickets to the game range from \$14 to \$20.

Kent School District students and staff will direct those that want to support a specific high or middle school to purchase tickets to the game online at http://tickets.seattlethunderbirds.com. Those connected to a specific school will put in a special promo code to identify which school they are raising funds for. All Kent schools participating will distribute their special code to students, staff and families.

"The Kent schools appreciate the opportunity to partner with the Seattle Thunderbirds to raise financial support for our interscholastic teams and student athletes," said Dave Lutes, Director of Activities and Athletics for the Kent School District. "We look forward to supporting and kicking off the new home season for the T-Birds at the ShoWare Center."

"We are looking forward to helping the Kent School District raise funds at the game against the Silvertips," said T-Birds General Manager Russ Farwell. "We want to continue to have a presence in the Kent community and this program, coupled with other team initiatives, will only strengthen our involvement in the south Puget Sound community."

The tickets to the game against the Silvertips will go on sale Tuesday, May 12, at 10 a.m. online and at the ShoWare Center box office.

The high schools taking part are Kentridge, Kentwood, Kent-Meridian, Kentlake and the Phoenix Academy. The middle schools taking part are Cedar Heights, Mattson, Meridian, Mill Creek, Meeker and Northwood.

The T-Birds will open the 2009-10 exhibition season at the Everett Silvertips Preseason Tournament over the Labor Day weekend. They will play on Friday, September 4, Saturday, September 5 and Sunday, September 6 against opponents to be determined. Game times are also still to be determined.

Season ticket holders who would like to purchase their seat to the exhibition game against the Silvertips should contact the T-Birds office at 253-239-7825.

T-Birds season tickets for the 2009-10 season are currently on sale. Season tickets can be purchased by calling the T-Birds office at 253-239-PUCK (7825).



SEATTLE THUNDERBIRDS ~ Continued

KENT SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDRAISER GAME

SEATTLE THUNDERBIRDS VS. EVERETT SILVERTIPS

SEPTEMBER 12 @ 7:05PM SHOWARE CENTER



EVENT DETAILS

The Seattle Thunderbirds are excited to announce a partnership with the Kent School District to help raise funds for the district. Kent high school and middle school students and teachers will be selling tickets to the T-Birds only home exhibition game of the of the 2009-10 season, with a portion of the ticket sales going to each of the schools participating.

The T-Birds will play the Everett Silvertips on Saturday, September 12, at 7:05 p.m. at ShoWare Center. Tickets to the game range from \$14 to \$20.

HERE'S HOW TO ORDER:

- 1. Go to tickets.seattlethunderbirds.com
- 2. Select however many seats you want in the Premium Seats and click "Add to basket"
- 3. Once tickets are in shopping basket you will need to click on "Apply Discount"
- 4. Enter code below in box to receive discount.
- 5. Then go through payment process and pick how you want to get your tickets, either print at home, mailed to you or picked up at the box office. **Note: There will be an extra fee to have the tickets mailed to you or picked up at the box office**

The high schools taking part are Kentridge, Kentwood, Kent-Meridian, Kentlake and the Phoenix Academy. The middle schools taking part are Cedar Heights, Mattson, Meridian, Mill Creek, Meeker and Northwood.

Tickets are on sale now online at http://tickets.seattlethunderbirds.com or at the ShoWare Center box office

SCHOOL NAME Meeker Middle School PROMO CODE meeker

Note from Asst. Director of Operations: We're having small issues with people purchasing the tickets for their schools. When applying the "Discount" they are only applying it to one ticket and the rest are being purchased as a regular ticket. To ensure that the schools get all the money they deserve credit for, could you pass along that the Discount needs to be applied to each ticket? I know this takes a little more time and I have passed this problem on to our ticketing system.



Semester/School Ends:

June 18

CALENDAR

Kent School District Student Calendar 2009-2010

Note: In the event of school cancellation by the district, the make-up day(s) shall occur in June.

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May 31:

April 5 – 9:

M.L. King Day

Presidents' Week

Spring Vacation Memorial Day

No School

No School



PLEASE PRINT

OPT-IN MAILING

2009-2010 Meeker Parent Newsletter Mail Opt-In Request Form

I request a mailed copy of the monthly parent newsletter:

Parent name: Student name: Address:

Complete this form and return to the Meeker Middle School Main Office.