

PRINCIPAL CORNER

Unbelievable, we have already reach the Holiday Season. The baseball and volleyball teams have turned in their uniforms. Basketball is in full swing.



As we near the end of the first semester, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your overwhelming support you have shown me. We have seen many successes since the beginning of the school year. This is because of you the parents/guardians and families are collaborating with the staff of the Meridian school district.

Meridian Jr. Sr. High School has made progress in many areas. There has been many high points and lots to celebrate since August. Having said that, we still have much to do. I want to make sure we sustain these improvements and build upon them.

We have celebrated good attendance and had a tardy challenge with the winners duct taping Mr. Green to the wall and shaving Mr. Green's head



TARDY CHALLENGE WINNERS

6th graders were the class with the least amount of tardies.

10th graders were the high school class with the least amount of tardies.



Research has found that regular attendance and arriving to school on time is crucial to a child's success, and that even a minimal number of absences or lateness during the school year can have a serious impact on a student's ability to achieve.

Our staff has accomplished a lot during or first few months of school. Professional development has helped our staff understand our students better. It has also helped them understand the state mandates that we are required to do. We have had a workshop becoming a trauma sensitive school. This is what my passion is, building relationships with students.

I believe that we either spend time meeting children's emotional needs by filling their cup with love and caring or we spend time dealing with the behaviors caused from their unmet needs. Either way we are spending time.

Your students are so much more than a test score or a name on a class roster. They are great individuals with creative minds and caring hearts. It is my belief that a test score shows one glimpse in one moment of time. Now we still have to test students and adhere to state guidelines, but I want you to know that we recognized that, I recognize your children are much more than a score.

RTI - What is it and Why does my child have it?

We have been doing baseline assessment with every student in the school. Based on the results of those assessments, the students are given a course of study to enhance their classroom work. This program is called RTI. It stands for Response To Intervention. This program provides interventions to students that are struggling being on grade level in reading and math. It also provides challenging and gifted curriculum to those students that are on grade level. Students are receiving this during what used to be their study hall time. Due to scheduling issues some Jr. High Classes had two study halls. We now have all of this corrected and I believe we will see assessment scores improve.

Once again, Thank you for sharing your children with me.

Please refer to the school calendar for school holiday dates. Come out and support our ball teams.