

Telling Our Story

District Summer School Plans

Accelerate the Elevate: It's All About the Climb is the theme of this year's summer school program. The idea behind the Menifee Elementary schools will offer Expedition #1 June 7- June 25 and Expedition #2 July 5-July 16. Menifee High School will offer Credit Recovery classes beginning May 17th and other specific summer programming from June 5-June 25. School buses will run routes for the June and July programs for K-12 students. Transportation is available for high school students on an individual basis during the May session of the Credit Recovery Program.

National Kindergarten Day



Mrs. Cornett's Kindergarten class celebrated National Kindergarten Day by reading "The King of Kindergarten," making crowns, and

taking turns being "king" and "queen" of the classroom for the day! Great job!

Earth Day



Freshman and Sophomore's from Mrs. Wolford, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Manley and Ms. Dye's homerooms made Pinecone bird feeders and hung them out in the trees next to the school for Earth Day. They also managed to collect a full bag of garbage from there as well.

Menifee County FFA Greenhouse Opens



The Menifee County FFA Greenhouse will open to the public on Saturday, April 24th

from 9 am to 1 pm. Special appointments can be made during weekdays from April 24th to May 8th from 8 am to 4 pm by calling (606) 768-8102 or emailing Mr. Kash at james.kash@menifee.kyschools.us. Please support our students, and get ready for springtime with the Menifee County FFA Chapter.

Kindergarten – 8th Grade Students Testing:

The End of Year Testing Window will start on April 22nd. We encourage all students to get a good nights rest each evening before testing and to eat a good breakfast the days of testing. Students who receive in person instruction will KPREP test on the following dates: Grade 3 (April 29- 30), Grades 4 and 5 (April 28-30), Grade 6 (April 26-27), Grade 7 and 8 (April 22, 26-27). All virtual students will test at Botts Elementary on the following dates: Grade 3 and 6 (May 3-4), Grades 4, 5, 7, and 8 (May 3-5). Students grades K-5 will also be taking their iReady Diagnostic Test, and 8th graders will take CERT.

Successful Testing Tips for Parents and Students:

- Make sure your child gets plenty of rest before testing days. Have them go to bed early.
- Make sure they eat a healthy breakfast each morning of testing. School will also provide breakfast.
- Get them to school on time so they do not feel rushed.
- Limit television watching and video games during testing week.
- Plan a post-exam activity your child enjoys as a reward for their hard work.
- Stay positive about testing and encourage your child to do his or her best each day of testing. (Writing

them an encouraging note is a good way to keep them motivated.)

ESS and Summer School

MES and Botts Elementary ESS program is continuing to operate with a great amount of participation. We have 83 in-person students and 23 virtual students who are currently in the program. The focus of the program is intensive reading and math instruction. Our goal is to help close the gap and move students toward proficiency.

We are in the process of planning for our summer school program: Accelerate to Elevate-It's all about the Climb! We have sent out 176 permission sheets for K-8 students to attend based on teacher referrals. We will accept what we get back and contact the remaining students/parents to encourage them to attend. If we have extra spots, we will open them up to other students who are interested.

K Registration

Kindergarten Registration is set for Saturday, May 22 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at MES. Parents may also register online at Menifee County District page. www.menifee.kyschools.us

Counselor Update

We have been so excited to see our student's faces each morning. Our morning check-ins are going great and we continue to monitor those each day. Positive learning and success are still the focus. Listed below are some ways parents can help with their children's success at school.

How to help your child succeed at school:

- Stay involved and feel free to contact your child's teacher or the school with any questions or concerns at any time.
- Ask your children about school and encourage them to talk about their day.
- Keep a routine.
- Read with your child daily.
- Help them with their homework each day.
- Stay positive about school and your child's teacher in front of your child. (This has been a stressful time and we will get through it together)

Targeted Services

Our targeted services efforts have helped to increase communication with parents and opportunities for collaboration with our Student Advocates. The collaborative efforts of our teachers, parents, and student advocates are allowing us to meet the needs of all of our students. Targeted Services are being provided to in-person and virtual students at MES and Botts Elementary each day. We have had a high rate of participation from virtual students in our middle grades.

SAVE the DATE: 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony

We will be having a promotion ceremony for all 8th grade students on May 10th. Parents are being contacted to determine participation. We will be following guidelines for social distancing, limited attendance for the event and students will be required to wear masks. More details will be sent home in the upcoming days.



Google Certification

K-12 teachers recently received 6 hours of professional learning through EdTech for Teachers with a National Google Trainer on Google tools available to educators that can be utilized in instruction. At the conclusion of the training, teachers had the opportunity to take the Google Level One Certified Teacher exam.

Congratulations to the following teachers who are now Level One Certified:

- Thomas Wolford
- Jennifer Roberts
- Kristan Mudd
- April Williams
- Tina Spencer
- Brittany Wilson
- Nicole Wolford
- Marcy Martin
- Brianna Cottrell
- Elizabeth Watkins
- LaJohnda Williams
- Jodi Blackburn
- Jessica Dunn
- Megan Ison
- Tina O'Hair
- Lakin Flatt
- Megan Brewer
- Megan Pennington
- Jacquelyn Parsons
- Sally Morris
- Lucas Black
- Maynard Stevens
- Stacy Carter