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Dear Meridian Families,

We were proud to announce our fundraising total from the Mustang Mile and Fall Fest last week! As a result of everyone pulling together, the PTO was able to raise \$58,908.15, which exceeded our goal! Great work everyone and a HUGE thank you to everyone in our community!!!!

Beyond fundraising, last Friday evening was a great time for all! The kids as well as the staff had a ton of fun dressing up for spirit week. It was so energizing to see how excited the kids were ready to run for a good cause and work together to make their school great. We are proud of how our Mustangs ran the peanut, we had a ton of fun at the kickball game, and most of all just enjoyed getting to see everyone out enjoying time together! PTO has let us know that we will be awarding classroom and individual prizes in the coming weeks.

Thank you to our entire community, our PTO leaders, our parent volunteers, and all those that donated for pulling together to make a fun and successful event!

The Meridian Staff

Upcoming Important Dates to Remember:

Oct. 12 - Parent/Teacher Conferences 7:30-7:30 (look for sign-up email on 10/3)

Oct. 13 - No School for Students

Oct. 14 - Fall Break - No School for Staff or Students

Oct. 25-28 - Book Fair

Oct. 28 - Trunk-or-Treat & Book Fair

Attendance Awareness Month

Attending school each day and being on time to school are extremely important to a student's academic development and achievement. Every day a student is in school is an opportunity to learn, build relationships, and access needed support. Too many absences can cause children to fall behind and make it harder to navigate social structures. As we near the end of September, which also happens to be Attendance Awareness Month, we wanted to make sure that you are aware of the updated attendance practices at Meridian Elementary. Please take time to look at the [Meridian Attendance Information Handout](#). The handout reviews excused vs. unexcused absences, making pre-arranged absences, state law as well as school and district policy. It also details ways in which parents can help support positive attendance.

SHINE Yard Signs - Congratulations to all of the SHINE'ing Mustang Award recipients for the month of September! If your child received a yard sign, please return it to school by Monday, 10/24. Display those signs proudly during the month of October. Thank you!

HALLOWEEN MESSAGE

- At Meridian, we will be celebrating Halloween with our PTO sponsored Trunk-or-Treat the evening of Friday, Oct. 28. No costumes at school on this date, but everyone is welcome to dress up for the evening event.
- At school, we will allow students to wear costumes on Monday, Oct. 31 only. Please see the link below for Halloween costume guidelines.
- Classrooms will have short celebrations on Monday, Oct. 31. Each teacher will communicate their plans with families, and ask for a limited number of volunteers to help with the classroom celebrations based on need. Only volunteers will be able to attend the classroom celebrations.
 - [District Halloween Guidelines](#) (English)
 - [District Halloween Guidelines](#) (Spanish)

SEAC Meeting

The district is hosting an Special Education Advisory Council and is inviting all members of the Adams 12 community to participate. Please see the attached flyer for more information. [SEAC](#)