

MEEHAN MESSENGER

Belvidere School District #100

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Issue 1



Meehan Elementary School
1401 East Sixth Street
Belvidere, IL 61008

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Asst. Principal

IMPORTANT DATES:

September:

Labor Day (No School)	04
PTO Mtg. 2-2:30pm	12
Early Dismissal @ 1:05	13
School Pics during PE	21
Open House @ 6pm	21

October:

SIP Day (No School)	06
Columbus Day (No School)	09

Nurse Notes:

Welcome Back!!

So happy to see all your smiling faces! I would like to remind any parent who's child is entering kindergarten that they are required to have a school physical along with their immunization records.

If you have not yet turned in your child's physical, please do so as soon as possible!

Joyce Turnipseed
RN,BSN,CSN
MES School Nurse



Welcome Back!!

Mr. Yates and the entire staff at Meehan Elementary have been looking forward to another awesome school year!! It's great to see all of our returning students as well as those who are new to Meehan!! Hope you all enjoyed your summer break!

I was excited to meet all the parents and students who attended last week's School Supply Drop-off event. Our school is fortunate to have so many wonderful families who support the educational goals at Meehan.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Thursday, September 21st, from 6-7pm at our **MES Open House**. Please make sure to mark your calendar and be on the lookout for more information from your child's teacher.

Our PTO has been busy planning lots of exciting events for the 2017-18 school year! On Tuesday, September 12th from 2:20-3pm, they will hold their 1st PTO meeting in the MES library. We invite anyone who is interested to attend!

By now, you should have received your copy of the MES Parent/Student Handbook. Inside the Handbook you will find the outline of our MES Compact. This explains how the principal, teacher, student, and parent will all work together to provide the best educational experience for our students. Together, by supporting the MES Compact, we can demonstrate our dedication and support of each and every child.

Student Drop-off/Pick-up

- Doors open at 7:20 am and the tardy bell rings at 7:40 am. Any student arriving after the tardy bell will need to get a pass from the office and will be marked tardy. It is very important that your child arrives to school and is seated in the classroom by 7:40 am.
- Now that we are in the second week of school, we ask that parents not walk their child to class. Any parent entering the building during the school day must report directly to the main office.
- The front of the school is a "**BUS ONLY**" loading zone. Please do not pull into the bus loading zone before or after school.
- Student drop-off and pick-up should take place in the back parking lot between Doors 13 and 14. Please pull all the way up when dropping off or picking up your student.
- Please use caution when parking on the street and follow all rules of the road. Make sure your child only crosses the street at the intersection with the help of the crossing guard.
- It is important that the teacher knows your child's instructions for the end of the school day. Any changes to after school plans should be submitted to your child's teacher in writing, when possible.

MES Website: <http://www.district100.com/Schools/Meehan>
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/MeehanElementarySchool>

The students in our **Multiple Needs Classroom** are enjoying the start of a new school year! They are looking forward to new learning experiences both in the classroom and within the community. **Mrs. Little** utilizes the *Unique Learning System* which provides her students with an interactive curriculum designed for a variety of learning abilities. Together they learn about different topics each month that correlate with national and state standards through instructional targets. The class is looking forward to studying about the government in the first *Unique* topic for September titled, "Follow the Rules".

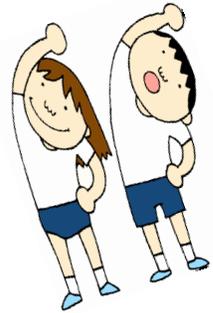


In the near future, we will be conducting short presentations about disability awareness in participating classrooms. This gives our students and staff the opportunity to learn more about the Multiple Needs Program.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION MISSION STATEMENT . . .

The primary mission of our Physical Education department is for students to become physically educated and embrace an active lifestyle to promote health and wellness. With that in mind, our students will be learning the following:

- skills necessary to perform a variety of physical activities;
- implications of and the benefits from involvement in physical activity;
- how to participate safely in daily physical activity;
- the value of being physically fit and how it contributes to a healthy lifestyle!



Mrs. Wisely's Kindergarten class is settling into the school routine quite nicely and doing a great job of becoming more independent.

In this short time they have already learned their Meehan Manners!! *Respect for Self, Respect for Others, Respect for Property*. The students have also made a classroom promise to be ready to learn each day, and try their best at everything they do. This month, the focus will be on learning all the letters of the alphabet and their sounds, as well as writing their names correctly. The class off to a fantastic start!!