

BILL METZ ELEMENTARY METZ MESSENGER

Our mission is to inspire the pursuit of excellence, one student at a time.

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Parent Teacher Conferences

It's hard to believe that we are almost done with the 1st quarter of the 16-17 school year! We'll wrap up the quarter on October 20th and we will have parent teacher conferences shortly after that on November 3rd. We will have time slots available from 7am to 7pm to meet with parents. At that time we will also be sharing 1st quarter report cards and assessment results from the beginning of the year with parents. Since we will be with parents all day, there will be **NO SCHOOL** for METZ STUDENTS on November 3rd. All other schools in the district will be on their regular schedule that day.

NED Assembly - October 20th @ 8:30am

We will be hosting an assembly at Bill Metz Elementary on Thursday, October 20th to build on our core beliefs. The assembly will be facilitated through a cartoon character called NED, which stands for Never give up, Encourage others, and Do your best. Parents are welcome to join us. There are free resources on their website that you can use at home to build character as well.

You can find them at <http://www.thenedshow.com/parents.html>



Safety Concern

Have you ever had someone run out in front of your car and need to swerve or slam on your breaks to avoid hitting them? We have had this happen a few times in the morning this year when parents are dropping students off in the auditorium parking lot. Some kids are running through the parking lot when they get out of a vehicle. Please speak with your children about crossing traffic (at crosswalks and parking lots) and even modeling it for or with them.

We would hate for someone to get hurt or have to close down the parking lot because some students are not being safe. Thank you for your help!



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- *Wednesday 10/5 - International walk to school day*
- *Monday - Wednesday 10/10-10/12 4th grade swim program*
- *Thursday 10/13 - Homecoming parade*
- *Monday - Wednesday 10/17-10/19 3rd grade swim program*
- *Thursday 10/20 - End of 1st quarter*
- *Thursday 10/27 - Halloween parties & Monster March*
- *Thursday 10/27 @ 6:30pm Family Fun Night*
- *Thursday 11/3 - Parent-teacher conferences 7am-7pm NO SCHOOL for METZ STUDENTS*

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Attendance Awards

Each quarter we honor students who have perfect attendance. That means that they haven't missed any days or been tardy (late to school) or been picked up early more than three times combined. We give students an award and they also go into a drawing for the end of the year to possibly win a free bike! Each quarter a student earns perfect attendance their name goes into a "hat" to have a chance to win the bike so they can be entered up to four times. It's a great incentive for students. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the office about it.

5th Grade Music Program

We will be having a fall program entitled "Twisted Tales" for 5th graders this year. The students are reading two twisted tales and will be performing music inspired by and created for the stories. The program will be on Thursday, November 15th at 6pm. We will also be performing a black light show. All 5th graders will have to wear a long sleeve black shirt, black pants, black socks, and black shoes. Thank you for supporting your children's musical endeavors.



Veronica Starcher, Bill Metz Music Teacher



Family Fun Night - October 27th

Our September Family Fun night was a great success with over 250 people coming in to join us in family friendly fun! Now it's time for our second Family Fun Night of the year as we celebrate with a Harvest Festival! Please come and join us on October 27th at 6:30 to show off your fun Halloween Costumes, play games, earn prizes, decorate potatoes, and walk down our Haunted Hallway! In conjunction with family fun night, we will also be holding a Migrant/English Language Learners night that will offer food, guest speakers, prizes, and programming for parents. Childcare is also provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

11th Annual Kid Crane Festival - Saturday, October 8th from 12-4pm

This event is for families and kids of all ages. Activities include a **FREE** lunch, a puppet show, Colorado Parks and Wildlife archery trailer, wildlife/environmental games, and origami crafts. Help us celebrate our National Wildlife Refuges and the fall Sandhill Crane Migration through the SLV. The event will be held at the Monte Vista Wildlife Refuge seven miles south of town on CO Highway 15.



Masterpiece In The Making!

Miss Ann's first grade art classes are working with Aaron Woodke and Dan Garcia's high school classes to create a functional work of art!

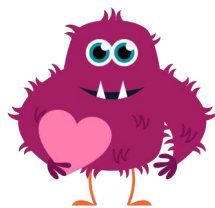
Mr. Woodke's students produced a beautiful wood picnic table and the High School students are helping the first graders paint their hands and stamp their colorful hand prints onto the table. Once the prints are complete, the table will be sealed with a durable finish so the "hands" will last forever.

The table will be sold in a silent auction and anyone is eligible to bid on the table. Bid forms will be available in the Bill Metz office beginning October 17 and ending November 8. Minimum bid is \$250.00. After expenses, the remaining proceeds will go for art supplies for the first grade art program.

Look for additional pictures of the progress of this delightful table on our school website and Facebook page.



Halloween and Monster March Coming - October 27th



Many people like to dress up on Halloween each year to celebrate and have fun. We like to do that as well, but we also like to do positive things for our community. That is why we will host our "Monster March" again this year by asking students to bring in canned/boxed food items throughout the month of October. We will then give it to the Monte Vista Food Bank on Thursday, October 27th when we celebrate Halloween at school. Students can dress up in their costumes that day as we march the food a couple of blocks to the food bank. The Bill Metz Elementary Monster March has been the single biggest donation to the food bank each of the last two years! Let's make Halloween more than about tricks and treats and help provide resources for people in our community!



Monte Vista in Motion

We will be starting up Monte Vista in Motion again this October and running it most days from 7:30-7:42 each morning. Students have the option to play on the playground or go into the gym to participate in the activities. Exercise is proven to help stimulate the brain so we want the students to be as active as possible to prepare them for their learning each day. During Monte Vista in Motion there will be a variety of activities students can participate in such as line dancing, . While Monte Vista in Motion is totally voluntary, we do ask students to pick a spot for the morning (gym or playground) and stick to it for the time period. Students also must be in the gym by 7:35 if they want to participate. After that the doors will be closed for the morning and students will be expected to stay on the playground until the whistle is blown. Parents are welcome to come and join in on the movement as well to get your brains going before you go to work.

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” Dr. Suess



New Monte Vista School District App

The Monte Vista School District is releasing a new app in the Play Store/App Store for parents and community members to stay up to date on the current events and happenings in the district and its schools. The app is totally free as well. You can find current events, breakfast/lunch menus, staff contact information, important documents, and athletic updates on the app. You can also receive notifications about events and emergencies on the app as well. Please take some time to download it and do some exploring.



Vision & Hearing

Please remind your son/daughter to wear their glasses if applicable. The nurse will be doing her annual vision and hearing screening in October for all 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 5th graders, as well as new students in 4th grade