



MEIGS MIDDLE SCHOOL WILDCAT NEWS

September 2017

2nd Edition

What an incredible beginning to a new school year! As Ms. Lamb and I visit classrooms, we see teachers facilitating deeper learning and students getting “gritty” with complex text and rigorous questions. My goal this year is for EVERY student to grow academically and to make learning gains in reading, math, and science. The key to making this happen is for teachers to stretch students and challenge them to reach the next level of learning. In order to do this, we must know where our students are and where we need to get them. We will be presenting our School Performance Plan to our School Advisory Council (SAC) Monday, September 18th. I invite you to join us in the media center at 5:30 PM if you would like more information in regards to our instructional plan for academic improvement at Meigs. Together, we can make it happen!

Michelle Kieck



DATES TO REMEMBER

September

- 13—XC Meet @ St. Mary’s
- 14—Football @ Ruckel
- 18—**SAC Meeting** (5:30 PM)
- 18—Volleyball @ Pryor
- 19—**School Pictures**
- 19—Volleyball vs Liza Jackson (H)
- 20—Volleyball @ Walton
- 20—XC Meet (HOME)
- 21—Football @ Lewis
- 25—Volleyball vs Destin (H)
- 27—XC Meet @ Ruckel
- 27—**Science Fair Parent Night**
- 28—Football vs Davidson (H)

October

- 2—Volleyball @ Davidson
- 4—Volleyball @ Ruckel
- 4—XC Meet @ Destin
- 5—Football vs. Shoal River (H)
- 6—End of Quarter 1
- 9—Teacher Workday

FIC CARDS

Please return **FIC** cards *complete with parent signature* ASAP. These cards impact federal funding for Meigs!

WILDCAT WAY

1. Be Respectful
2. Follow Instructions
3. Speak & Walk Appropriately
4. Be on Time & Prepared
5. Be an Engaged Learner



Parents, together, let’s support positive behaviors!

The **Science Department** is accepting the following as **donations** for labs & experiments this year! Feel free to drop any of these items off in the front office or send in with your student: Different color beads, Bathroom sized cups, Dry erase markers, Poster board ,markers, Vinegar, baking soda, and balloons!

Meigs will host a **Science Fair Night** on September 27th at 5:00 PM in the media center. Parents & students will learn more about the components of science projects and receive assistance completing required paperwork. Please join us!

Wildcats
Grit
Growth
Gains



MAP Testing

Your student will take, or has just recently taken, tests called Measures of Academic Progress® (MAP®). We give students MAP tests to determine his/her instructional level and to measure academic growth throughout the school year in the areas of ELA, Math, and Science. This test is taken on a computer and will replace DEA Testing.

MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your student's level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude toward testing as they monitor their own growth.

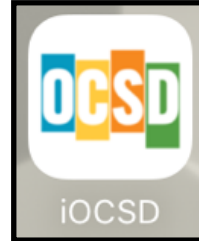
Following each testing period, you will receive a report showing your student's academic progress. We are truly excited to begin a new era that focuses on every student's individual growth and achievement. For more information, visit:

<https://www.nwea.org/parent-toolkit/>

Guidance News

Please remember that you can view your student's attendance, assignments, and grades on-line or by using the iOCSD app. Just go to our website and click on the link "Grades On-line" or download the app to your device. Your student's ID number is your user name and the password is the last 4 digits of the ID number.

Our website is www.meigsmiddleschool.com

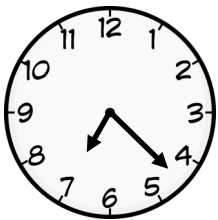


ATTENDANCE OFFICE

As stated in the Okaloosa County School District Pupil Progression Plan: **A written note from the parent must be provided within five days of the absence for an absence to be considered excused.** After the 5th absence (excused or unexcused) per semester, the parents or legal guardian will be notified of the absences in writing. When a student accumulates a total of 9 excused or unexcused absences within a semester, the student must have an excuse from a doctor or an official agency for each subsequent absence. After the 9th absence (excused or unexcused) per semester, a letter will be sent to the parents or legal guardian notifying them of the necessity for a doctor's excuse or an excuse from an official agency in order for make-up work to be provided. In addition, this letter will notify parents of the consequences of any additional absences. After the 15th absence per semester, no make-up work will be allowed. A parent/teacher conference should be scheduled before the student returns to school.

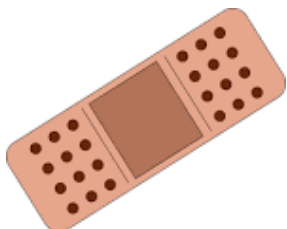


Late Arrivals & Early Checkout



Students arriving on campus after 7:23 are tardy. Continued tardies will result in after-school detention and will then require a parent conference. Students must be checked out through the attendance office. Only those individuals, indicated on the contact card by the enrolling parent will be allowed to check out a student. Photo identification is required. This school district policy is in place for the safety of all our students. The Attendance Office hours are 6:30—2:30pm.

Clinic Corner



Please complete your student's medical card. Be sure to include any allergies your student may have, any medications taken on a regular basis, any medical problems they are experiencing, and current phone numbers so we can contact you in case of an emergency. Also, do not send medications to school with your student. Please bring the medication to the clinic and complete the required form with our nurse.

Meigs Wildcat shirts for SALE in the front office! Prices range from \$10—\$25