



Merlinda School News

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Volunteer Recruitment

We hope to see new and returning volunteers at our Volunteer Recruitment Coffee on **Thursday, October 9 at 9:00 am in the cafeteria.**

Come out to meet other parents and get involved at Merlinda!

Contact Information

Please keep your contact information, including phone numbers, emergency contact persons, and addresses updated at all times. Students will not be released to anyone that is not on the yellow emergency card.

Lunch Program

If you don't participate in our lunch program assistance program and your children are eating in a school lunch please be sure to send lunch money. Please send any money in an envelope labeled with your child's first and last name, the teacher's name and an indication of whether the money is for breakfast or lunch.

Outside Food at School

District policy does not allow any outside food on campus. This includes cupcakes or treats for birthday parties. More information and details will follow from the district this month. The district does offer a program for birthdays and parents will be allowed to purchase treats from the district.

Fall Fundraiser and PTA

Thanks to everyone for participating in our fall fundraiser! These fundraisers pay for all field trips at Merlinda. Orders are delivered three weeks after the end of the sale. If you have not already joined PTA it's not too late. We need every families help to support our students.

Picture Day and Free Dress:

Students will have free dress on picture day this Thursday, October 2. We are also issuing free dress passes for students who have not been tardy during the month of September.

Literacy Parade

October 31... More information and instructions will follow this week!

Principals Message...

Thank you for your continued support. We have a wonderful group of students and this is going to be a great year. Please note this year we added music and art and students and teachers are very busy. Our instructional focus is making certain every student is reading at grade level and our SFA program is key to making this happen. If you have appointments or need to take your children out please make every effort to do this in the afternoon. If this is not possible please schedule appointments after 10:00 a.m. Another part of reading is your participation is reading every night with your child. Every child has a Read and Respond Notebook. Please read with your child every night. Older students need to have their notebooks checked each night and they must also read every night. Make sure the TV is turned off and your child reads or is read to every night! This will help us make your child a reader! Finally, please take time to review our handbook. We sent one copy per family. If you did not receive one stop by the office and pick up a copy. Thanks so much for making the start of this school year run smoothly! We look forward to working with you during this school year.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 GREAT Graduation	2 Picture Day	3 Super Students Reward Day
6	7	8	9 Volunteer Recruitment @ 9:00 in the Cafeteria	10
13	14 PTA Meeting 3:15	15	16 Progress reports sent home K-6	17 Super Students
20	21	22	23	24
27 Red Ribbon Week	28 →	29 →	30 →	31 Literacy Parade