

MELBA HIGH SCHOOL

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Melba Jr/Sr High School Parents and Guardians,

We have had a great start to the school year. The students have been enthusiastic, and I really like the direction and the start that we have had. Here are some events and activities that I wanted to make you aware of for the upcoming month.

Mustang Awards – At Melba Jr/Sr High School we believe that character counts. Part of education is learning how to be a good citizen; it is not just about academics. The values that we want our students to develop include Enthusiasm, Discipline, Unity, Trust, Personal Responsibility In Daily Effort (PRIDE), Determination, and Resiliency. A student becomes a Champion when they challenge themselves daily in these areas. Each week, we recognize students who have shown to be exemplary in one of these core values. They receive a Mustang Award; a certificate, one treat from the vending machine, and a place on the selfie-wall. The Champion Mustangs for the month of August are:

Christian B - Enthusiasm
Hailey C. – Resiliency

Nahum Z. – Discipline
Peyton M. - Enthusiasm

I-Ready- We are finishing up the first I-Ready diagnostic this week. Ask your student how he or she did. Since we have started using I-Ready, we have shown a tremendous amount of growth in reading and math. In fact, this last spring we were recognized as one of the top 300 schools in the nation for growth in those two areas. It has been a great experience seeing our students improve as we find and address weaknesses in individual learning. Students in grades 7 – 11 will take the second diagnostic this winter.

Mustang Minute – Be sure to check out the weekly “Mustang Minute” on our district Facebook page. The “Mustang Minute” will be dedicated to announcements for the week as well as other content. In the first few episodes, I will be interviewing new staff members. Visit the “Mustang Minute” on Facebook and get to know new members of our team.

Field Trips – The 8th graders will be going on a field trip in September or October. The location and time are not finalized yet, information with the details will come home with your 8th grader.

Homecoming – Homecoming will be October 3rd through October 8th. There will be festivities all week culminating in the Football Game vs. Marsing on October 7th. The Homecoming Dance will be Saturday night, October 8th.

Labor Day – There will be no school on Monday, September 5th.

Vaping Assembly and Parent Meeting – Vaping has been described as a National Epidemic among teens. Unfortunately, we are not immune to this in our community. This year we are going to have a special assembly that addresses this topic. We have invited Robb Holladay, a nationally known motivational speaker, to come speak with our students. The assembly will be September 22. This will be a great and engaging presentation that we feel is very important for all our students to hear. For an example of Robb's assemblies go to <https://drophatvape.com/> I have had many parents ask me what they can do to help address this issue. There is a cost to this assembly and if you would like to contribute towards it, please contact the office. We would greatly appreciate it.

Fall Sports – Fall sports are underway and we have some very good teams. Our athletic teams not only excel in competition but also strive to represent our community in an extremely positive way. I would like to encourage you to attend our sporting events and while you do so, remember to be a great example of sportsmanship. Let's all work together to build a positive experience for our students!

Thank you for all that you do to support our school. I look forward to a great year!

GO MUSTANGS!

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