

# Melba Elementary School



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Mrs. Ashli Nelson, Principal

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Dear Parents,

We are gearing up for the 2023-2024 school year and are all very excited about the opportunity for another wonderful year at Melba Elementary School! We are pleased to welcome two new teachers to our elementary team: Mrs. Kaydyn Dunn (2nd) and Mrs. Jodi Larson (5th). I want to take a few minutes and provide you with some information about our upcoming school year.

## **Back to School Bash-**

We are inviting you to attend our annual Back to School Bash on **Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 5pm-7pm!** We will be teaming with our wonderful PTA to create a fun and exciting night for our students and families. Students and families will be invited to come into the school to meet their teachers, and bring any supplies they may want to drop off in their classroom to decrease the heavy load on the first day of school.

Outside on the playground, we will also be hosting our very own Melba Spirit Shop organized through Traditions Photography! This will be a fun way to order and/or purchase your very own Melba gear for this year. Traditions has created some new designs for this school year. Make sure to check it out! Our amazing PTA members will be outside handing out Otter Pops to help you cool off in the hot summer heat while listening to some fun music in the background! We are so excited to see you there and kick off our 2023-2024 school year! Go Mustangs!

## **Kindergarten Parents-**

The kindergarten teachers will be hosting a special meeting for all kindergarten parents. The meeting will be in the cafeteria on **Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm.** This will be a great opportunity to gather information about our school, our kindergarten expectations, strategies on how to help your child with kindergarten concepts and homework, and much more! Please make sure to come a half an hour early to Back to School Night to hear this important information and meet the kindergarten teachers! We are excited to welcome you to our school!

## **Registration-**

This year is going to be completely different! We are moving to online registration. No more red folders! Please make sure you have created/updated your PowerSchool accounts. You will need to have an account set up for each child. All forms will now be sent to you and completed within this program. Once you have completed the required forms, it will notify Mrs. Cole. It is important that you have your updated email address attached to your account. This will be the main mode of communication through the program. Registration forms need to be completed as soon as possible. Students who do not have forms completed through PowerSchool will not be enrolled into classes for this school year. Please let us know if you have any questions. We are hoping this will be a smooth

transition, but as you know technology can present its own challenges. Please be patient and think about those thick red folders that you will no longer have to fill out!

### **First Day of School**

Our first day of school will be on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will be outside on the playground to provide any support or guidance that may be needed. We cannot wait to hear about our students' summer adventures and meet any students who may be new to the district. Welcome to the Mustang family!

### **School Hours-**

School hours for the 2023-2024 school year will be **8:00am – 3:50pm**. Please do not drop off students prior to **7:45am** – this is when supervision begins. Also, please remember that for the safety of our students we would like parents to pick up and drop off their students traveling west on 6<sup>th</sup> Street or traveling south on Carrie Rex. **Please do not drop off students so that they have to cross the street or in the parking lots.** Buses will drop off students at the cafeteria on the north side of the building. If you are unsure of your child's bus route, please contact the elementary office for further information.

### **School Supplies and Class Lists-**

If you are unable to locate the school supply list that was mailed home with report cards, you may access it on the school website ([www.msd136.org](http://www.msd136.org)). Class lists will be posted on the website as well as at the school office on **Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Free and Reduced Lunch Applications/Lunch/Breakfast-**

We are excited to announce that the Elementary will continue to serve free breakfast to students each morning. Lunch will continue to be available to students at a charge. To help with covering these costs, families can fill out the Free and Reduced Lunch Application. It is very important that you do complete this form. Not only does this form help to provide supports to families with lunch costs but also serves as information to the State of Idaho for our Title One funding. The Free and Reduced Lunch Application will be included in the registration process through online PowerSchool registration. Instructions on how to complete this form are included in this letter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Irina Feokistov at 208-495-2508 ext. 1006.

Lunch for elementary students will be \$1.95. Students who bring their cold lunch and would like to purchase milk will be charged \$0.25. Fruits and vegetables will be available for students for seconds free of cost. You may send money with your student or post funds into their account via the Melba School District website or the MealTime App. Using the online payment does include a service charge. During Back to School Night, office staff will be available to collect lunch money. Throughout the school year, you may also pay with cash or check at the school office. We are not currently able to process debit or credit cards at the school.

I want to thank you for all of your help and support! It is our goal to help each and every student meet their full potential and reach educational success. This goal is obtained through collaboration and positive communication. We look forward to partnering with you this year to make this school year a fun, motivating, and successful year for your child!

I encourage you to contact me at any time with questions or concerns. My email address is [anelson@melbaschools.org](mailto:anelson@melbaschools.org). Please watch our website and social media pages for updates and information throughout the year. Go Mustangs!