

Cowboy Courier

August 19, 2016



*CMS empowers lives through **C**hallenges, **M**otivation, and **S**upport.*

Hello CMS Families! We are ready to get started! This Courier has a few reminders to help you have a perfect first week of school. If your child is in 6th grade, see the daily schedule below. We have had a record number of 6th graders enroll and we added a lunch period so everyone can be comfortable during lunch. Please remember to be kind to one another during arrival and dismissal carpool. It takes a few days for everyone to learn the routine. We also appreciate your patience with bus schedules. We don't anticipate problems, but it is possible for buses to run late for a few days.

Have a lovely weekend, and we will see you Monday!
Dr. Epperson

Stay connected to CMS

We would love to have every family follow us on our Facebook page and Twitter. There are always great things happening at CMS you will want to know about.

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Aug. 22

First Day of School

Athletics Parent Meeting 5-9pm

8th Grade Volleyball try-outs begin in 7th period *Physicals and Rank One Forms Due

Aug. 23

GT Open House CMS Library

7th Grade Volleyball try-outs begin 6:45am *Physicals and Rank One Forms Due

Aug. 24

Orchestra Parent Meeting 5:30-8:00pm

Aug. 25

Orchestra Parent Meeting 5:30-8:00pm

Aug. 29

Drama Parent Meeting 7:00-8:00pm

Sept. 1

School Fundraiser Kick-Off

MISD Volleyball Preview at PSA 5:00-9:00pm

Sept. 2

Orchestra Forms and Fees Due



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Every student will receive an application for free and reduced breakfast and lunch on the first day of school. Please return those applications to the school for processing. No photocopies of the application can be accepted. All students who were on the free and reduced program last year will automatically receive benefits from the same status as the previous school year. This grace period lasts 30 days, meaning that students who do not have a 2016-2017 application will no longer receive benefits after **Tuesday, October 4, 2016.**

Parents can also apply online at www.mckinneyisd.schoollunchapp.com, starting August 11, 2016. If you have any questions regarding the free and reduced information please contact the food service office at 469-302-2263.



School begins at 8:45 each morning and the front doors open at 8:15.
6th and 7th grade students go to the gyms to wait for dismissal to classrooms.
8th graders go to the cafeteria to wait for dismissal to classrooms.
Breakfast is served until 8:30 each day.

We have a 7 period day. We serve 4 lunches (A-1, A-2, B, and C)
A-1 Lunch 11:00-11:30 (6th Graders in math 3rd period with Hale, Soto, Smith, Covington, or Clark)
A-2 Lunch 11:35-12:05
B Lunch 12:30-1:00
C Lunch 1:25-1:55

6th graders have lunch in one of the A lunch periods.
7th and 8th graders have either B or C lunch, which will be indicated on their schedules.
*If you choose to drop off lunch at any time, please remember that you may only bring lunch for your own child. We can't allow pizzas or other items with the intent to share with friends.
Parents are welcome at lunch any time. Bring your picture ID and check in at the front office.

School dismisses at 3:45. Students must know their bus number the first day. Students must leave campus when school is dismissed unless they are staying for a school sponsored club or activity.



If your child takes medications during the school day, please bring the medication into the nurse's office and sign required consent forms. Students may not bring medication to school.



<http://www.mckinneyisd.net/parents/dress-code/>

Please review the dress code prior to school starting. Fun summer hair color, length of shorts and muscle shirts are the most frequent issues this time of year. If students are not in dress code, they will be asked to call you for a change of clothes, so make sure they do a wardrobe check before school starts.



Lockers are often a hot topic for 6th graders. All lockers are assigned on the first day of school and students are taken in small groups during the day to practice. No worries or stress necessary!



- All carpool traffic goes through the front drive of the building.
- Please read signs and pull up to the end of the building when dropping off.
- There is no carpool in the back drive. This is designated for buses only.
- Be patient with one another to start the year. Our first priority is student safety, not speed, but carpool generally works quickly once the students and parent learn the routine.
- We discourage traffic pick-up in the parking lot because it is not safe for students to cross through parking lot traffic.
- Only use designated crosswalk at all times to cross traffic.
- The city has designated “no right turn on red” at the light where you leave carpool. This is in effect at all times and it is monitored by McKinney Police frequently.
- Cell phone use is prohibited in school zones, including the carpool lane.
- Ask your child to be looking for you so we can keep cars moving.



Use this link to access Durham Bus Services and route information.

<http://www.mckinneyisd.net/departments/transportation/routes/>