

August 2021

Dear Parents & Guardians ~

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. It is my pleasure to serve as the principal of Truman Elementary. I have worked for Meramec Valley R-III School District for 6 years. This will be my 3rd year as the Truman principal.

Our summer planning work has included monitoring and modifying our Safe Return to School (COVID-19) Plan. Using our local data and effective practices as a guide, our Board of Education approved in June, that all buildings could move to our MVR-III Green Status, which is masking optional for students and those staff fully vaccinated. What we want to emphasize is that our safety protocols, which includes masking and social distancing guidelines, are fluid and could change at any time to Yellow, Orange, or Red status throughout the school year. We have learned throughout this pandemic that at times our safety and status level plans need to change based on infection/exposure rates and local health data/requirements. What we also want all of our MVR-III families to know is that our top priorities as a district are always safety and learning. Any changes in our COVID-19 status levels or precautions will always be communicated to families in a clear and timely manner in order to keep students safe and learning.

Click here to view the district's: [Return to Learning Plan](#)

Truman has an active Parent Volunteer Organization (PTO). The organization has traditionally sponsored activities such as Book Fair Weeks, Trunk or Treat, Drop & Shop, Trip around Town, Grandparent's Day and fundraisers to support the school. This year we are planning to hold events. With that said, we will continue to be flexible with COVID. You can follow all the happenings and meeting dates with our Truman PTO on their new Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/TrumanElementaryPTOMVR3>

Our goals as a community will be obtained with strong partnerships between the home and school. Please check out our website: <http://meramecvalleymo.apptegy.us/o/truman> Also, download the free MVR3 App, and use Class Dojo. Additionally, like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TrumanElementaryMVR3>

We will focus on the "Whole Child" approach. The Whole Child approach to education and the Missouri Learning Standards is defined by policies, practices, and positive relationships that ensure each child in our school is healthy, safe, engaged, supported, and challenged.

Meet & Greet is scheduled for Monday, August 16th from 6-7:30 p.m.

Families will be grouped by their last name:

A-G: 6:00-6:20

H-O: 6:30-6:50

P-Z: 7:00-7:20

Some opportunities available at Meet and Greet will be~ student supplies can be dropped off, meet the teachers, nurse, finish enrollment, get on the Car Rider list to have a car sign made, enroll in SACC, PTO involvement and much more!

More Information for you:

School Hours

The school day begins at 8:35 AM and will release at 3:40 PM.

Nurse News

A copy of updated shot record should be turned in to the office as many shots are required by law. Special health conditions regarding your student should be reported through our Medical Information Form filled out during online registration.

School Breakfast/Lunch

Studies show that a healthy breakfast gives children a head start to a successful day. The cost of breakfast is \$2.00 per day/\$10.00 per week; lunch is \$3.00 per day/\$15.00 per week.

Students may purchase extra milk for \$.65 per carton. All money to be deposited into your student's lunch account should be placed in an envelope with the student's name, grade, teacher's name, and the amount enclosed. Periodic notices will be sent home regarding meal account balance and can also be accessed through the SIS Parent Portal System.

Birthday's

In compliance with our Healthy Generation School goals, Truman will focus on healthy celebrations. Student birthdays will be recognized on our daily announcements. To comply with the national health guideline, **we will no longer accept birthday or holiday treats.**

Parking/Visitor Passes/Bus Transfers

It is the goal of the Meramec Valley R-III School District to provide a safe environment for students. The district recognizes that rules regarding dismissal of students are a necessary part of the district's safety program. There is a district bus transfer procedure in place to help keep students safe after dismissal. Students are allowed one alternative address request; however, the address must be consistent. [Second Address Request](#). All visitors must enter the school through the office doors. Students will be released through the office only.

First Week of School

If your student will be a bus rider we encourage them to ride the bus to and from school on the first day. Students need to meet their bus driver, get in the routine of those normal procedures starting day one. Help your child be successful and have a smooth transition to school by starting their day off with our friendly bus drivers. Parents are welcome to meet their student at school after they arrive on the bus and snap a picture outside. [Bus Routes](#) **(Make sure to scroll down on the left sign and find Truman Elementary Area – Our Bus Numbers are: #17, #19, #21, #27 [these are new numbers from last year])**

School Supplies

Please refer to the district website [School Supplies](#) for a complete list of school supplies. If you ordered through the districts bulk order your students supplies will be waiting for students on the first day of school.

We look forward to seeing all the Truman families at the Monday, August 16th Meet & Greet event. If you have any questions or concerns for the 2021-2022 school year please contact me at (636)346-6156 or email at jsladek@mvr3.k12.mo.us.

Leading & Learning with a smile,

Jenna Sladek

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Truman Principal