



MILLINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 21, 2023

Introduction

With the staff coming back this week and the students soon to follow next week, I am happy to send you the first edition of the Superintendent's Updates. I will include information about upcoming events and also information about events that are happening at Millington Community Schools. Below is some information you may want to know for the upcoming week:

School Open Houses

Millington Jr/Sr High School – Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Students will have the opportunity to meet their teachers by moving through their building along with the bell schedule. They will also have the opportunity to move into their lockers. This is a good time for sixth graders to practice their locker combinations.

Meachum Elementary School – Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 5:30 pm. Students will have the opportunity to meet with their classroom teachers and tour the building. The PTA, food service, transportation, and other important groups will also set up tables in the cafeteria to provide families with important information.

Millington Accelerated Learning Center – Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 5:00 pm. Students will have the opportunity to meet Mrs. Gavitt and Mr. Bouvy and ask any last-minute questions before we start the school year.

First Day of School

The first day of the 2023-2024 School Year for students is Monday, August 28, 2023.

Food Service

Breakfast and lunch are available free of charge to students in grades K-12. Please be sure to return your Food Service Benefits form to the office at Millington Jr/Sr High School or Meachum Elementary School as soon as possible. These were recently mailed to all families.

Goals for 2023-2024 School Year

Below are my goals for Millington Community Schools in the upcoming school year:

- 1) Improve communication with internal and external stakeholders.

Mrs. Moore, Mr. Dantine, and Mr. Bouvy are planning to send weekly updates. Mr. Selich also serves as our District Events and Communications Coordinator and will issue communication on a regular basis. Please check the Millington Community Schools Facebook Page, website, and the Millington Athletics website for continuous updates. One of the goals in the MCS Strategic Plan is to improve communication implementing a district-wide communication plan.

- 2) Promote innovation and efficiency whenever possible.

We are always looking for more efficient ways to conduct business. Staff, parents, students, and community members are always welcome to share ideas with our staff to make Millington Community Schools more efficient in all of our operations. Staff members are encouraged to implement new ideas in the classroom and share successes with their fellow colleagues. Staff members are encouraged to try new strategies in an effort to continuously improve their teaching methods and instructional delivery.

- 3) Improve the Climate at Millington Community Schools

I have always felt that when people feel that they are appreciated and supported, they work harder and are more satisfied with their jobs on a daily basis. Though I know that the world is not perfect and people may not always agree with all of the decisions I make, it has always been my goal to make Millington Community Schools a better place to work and learn. The MCS Strategic Plan has a goal of improving the climate by being more responsive to stakeholders by conducting annual surveys and focus groups for all staff, students, and community members. The district also staffs each building with a Behavior Interventionist, who will work with staff to reboot our CARDS Positive Behavior Program district-wide.

Automated Attendance Calls

School attendance is one of the most important indicators of student achievement. In an effort to communicate with families, Millington Community Schools will be implementing Automated Attendance Calls, which will go out at 5:00 pm on each day that school is in session. The automated calls will inform parents and guardians of any absences their child may have had during the school day. Parents are encouraged to notify the school office when their son or daughter is going to be absent from school. As another reminder to families, our schools will also send out attendance letters on a regular basis once students have three, five, eight, ten, or twelve unexcused absences.