



Metcalf Elementary School

August 2023

Principal Corner

Dear Metcalf Families,

Wow, what a wonderful first week of school! We greatly appreciate your patience and support as we all navigate the new school year together. It was great to see everyone back in our halls buzzing with the sounds of first day jitters and reuniting with old friends.

As we move into August, we have many exciting things planned. Our theme this year is camping and we have many joyful learning adventures planned to ignite curiosity and unleash creativity! Over the next couple of weeks, students will be assessed in DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills). This assessment is given three times a year to measure growth in reading. We will be hosting an Open House on Tuesday, August 29th from 4:00 to 5:30. We hope to see you there.

Metcalf Elementary will continue to participate in the Ronald McDonald Pop Tab Challenge. The Ronald McDonald House has helped many families in our community, and we would like to help in return. Metcalf is always one of the leading schools in this competition because our families and community are so thoughtful and diligent. A quart size bag equals approximately one pound. Each pound helps families stay closer to an ill child. Save those pop tabs and help our school with this worthwhile community service project.

Thank you for choosing Metcalf as your child's school! We are blessed to have your family as part of our school community. As always, we welcome any questions or concerns.

Chelsea Adams
Principal

A Pearl to Ponder

Beginning a new school year can be a big change in each family's routine. Change can be difficult, and mindset is so important. Some things to remember:

- It's okay to have a bad day.
- Tomorrow is a new day.
- Small steps lead to big results.
- Practice makes progress.
- It's okay to make mistakes.
- It's okay to ask for help.
- You can make today great.
- Kindness is contagious.

Please reach out if we can help with anything!



Our Vision

We mine the future by promoting student academic growth in a value-driven culture where student opportunities are expanded and technology is integrated responsibly.

Our Motto

Expect Greatness!

Upcoming Events

August 16th	Early Release Day - Students are dismissed at 11:00 AM.
August 23rd	Picture Day - Bring your smile! Picture packets with more information will be sent home soon.
August 25th	Fired Up Friday - These are our assembly days. Please have your child wear red and black if possible. We will celebrate Metcalf's 10th birthday on this day!
August 29th	Open House - Be our guest! Come visit your child's classroom any time between 4:00 and 5:30.
August 30th	Early Release Day - Students are dismissed at 11:00 AM.

Other Information

Parking Lot – As you know, our parking at Metcalf is very limited. We apologize for this inconvenience. **With extra caution and extra patience, we can drop off and pick up safely.** We all love our students, and safety is crucial.

Drop Off - Students riding in personal vehicles may be dropped off in the drop-off lane closest to the school on the West side of the building between 7:40 and 8:10. There are monitors available to help students out of vehicles and to help pedestrians in the crosswalk. Please drive slowly, and be aware of pedestrians. Please use designated crosswalks available on the north and west sides if you are parking and walking your child to the door.

Pick Up - All students are dismissed at 2:30. Kindergarten students must be signed out in the MPR. Please park to pick up your child; additional parking is available at Fairbanks Middle School. Please do not leave vehicles unattended near the median; the median is used for pick up line only (not parking). Please drive slowly, and be aware of pedestrians and other vehicles. Please use designated crosswalks available on the north and west sides.

Bus - Please see an updated bus schedule on the back of this page.

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