Marietta Elementary School
Third Grade Orientation
2024-2025

Hello Parents/Guardians,

I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer! Below is some information about the start of the school year for our 3rd grade students. Since this is a new building for them, we want to make sure that they feel confident and comfortable when coming to MES. Please read the information below about the start of the school year and our orientation night.

1. **Class lists will be posted on Friday, August 16th on the gym doors.** You will be able to see who your child has for their homeroom teacher at this time. We will have the class lists posted by 3:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon.

2. **3rd grade orientation will be held on Monday, August 19th from 5:00-6:30 p.m.** This is a structured evening to make sure that everyone gets the information that they need about third grade. We will be doing two different presentations about MES and about third grade. We have set up these times based on a child's last name. This will help so the classrooms will not be too crowded and you can have more time to talk to your child's homeroom teacher.

If your child's last name starts with A-K, you will go to the cafeteria presentation from 5:00-5:30 p.m. After this presentation, you will go to your child's homeroom class.

If your child's last name starts with L-Z, you will go to the cafeteria presentation from 5:45-6:15 p.m. Before this presentation, you can go to your child's homeroom class.

3. On orientation night, you are more than welcome to bring your child's school supplies with them that evening. You can take your school supplies to your child's homeroom when you go to meet the teacher. Our school supply lists are posted on our website, Facebook page and you also have received a copy with this letter.

4. Along with this letter is also a letter about staggered start for third grade. The letters informed you of when your child would be coming to school the week of August 19th.

****The staggered start means that your child will come to school either on Wednesday, August 21st or Thursday, August 22nd. All third grade students will report to school on Friday, August 23rd.**

5. We have a lot of different ways that we will communicate throughout the school year.
    - If you go to our district's website, www.mariettacityschools.k12.oh.us, you can scroll down to the bottom of the home screen to sign up for our school emails. At the bottom of the home page, click "Subscribe to emails" and then choose "Marietta Elementary School." You will then receive updates through emails.

- We will also send text messages out throughout the school year about important information.
- You can also download the Marietta City School App.
- We have a Marietta Elementary School Facebook that you can follow!

6. Here is our bell schedule for MES:
   8:10 a.m.--Gym Doors Open for our students
   8:40 a.m.--Students are dismissed to their homeroom class
   8:45 a.m.--School Starts/Tardy Bell Rings
   3:25 p.m.--Car Riders/Walkers Dismissed
   3:30 p.m.--Bus Riders Dismissed

**We will discuss this more in the cafeteria on orientation night.

7. It's very important to a student's day that they receive breakfast and that is why we want to discuss our new breakfast system with families prior to the start of the year. We are shifting away from breakfast in the classrooms in order to provide a higher quality breakfast (hot) and maximize our instructional time for the day. So for this new system, every morning students will be able to decide if they want breakfast. We understand that some students have breakfast before they come to school and won't need additional food. These students will be able to report to the gym and sit with their grade level until the day begins. For those that don't eat at home and would like to have school breakfast, they will report to the cafeteria to have their breakfast. Breakfast will start at 8:10 a.m. daily. If your child wants to have breakfast at school, they will need to arrive at school no later than 8:40 a.m. We appreciate your understanding and your help with this change. Breakfast will continue to be free to all students in our district so we hope that your child will take advantage of breakfast in the cafeteria at MES!

8. We will have various tables set up on orientation night with information for MES. These tables (weather permitting) will be outside by the main entrance. If the weather does not allow us to be outside, we will have the tables in the main hallway.

We are so excited to have your child at MES and will help in any way to make this transition smooth for you and your child. If you have any questions, please call or email at any time!

Thank you and Go Tigers!

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