



OWN IT. RISE UP. ROCK ON!

MMS Parent Newsletter February 2024

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Dear MMS Community,

February is off to a great start! **Next Wednesday, February 7th, we have Parent/Teacher Conferences in our gyms from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Conferences are a great opportunity to partner with your child's teachers for their success.

On February 29th, our current 6th and 7th graders will register for next school year during Mustang Time. Students will use Infinite Campus to select their courses. Please take time to review their elective requests with them prior to the portal closing on March 8th. **All registration information will be posted on the Milliken Middle School website beginning February 29th.** If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to an administrator.



Beginning in March, MMS will implement a new way of recognizing Mustangs who exemplify Rock on 5 behaviors! All students will have an opportunity to earn tickets from adults in the building when they are:

- Prepared & On Time
- An Active Learner
- Respectful
- Kind
- A Proud Mustang

Tickets will be collected in grade level buckets and a drawing will take place once a week during lunch. Two lucky students from each grade level will be rewarded at lunch for their stellar Mustang Pride!

Thank you for your continued support of our school! If there is anything else we can do to support your child, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ms. Calvillo
Principal, MMS

IMPORTANT DATES

February 7

Board of Education Meeting
7 p.m. in the Administration Building

February 9

No School for Students

February 19

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February 21

Parent Volunteer Meeting
3:45 p.m. in the MMS Library

Board of Education Meeting
7 p.m. at the Administration Building

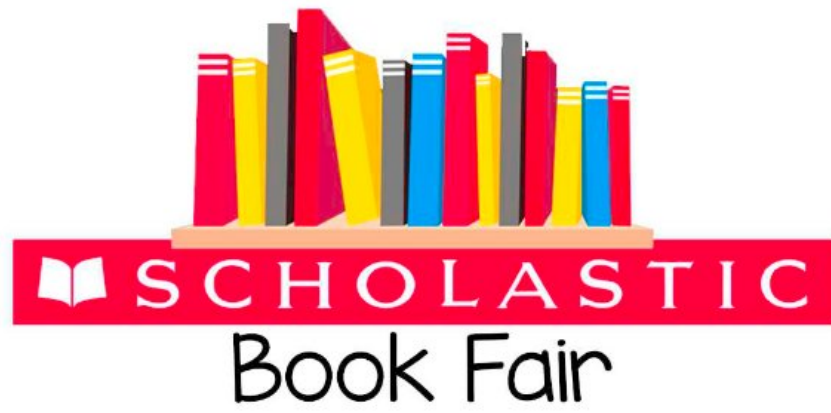
BOOK FAIR

Parents, please stop by the MMS Book Fair following your visit to conferences on Wednesday, February 7 from 3:00-7:00 PM. Click the link below to set up an "e-wallet" for your student(s).

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/millikenmiddleschool1>

The Book Fair will be open to students Monday through Thursday before school starts, during their lunch break and after school until 3:00PM. Students may pay using e-wallets, cash, cards or phones.

Thank you for supporting our middle school library!





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UPDATES TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY REGARDING ADMINISTERING MEDICATIONS TO STUDENTS January 2024

Please see below for highlights of changes to the JLCD guidelines for administering medications for students:

- A student who is able to self-carry and self-administer may carry a one-day dose of each preventative OTC (over the counter) medication.
- Preventative OTC medications should be carried in the original packaging for safety.
- Preventative OTC medications need to be provided by parents/guardians.
- A health care provider's prescription or standing order is required for staff to be able to administer medication (prescription or non-prescription).
- Students who use, are under the influence of, distribute, or sell medication inconsistent with JLCD guidelines may be subject to disciplinary consequences for violation of the Board of Education policy concerning drug and alcohol involvement by students.
- If your family needs assistance to access preventative OTC medications previously provided from the health office – including items previously listed in the online registration – please reach out to your building administrator.

Please contact your building nurse with any questions regarding these updates.

The full Weld RE-5J district policies are available on our website:
www.weldre5j.k12.co.us/board-education/page/district-policy



PRIORITIZING PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH FOR OUR STUDENTS, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY



Stop Norovirus!

Norovirus (“stomach flu”) is a **highly contagious** virus spread when someone swallows a very tiny amount of a sick person’s feces (poop) or vomit.

- A sick person can leave small amounts of poop or vomit on items such as door knobs, phones, pencils, and computers!

To avoid these symptoms:



You should:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for **20 seconds**.
- Stay away from others while sick and for 48 hours after symptoms end.



You should **not**:

- Share food and drink items.
- Touch your mouth.





Advancing Colorado's health and protecting the places we live, learn, work and play

Dear parents/guardians of students attending Colorado kindergarten - 12th grade schools for the 2024-25 school year:

We know there's nothing more important than making sure your children stay healthy and learning all year long. Getting vaccinated is an important part of keeping kids in school, as it prevents them from catching and spreading diseases that can make them sick. This letter includes important information about Colorado's school vaccine requirements, as well as other resources.

Required and recommended vaccines

Colorado law requires students who attend a public, private, or parochial kindergarten - 12th grade school to be vaccinated against many of the diseases vaccines can prevent, unless a Certificate of Exemption is filed. For more information, visit cdphe.colorado.gov/schoolrequiredvaccines.

To attend school, your child must be vaccinated against:

- Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (DTaP, Tdap)
- Hepatitis B (HepB)
- Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR)
- Polio (IPV)
- Varicella (chickenpox)

Colorado follows recommendations set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](https://www.cdc.gov/immunization/practices). This committee is a group of medical and public health experts who study vaccines and recommend them for the public. **Before starting kindergarten**, students must receive their final doses of DTaP, IPV, MMR, and varicella. **Before starting sixth grade**, students must receive one dose of Tdap vaccine, even if the student is age 10. View recommended vaccine schedules at: www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/easy-to-read/child-easyread.html (birth through 6 years) or www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/easy-to-read/adolescent-easyread.html (7 to 18 years).

CDC also recommends vaccines for COVID-19, hepatitis A (HepA), human papillomavirus (HPV), influenza (flu), and meningococcal disease (MenACWY and MenB) for the K-12 population, but these are not required for school entry in Colorado.

This recommended schedule is safe and effective. It's based on how your child's immune system responds to vaccines at various ages, and how likely your child is to be exposed to a particular disease.

Exclusion from school

Your child may be excluded if their school does not have an up-to-date Certificate of Immunization, Certificate of Exemption, or an in-process plan on file for your child.

If someone is sick or there is an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease at your child's school, and your child has not received the vaccine for that disease, they may be excluded from school activities. That could mean lost learning time for them and lost work and wages for you. For example, if your child has not received a MMR vaccine, they may need to stay home from school for 21 days after someone gets sick with measles.

Have questions?

Talk with a health care provider or your local public health agency to ask questions and find out which vaccines your child needs. Find a vaccine provider at cdphe.colorado.gov/get-vaccinated. Read about the safety and importance of vaccines at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/parents/FAQs.html, childvaccineco.org, immunizeforgood.com, and cdphe.colorado.gov/immunization-education.

Staying up to date on routine immunizations is important for adults as well as children. It's never too late for families to get back on track! Learn more at www.cdc.gov/vaccines/adults/rec-vac/index.html.

Paying for vaccinations

If you need help finding free or low-cost vaccines, go to COVax4Kids.org, contact your local public health agency (cdphe.colorado.gov/find-your-local-public-health-agency), or dial [2-1-1](https://2-1-1.org) for information on Health First Colorado (Medicaid) and vaccine clinics in your area.

Vaccination records

Share your child's updated Certificate of Immunization with their school every time they receive a vaccine.

Need to find your student's vaccine record? It may be available from the [Colorado Immunization Information System \(CIIS\)](#). Visit [COVaxRecords.org](#) for more information, including directions on how to view and print your student's vaccine record.

Exemptions

If your student cannot get vaccines for [medical reasons](#), you must submit a Certificate of Medical Exemption to your school, signed by an advanced practice nurse (APN), physician (MD, DO), or physician assistant (PA) licensed to practice in any state or territory in the United States. You only need to submit this certificate once, unless your student's school or information changes. Get the form at [cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions](#).

If you choose not to have your student vaccinated according to Colorado's school vaccine requirements for nonmedical reasons, you must submit a Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption to your school. Nonmedical exemptions must be submitted on an annual basis. There are two ways to obtain a nonmedical exemption.

1. Submit the Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption *signed* by an advanced practice nurse (APN), pharmacist, physician (MD, DO), physician assistant (PA), or registered nurse (RN), licensed in Colorado, or
2. Submit the Certificate of Nonmedical Exemption you will be able to access upon completion of the state's Online Immunization Education Module.

Find certificates and the Online Immunization Education Module at [cdphe.colorado.gov/vaccine-exemptions](#).

How's your school doing on vaccinations?

Annually, schools must report immunization and exemption numbers (but not student names or birthdates) to the state health department. Schools do not control their specific immunization and exemption rates or establish the Vaccinated Children Standard described in [§25-4-911, CRS](#).

Your child's school's immunization rates from the 2022-23 school year. Find previous years' data at COVaxRates.org .		
School name	2022-23 MMR immunization rate (required)	2022-23 MMR exemption rate (required)
	98%	2%
Schools may choose to include rates for other school-required vaccines		
Vaccinated Children Standard 95% immunization rate for all school-required vaccines	2022-23 DTaP immunization rate	2022-23 DTaP exemption rate
	2022-23 Tdap immunization rate (for grades 6-12)	2022-23 Tdap exemption rate (for grades 6-12)
	2022-23 HepB immunization rate	2022-23 HepB exemption rate
	2022-23 Polio immunization rate	2022-23 Polio exemption rate
	2022-23 varicella immunization rate	2022-23 varicella exemption rate

Have questions?
Get in touch!

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