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Good afternoon, MJMS Families,



We had a great week at MJMS! We are nearly finished with our iReady testing, and progress reports will be here before you know it!

Here are just a couple of updates for you:

- **Cookie Dough Sale:** We had our kickoff meeting Thursday, so students should have packets to assist in selling Otis Spunkmeyer. Remember that people can make a donation, if selling cookies is not on your to-do list. \$10 is equal to selling one box. Our first turn-in day is September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **IMPORTANT About School Pictures:** We found out today that there is a box in registration that has to be checked for your child to be in the yearbook. We think some people missed this because over we have many who did not give the ok. If you do not correct this, we will not be able to put your child's picture in the yearbook this year. The last page of the newsletter has directions on checking and correcting.

- **Progress Reports:** We have 9 more days in the first progress reporting period, so encourage your student to stay on top of the work. Remember that teachers will not accept late work after the progress reports go out (exceptions, of course, for makeup work that landed right at that deadline).
- **PTO Meeting:** We had our first PTO meeting today. Thank you to all the parents who attended. We talked about class numbers, our school's strategic plan, the upcoming renovation, spirit nights, spirit wear, and several other things. The next meeting is Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 11:00 – 12:00. We'd love to have you!
- **Warm Wednesday:** One way we celebrate our teachers throughout the year is providing a treat for Warm Wednesday. This can be elaborate (lunch) or simple (coffee, snack, candy, non-edible treats). Would your family or organization like to adopt a Wednesday this year? If so, email me a date and I'll put you on the calendar. We have teacher on both campuses, so don't forget to plan for that.
- **Car Pickup:** Please do not park in areas that have your child running through traffic to get to your car, including the front of the school. It is so crowded with the buses in the front and on the side, while teachers and staff are also leaving for the day. The car rider line is very quick, efficient, and safe! If you do meet your child off campus somewhere, make sure he/she is crossing the street where a crossing guard is. We do not want any student to be hurt.

Thank you all for trusting us with your children. We look forward to Monday!

Bear Pride in the Middle!

Candis Angle

Looking ahead:

- Aug 25 – Picture day
- Aug 25 – 1st cookie dough turn-in day
- Sep 1 – 2nd cookie dough turn-in day
- Sep 3 – Last day to buy yearbook for \$45.00
- Sep 4 – Labor Day, no school
- Sep 12 – Parent-teacher conferences
- Sep 14 – Homecoming

Please check your child's yearbook status and correct if necessary, using the directions below. Verify the you marked the "Allow School Yearbook" demographic flag, yes.

Skyward defaults to no, so you will have to make the change in Skyward Family Access if you want to change to Yes. This was part of the Returning Student Registration that we believe several people just missed.

In Family Access:

- Click on Student Info
- Click on Request Changes for specific student
- Click Student Information
- The flags to Allow for Publication are at the bottom of that popup page.
  - The ? defines each of these options