

Robert L. Merritt Junior High School

August 2018

"Equitable Education for Every Student"

Principal's Message

We envision a school culture that focuses on producing high levels of student achievement and staff effectiveness in leadership, instructional practices, and positive student teacher interaction. We are about to complete our first month of school and we are getting ready to host an amazing open house for our parents. Our staff is qualified and ready to face the task of increasing academic achievement in ALL of our students. We are encouraging you to support your child's learning by making sure that he or she is completing all homework assignments, displaying acceptable behavior, and last but not least, we want you to keep in contact with the classroom teachers to bridge the gap from home to school. At Robert L. Merritt, our goal is Growth For All Students! Thank you for choosing SCCSD and Robert L. Merritt!

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2018 - 2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome back to school! There have been many changes while you have been away this summer. Meet the new faculty and staff and learn about the new school additions at Robert L. Merritt Junior High. Latoshia Lewis is bringing in new ideas in the counseling Dept. Donnie Hollins is firmly and enthusiastically working with 9th graders to educate them in the area of World Geography. Omar Catchings is drumming up some Algebra I/Compacted 8th grade Math and Lanatra Simpson Math for 8th Graders Rose Giachelli is bringing creativity and new energy to the World History classes. Diane Forrest is committed to ELA. Syreeta Cooper has eagerly joined the team as the new physical education instructor. Precious Bailey and Misty Clark are using Technology strategies to enlighten our students. Shannon Clark and Krystal Jones are creating new ideas in Biology and Science. Also new to our team is Robert Kimble MS Studies 9th and U.S History 8th Grade. New to Exceptional Education staff but not the school is Aroneshia Townsend. Last but not least, our halls have a different look due to the removal of the lockers.

Along with the original faculty and staff these newcomers make up a highly qualified group of professionals who provide valuable teaching and learning opportunities in a safe and positive environment that is beneficial to the growth and development of the students at Robert L. Merritt Junior High..



Upcoming Events at RLMJH

- ◆ 9/11 Open House/Title I/Progress Reports @ 5-6:30 P.M.
- ◆ 9/13 Football Game/Away/Shelby @ 5:30 P.M.
- ◆ 9/18 State Test/Benchmark Workshop Moorhead Central @6:00 P.M.
- ◆ 9/20 Football Game/Home/Ruleville @5:30 P.M.
- ◆ 9/25 Storyboard Workshop/Learning Walk @ 12:30 P.M.
- ◆ 9/27 Football Game Away/Drew 5:30 P.M.
- ◆ 10/4 Football Game/Home/Humphrey's Co. @5:30 P.M.
- ◆ 9/21 Football Game/Away/Ruleville @5:30 P.M.

Open House/Annual Title I Meeting

The official date for the RLMJH Open House/Title I meeting will be **Tuesday, September 11th from 5:00 to 6:30 P.M.** Parents will receive information about school expectations, curriculum, attendance, testing, discipline, grading scale, homework, technology, title I program, and school events. All RLMJH faculty and staff will be in attendance. Mrs. Ida Cannon, Attendance Officer, will be available to answer any questions about absenteeism. Refreshments will be served. Looking forward to seeing you.

School Hours 7:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Students are tardy after 7:40 A.M. An adult must come into the office to sign for the tardy student. During dismissal parents are asked to pick up students at the designated area. Parents should not exit vehicles, but wait patiently for students to come to their vehicle.

Parent Center Corner

Geraldine Ray, Parent Liaison

We are in the process of rebuilding our parent center. We do have pamphlets and brochures you may pick up when you visit the school. My days at RLMJH are Tuesday, Thursday, and alternate Friday's. My hours are from 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. I will adjust my time upon request.



Robert L. Merritt is an institution of learning. In order for your child to get the full benefit of what's being offered he/she must be here daily, on time, and stay the entire day. Class starts at **7:40** each day. If your child comes to school after that time they are not only late but missing instructional time. Remember, there are consequences for habitual tardiness. Please read the student handbook to familiarize you with the consequences of being **TARDY**