

The Merritt Messenger

Robert L. Merritt Junior High School

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Tips for Parents: Parent Teacher Conferences

You consult with your doctor about your child's physical health. It's just as important to consult with your child's teacher about academic subjects, social skills and emotional development. Remember, you and the teacher are a team—working together.

A conference should not be a confrontation. A parent-teacher conference is not an opportunity to list all the deficiencies you see in the teacher, the classroom, and the school system. Nor should it be a time when the teacher lists your failings as a parent and your child's failings as a student.

The conference is an information exchange. You bring to the conference information about your child's interaction with people outside of school, his home life, and previous experiences that might affect confidence or interest in school. The teacher brings information about your child's interaction with others in school, performance on tests, and knowledge of learning strategies. Pooling your information gives you both a better picture of your child's strengths and weaknesses, and lets you develop an effective plan for helping your child succeed.

Parent teacher conferences let you take part in your child's education. Knowing what is being taught at school lets you direct the conversation in your family to issues being studied in school. Such reinforcement of school work at home makes a big difference in your child's understanding, motivation, and school performance.

You may schedule a conference with your child's teacher by calling the school at 662-884-1270 and requesting a conference. A conference will be scheduled within two (2) days of receiving the request.

Student of the Month

The Merritt Junior High School student of the month is chosen based on qualities such as character, leadership, and citizenship, not necessarily the highest achievement in academics. The student of the month must be a diligent student, and completing his/her assignments on time, showing strong effort to learn the subjects. The student of the month demonstrates excellent behavior inside and outside the classroom, is well mannered, and respectful to both peers and teachers.

August

7th Megan Curry
8th Jesse Hull
9th Rufus Bush

September

7th Brayden Bailey
8th Maya Mosley
9th Natariya Simmons



Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest

Students at Merritt Jr. High School are invited to create a Red Ribbon Week poster to be judged and exhibited during Red Ribbon Week October 26-30, 2015. Entries will be judged by educators and community representatives. Prizes will be awarded for the top winner in grades 7th-9th. Student should see Ms. Hale in the counseling office for detailed rules and regulations to enter the contest.



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Open House Parent Teacher Conference

Report cards will be issued on October 15, 2015. Parents must come to the school to pick up their child's report card from their homeroom teacher. Report cards will not be issued to students. We will issue report cards from 4:15 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. You will also have an opportunity to speak with your child's teachers. If you need to have an in depth conference, you will be able to schedule one at this time. Looking forward to seeing you at Open House.



October is Anti-Bullying Month

Every October, schools and organizations across the country observe National Bullying Prevention Month. The goal is to encourage communities to work together to stop bullying and cyberbullying by increasing awareness of the prevalence and impact of bullying on all children of all ages. Throughout the month, students will be participating in activities geared to stop bullying in schools.

Week of October 12th
Make friends with someone you don't know.

Week of October 19th
STAND UP for others week

Week of October 26th
Show random acts of kindness to others.

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Important Dates



October 6 – 9, 2015	1 st Nine Weeks Exam
October 12 -13, 2015	Fall Break
October 14, 2015	Classes Resume
October 15, 2015	OPEN HOUSE
	Report Cards Issued
October 29, 2015	Basketball Game Drew (AWAY)
November 2, 2015	Basketball game Drew (HOME)