

MEDINA ELEMENTARY FAMILY NEWSLETTER



November 10, 2021

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MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRINCIPALS

Hi Tiger Families,

This week, we celebrate our Veterans – thank you, Veterans, for your service! Our Medina Veteran’s Day Slideshow features over 30 Veterans, and we look forward to broadcasting our virtual assembly to our student community in school on Monday, 11/15.

Next week, we are excited to open the Book Fair to our community from 11/15-11/19! Please also be sure to review our student privacy disclaimer below.

Warmly,
Laurie and Ashley

IMPORTANT DATES

November 11 – NO SCHOOL,
Veteran’s Day

November 12 – NO SCHOOL

November 15-19 – BOOK FAIR

November 25 & 25 - NO SCHOOL,
in observance of Thanksgiving

December 6th – Picture Re-Takes

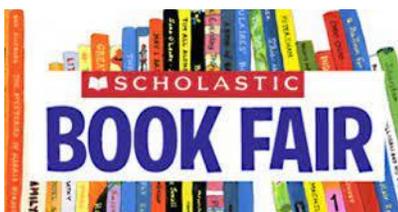
5/5 – Proposed Classroom Picture

SCHOOL INFORMATION

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BOOK FAIR @ MEDINA STARTS 11/15

Our Scholastic Book Fair reading event (Nov. 15th-19th) brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It’s a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level.

NEW shopping option! Book Fair eWallet is a safe and convenient digital payment option for your student to shop the Fair cash-free. Visit the Book Fair home page to sign up:

www.scholastic.com/bf/medinaelementaryschool3

- Students will shop during scheduled library times.
- Adult (sorry no kids) can either walk-in or schedule a time after school hours to shop.
- Please note, proof of vaccination and masks are required.
- Adult only shopping Tuesday and Thursday 3-5pm and Wednesday 12:50-3:30pm and 5-7pm.

Remember, all purchases benefit our school library. For more information or questions, please contact Shari Kauls:

sharikauls@gmail.com

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As a community reminder, please be sure to practice appropriate use of student information and photos in our Medina Directory and Yearbook. Our students' and families' privacy is of utmost importance, and it is our community's role to uphold this commitment to one another.

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FAMILY TALKING POINTS FOR GRIEF AND LOSS

Given recent events and the loss of our Odle student last week, we would like to provide families with the following resources to support conversations at home.

When a child is experiencing grief about the death of someone they know, he or she may express their grief in many ways. Please carefully monitor your child in the days ahead for any changes in their routines, words, actions, or behavior.



Here are some suggestions for supporting your child:

- *Be sensitive to your child's desire to talk—or not to talk. Simply listen if they do want to talk. You may want to bring it up and offer to listen if your child may be reluctant to bring up this topic.*
- *Accept your child's feelings as stated. Resist the temptation to minimize pain, deny feelings, or give advice. Helpful parent responses include:*
 - *"Tell me more about that."*
 - *"Have you ever felt that way before?"*
 - *"I wonder if there are other things that are worrying you?"*
- *Be concrete and brief in your answers. Give basic facts and dispel rumors.*
- *Do not compare death with sleep or any other state of consciousness. We do not want children to fear going to sleep because they fear they may die, too.*
- *Allow for regressive behaviors, including some separation anxiety, wanting to be close to parents, or being clingy.*
- *Grief and how we express it are different at different ages.*
- *When any of us experience a loss, whether directly or indirectly, we frequently have a resurgence of feelings we have had pertaining to our own personal losses. This is normal and okay. Be accepting of yourself and nonjudgmental of other's feelings, including your child's.*

If you have specific student or family needs, please contact Ms. Elise Geck, Counselor – gecke@bsd405.org

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