

Kindergarten / New Parents Quick Tip List

Welcome to Marshdale!! Here is a quick list to help make your transition to Marshdale a little easier. The office and PTA welcomes questions and are always willing to help you out!

- **Jeffco Connect** - Is where you set communication preferences and provide important information about your child. Please be sure to provide at least 2 parent/emergency contacts. You can decide whether you would like to receive a phone call, email, or both when school and district communications are sent - set your preferences in Jeffco Connect under "Contacts>Notifications Preferences". Make sure the email and phone numbers are up to date throughout the year. Be sure to view the "Agreements" tab to electronically sign authorizations and information.
- **Absences** - If your child will be absent, please call 303-982-5150, Option 1 and leave a message or email catherine.woodworth@jeffco.k12.co.us. Absences can be reported days in advance.
- **Student Fee Payment** - Is located from a link in the bottom left of Jeffco Connect. **OPT** on the fee sheet linked to in Jeffco Connect means the fee is optional and may not pertain to your child.
- **Assessment Days** - Your child will be assigned a time on one of the 2 days to come to complete some assessments with his/her teacher. Your child otherwise will not attend school those days. Buses do not run on these days.
- **Friday Folders** - Are sent home every Friday (or Thursday if there is no school on Friday) and have important papers from the school. Please review, empty the folder and return it on Monday.
- **Shutterfly Site** - Will be set up for your class. You will be asked to provide an email address to enroll. The site is used to coordinate classroom parties and events and houses many photos throughout the year for the yearbook.
- **School Communications** - A weekly email will be sent from the main office on Sunday night. If the school calls during school hours, please answer as it is not a general information phone call.
- **Recess** - We go outside in all types of weather and temperatures. Please make sure your child is ready for mountain weather every day.
- **Hug & Go** - Please review the procedure and traffic flow map under the "Our School" tab of the Marshdale website https://marshdale.jeffcopublicschools.org/our_school/hug_and_go_procedure. Please stay in your car. In the morning, please wait for a staff member or Watch DOG to be outside before unloading, which is at 8:45am. Speak with your child about waiting on the blacktop for pickup (not going into the playground area - it's tempting). If you wish to walk with your child, please park in the back parking lot (refrain from using the front lot during arrival and dismissal due to bus traffic).
- **Watch DOGS** - Parents, guardians and grandparents can volunteer to be an extra pair of eyes at the school. Sign up prior to volunteering and check with the office for security screening. If the day you want is taken, still ask if you can volunteer. Often 2 DOGS will volunteer on the same day.

- **Lunch/Snacks** - Be sure to check with your teacher, but most classes have snacks during the day. DO NOT pack snacks in lunch boxes; the lunch boxes go to the cafeteria in the morning.

- **PTA Main Events:**
 - Mustang Trot - In the fall the school does a fun run. Students will be asked to raise money and have the opportunity to earn prizes. On the last day, they will run/walk on the turf field for a designated amount of time. Parents are encouraged to come and run with their students. Fliers will come home with lots of information; read them to stay informed.
 - Spring Silent Auction - In the spring, PTA hosts an adult only silent and live auction. Classes create projects that are auctioned off, along with other amazing items.
 - Winter Carnival - A fun family event in January to bring the school community together. Bounce house, games, dinner, and a chili cook off take place.

- **Reflections** - In September and October an art contest called Reflections will take place. This is a National PTA sponsored event. Students create pieces in different categories representing a theme for that year. Information will be sent home. All students are welcome to participate. Work is done at home by the student.

- **Science Fair** - In January and February the school will have a science fair. All students are welcome to participate.

- **Talent Show** - Open to students in grades 2-5.

- **MAC Meetings** (Marshdale Accountability Committee) - Parents, staff, and community members are welcome to join the accountability committee. Meetings happen once a month and last an hour. This is a great way to learn more about the school and a place to have your voice heard.

- **PTA Membership**-Joining the PTA is a great way to support Marshdale. Part of your dues will go directly to Marshdale and your membership gives you a voice. PTA members can vote on decisions that will affect our school. By joining the PTA you are not required to do anything, but volunteers are always welcome!

- **Amazon Smile**-Always shop on smile.amazon.com and select Marshdale Elementary as your charity of choice. A small portion of your purchase will be donated back to Marshdale.

- **BoxTops**-Marshdale collects BoxTops to raise additional funds. BoxTops are going digital this year, but we are still collecting the cut outs as well. Make sure to download the BoxTop app and scan your receipts (and remind friends and family to do the same).