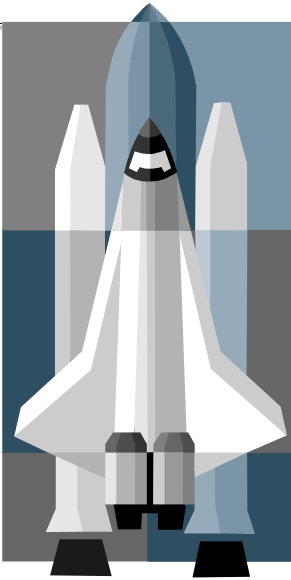


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## The New School Year Brings Some Changes...

Please note that doors to the school open for breakfast at 7:30 am. Students are released from the cafeteria to begin going to class at 7:50 am. The cafeteria line closes at 7:55 am, so if your child is eating breakfast at school, they need to arrive prior to 7:55. School officially starts at 8:00 am. Students coming in after that time must get a tardy slip from the front office. Please make sure your students are here on time so they have a good start to a successful day.

## Pep Rallies

Meridian Elementary students will be attending pep rallies at MHS each Friday. Students will be walked down by their teachers about 2:40 with the pep rally scheduled to start at 2:45. If you are attending the pep rally please meet your child at the high school. We will not be able to call them out of class at that time. If transportation changes on those Fridays, your child's teacher must have a note to indicate those changes. Students riding buses will load at the elementary as normal.



## Calendar of Events:

- **Aug. 28**–Black & Gold Pep Rally, 2:45 pm, MHS Gym
- **Aug. 31**–4–H Assembly for 3rd–5th grades, 3:00 pm, MES Gym
- **Aug. 31**–4th & 5th Grade Parent Orientation, 6 pm, MES
- **Sept. 4**–Camo Pep Rally, 2:45, MHS Gym
- **Sept. 8**–Cub Scout Rally, 4–7 pm, MES
- **Sept. 11**–50's Pep Rally, 2:45 pm, MHS Gym

Attending pep rallies at MHS is a privilege for our students. We will be holding a pep rally detention for students who lose the privilege of attending.

## Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures

I would like to say thank you to all of you who have been so patient when picking up your children in the afternoons. We have attempted and hopefully succeeded in making this a faster and more efficient process. Beginning **Monday, August 31**, if students' last name **begins with M they will be picked up in the front entrance**. This means that "pick-up groups" A-M will be at the front, N-Z will be at the gym, and buses still load by the playground.

## New State Law...

Don't forget that beginning September 1, 2009, it will be illegal to use cell phones in a school zone.



FRONT POCKET



We will be taking orders for our school shirts (pictured at left) for the 2009-10 school year until Friday, Sept. 4. The cost is \$10 each. Orders can be placed with Mrs. Wehmeyer at the front desk.