From the Principal

Finally, it is fall. In most years, students and staff don’t usually start feeling stressed and burned out until late October. However, this year it has happened earlier with the return from COVID. Part of that is due to being in the building five days per week versus four last year. It also has to do with the rigor of the assigned work and the volume of students in classes and the halls. I am asking that staff and students hang in there because things will start feeling normal again.

- **Conferences 10/7 and 10/14** – Starting 10/1, you will be able to register for Conference times using PTCFast.com. You will sign up separately for each teacher that you wish to see, as well as identify in the comments whether you would like to meet in person or virtually. Each conference runs 10 minutes. In order to meet the needs of all our students, if you feel that you will need more than 10 minutes with a given teacher, please make arrangements to meet them another day.

- **Family Dinner with Halloween Ally 10/21** – Join the Social Studies Department, as well as WEB and Leadership students for this magical evening. Dinner is at 6 pm and the Social Studies activities as well as the Halloween Alley will start at 7. Little ones can wear their costumes. I will be sharing information regarding our UIP and ask for feedback during the “Surprise SAC Meeting” at 6:45.

- **Halloween Observed 10/29** – Student and staff may wear school appropriate costumes to school on Friday, 10/29. Please observe the attached guidelines. Students who are not compliant with these rules will be asked to change their costume to meet expectations, wait in the in-school suspension area until parents can bring them clothing, or spend the day in in-school suspension. Regardless, students are expected to complete all work for the day.

- **Masks** – We are going through 100+ masks per day. If your student has a cloth or reusable mask, please have them wear that to school. The masks that we provide are for students who forget that day, not a daily provision. We also ask that you speak with your student about breaking them on purpose to get out of class or be tardy.

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− TikTok – As you have probably heard, there are monthly challenges on TikTok, the social app, for students to do things that are damaging, dangerous, or inappropriate and then record themselves doing it. Please speak with your student about the danger of participating in these challenges and reiterate to them that they are not acceptable. Students will face consequences, especially if they cause damage or hurt someone. Here’s the list of challenges:

  o September – damage school restrooms (possible suspension and police involvement)
  o October – slap a staff member (this will be an automatic suspension)
  o November – kiss someone else’s girl (if this leads to a fight, suspensions are likely)
  o December – Deck the Halls with trash and inappropriate graffiti (restoration and restorative justice)
  o January – Jab a female (automatic suspension with possible police involvement)
  o February – Destroy school signs (possible suspension, restoration, possible police involvement)
  o March – Make a mess in the cafeteria (restoration and detentions to clean the school, including areas outside of the cafeteria)
  o April – Grab privates of boys (automatic suspension with possible police involvement)
  o May – Skip school
  o June – Flip off front office (possible suspension, restorative justice)
  o July – Spray a neighbor’s fence (police are likely to get involved)

− Moore Middle School PTO!

  o Volunteers Needed: We need your help! We're having a Car Wash to provide our awesome teachers with dinner during conferences. We need volunteers to come wash cars on Saturday, 10/2 from 10am-2pm behind O'Reilly's on Wads and 88th. Stop by, come for an hour, or for the whole event. Here's the sign-up: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAA729A3FCC07-carwash

  o PTO Meeting: Be involved, lend a hand, and make a difference! Please come to our Moore Middle School PTO meeting on 10/6 at 6pm to learn about upcoming events and other volunteer opportunities at school. Light refreshments will be provided and masks are required.

  o Email the PTO if you have any questions: MooreMiddleSchoolPTO@gmail.com

  o Join the PTO email list

  o Free Money for Moore Middle School!!! You can help: Do you shop at King Soopers? Hook up your rewards account to: Arvada Moore Middle School PTO and King Soopers will donate a percentage of all purchases. Super Easy! Here's how: in the King Soopers app, click on the 3 lines in the upper right corner, then Rewards, then Community Rewards, then Search for Organization, Search: Arvada Moore Middle PTO, and Click: Enroll. Very easy to do and takes no time at all! You can also sign up on their website. ***Don't forget to tell your friends and family.

  o American Family Warehouse (AFW): Check out the brochure for AFW’s give back to Moore for your furniture purchases.

− Sea Camp - Students have an amazing opportunity to attend SeaCamp in San Diego in May with Ms. Asmus. This is such a great experience. The cost of camp is $860 with a $150 deposit due November 1st. Airfare is an additional cost though we will try to keep it down. Here is more information about the week. Please notify me if you would like your student to attend. Mrs. Manes can take your deposit. If you have King Soopers money left over from Outdoor Lab, you can apply that to SeaCamp.
Upcoming Events

Dates to Remember

October 7   Conferences 12-8
October 7-8  Fall Break-No School
October 14  Conferences 4-8
October 21  Family Dinner 6PM
October 26  Moore Band, Choir, and Orchestra Concert @ 7 PM
October 27  Picture Retakes

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Counselor’s Corner

Update:
It is a busy time of year! We just finished the needs assessment and have kicked off some of our counseling groups. Please contact your counselor if you are interested in small groups for your student. Over the next few months, we will be heading into classrooms to introduce ICAP (Individual Career Academic Plans). All middle school students in Jefferson County are expected to complete their own individual career and academic plans. Counselors work with students to guide them through the milestones on the Naviance website.

Middle School Tip:
At the middle of our first semester, we are busy working with students on building strong academic skills. One of the most important skills for all middle school students is organization. There are several things that you, as a parent, can do to help your student build this important skill.

We encourage the use of a daily planner. Check to see that your student is using his/her planner daily. Ask to see your child’s planner and encourage them to record something for every class every day. If they have no homework that day, they can record that, or what they did in class that day. This is an excellent communication tool between school and home. Many students expect that they will remember their assignments without recording them, but after seven class periods, that is difficult, if not impossible. Writing assignments on your hands has also proven to be ineffective. A daily planner is a very useful tool, and its effective use promotes academic success, as well as being an expectation for all Moore Mustangs.

Parent Portal is also available to you to monitor your student’s grades via the internet. You can access the Parent Portal by using your Jeffco Connect user ID and password. Grades for assignments/tests/quizzes are recorded regularly by each teacher and will be accessible to you through this program. We encourage you to look together with your student, and discuss his/her academic progress.

Resources:
As the holiday’s approach, times can be difficult. If you feel you or your family may need holiday assistance, please contact the counseling department as soon as possible.

Thank you for the all-important work you do as parents/guardians of middle school students. “Let tomorrow be tomorrow while you focus on today.”
GT Info

Welcome GT Families! I am Ms. Rettler and I am the Social Emotional Learning Specialist (SEL) and Gifted & Talented (GT) Student Building Leader at Moore. I wanted to introduce myself to you and share with you all of the exciting opportunities for GT students this school year. On Tuesday 9/21 we had our first GT student meeting of the year. These meetings will happen once a month in the HUB during Mustang Minutes and we are offering mini-workshops on topics such as “Executive Functioning” and “Personal Organization” among others that GT students are interested in learning about.

Your GT student received an email on Tues 9/21 from Benjamin Hershelman, our district GT Resource Teacher. This email contains the link and instructions for completing the initial questionnaire for setting Advanced Learning Plan (ALP) goals. Please discuss with your GT student what (1) academic and (2) affective goals they would like to focus on this school year. The process of setting ALPs goals is actually very straight-forward and all they need to do is check a box. We are seeking 100% GT compliance with setting goals this school year, so please support your student with being sure they have set their goals. We will work with students throughout the year to progress-monitor their goals and do the end of year closeout in May for completion of goals.

As the SEL at Moore, my focus is on supporting GT students’ affective ALPs goals. I am hosting a Mindfulness Group that will take place every Tuesday starting 9/28 for 10 weeks. This will be during Mustang Minutes and we will practice mindfulness techniques, including meditation, yoga and vision-boarding, outside, weather permitting. This group is to help support our GT students with practicing healthy coping skills that will be helpful for managing stress and supporting whole-person wellness.

If you are the parent/guardian of a GT Mustang please be sure that they have (1) joined our GT Google Classroom and (2) have followed the instructions for setting their ALPS goals.

Click this link to view our GT webpage and stay connected!
Moore GT Webpage

I am very excited to work with our GT Mustangs this school year and help support their needs. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. And please stay connected so you are informed of all the amazing GT activities and resources we are offering at Moore this school year!
Digital Citizenship

Dear Families,

Did you know that October is National Bullying Prevention Month? With the rapid increase of digital devices in our TechForEd 1:1 program and use of social media platforms across the board, there has never been a better time to engage in meaningful conversations around mindful technology use.

During the month of October, many of our 5th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th, and 11th grade classrooms will engage in digital citizenship learning related to Cyberbullying, Digital Drama, and Hate Speech. Unfortunately, many students will encounter mean behavior at some point in their digital lives. Some of these experiences are easily forgotten, while others can have deep, long-lasting effects. For families, the key is staying involved in your children's lives -- both in the physical and online worlds -- so you can step in and offer help, if necessary.

This month, you can help your child(ren) learn how to avoid the drama and stand up for others by using these resources:

**Monthly Motto:** We are kind & courageous.

**Discussion Question for School and Home:** How can I connect positively, treat others respectfully, and create a culture of kindness?

**Cyberbullying, Digital Drama & Hate Speech Family Activities:**
- Kindergarten [English](#)
- Grade 1 [English](#)
- Grade 2 [English](#)
- Grades 3-5 [English Spanish](#)
- Grades 6-8 [English Spanish](#)
- Grade 9-12 [English](#)

**Family Tips Sheet**
- Grades K-12 [English Spanish](#)

**Additional Family Engagement Resources**
- Common Sense Media [Resources](#)
- [Jeffco’s Tech for Ed Website](#)

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**From the Health Room**

Moore families, just a few reminders.

If experiencing COVID-like symptoms ● Stay home!

Please self-screen at home prior to the school day, DO NOT come to school if you are experiencing any COVID-like symptoms: new onset of cough, fever, sore throat, chills, body aches, headaches, and/or nausea/vomiting/diarrhea.

If symptoms have not improved after 48 hours, please notify the school and the school nurse will follow up with you.
Dear Moore families,

It’s official – October Count Day this year is Friday, October 1. The most important action you can take to support school funding is to make sure your student attends school on that day. Much of public education funding from the State of Colorado is based on student count so we encourage you to be sure your child engages in school that day.

The “count window” the state observes is from Friday, September 24 through Friday, October 8 but the most important student count day is Friday, October 1. Please help us ensure an accurate count by having your student participate in learning that day. We understand that Thursday, October 7 and Friday, October 8 are non-student contact days, so we encourage you to have your student in attendance on the other days during the count window.

If your child will be absent on Friday, October 1 due to illness, call our attendance line, 303-982-0402 to report the absence. Attendance during the “count window” will help counteract an absence on Friday, October 1.

Thank you for your support of Moore Middle school. Every child counts!

Sincerely,

Brenda Fletcher
Principal

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