



BILL METZ ELEMENTARY  
METZ MESSENGER

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*Our mission is to  
inspire the pursuit  
of excellence, one  
student at a time.*

**Principal's Connection**

We are two-thirds of the way through our first quarter of the school year. Students and staff have settled into their routines, and I hope parents have as well. Please remember to have students at school by 7:45am so they can participate in breakfast and "good things" sharing in their classrooms.

We also want to remind parents of the process if you have any questions or problems about things happening at school. The first thing a parent should do is ask the teacher about the concern. If you still have concerns, then the counselor, behavior interventionist, or principal can help you if you contact us. If you call the office and give them a snapshot of what is happening, they can direct your concern to the right person to help. We are all here to do what is best for children and appreciate having you on our team.

Please mark November 1st on your calendar for parent-teacher conferences at Bill Metz Elementary. Teachers will be setting up a time to talk with you about your child's progress so far this year. BME students will NOT have school that day due to the conferences running from 7am to 7pm. All other schools in Monte Vista WILL have school though. Please do bring your child to the conference if possible so they can be part in sharing about their year with you and the teacher.

**2nd & 5th Grade Music Program**

The students in 2nd and 5th grades will be presenting their music program on Thursday, November 29th. They have already began to prepare during their music class two days a week. Please mark it on your calendars because you aren't going to want to miss it!



**IMPORTANT UP-  
COMING DATES:**

- Oct 1st-3rd - 4th grade swim program
- Oct 4th - 5th grade boys night
- Oct 8th @ 6pm - Board meeting
- Oct 8th-10th - 3rd grade swim program
- Oct 18th - End of 1st quarter
- Oct 18th @ 8:30am - NED mindset assembly
- Oct 25th @ 6:30pm - Family Fun Night
- Oct 31st @ 2pm - Monster March
- Nov 1st 7am-7pm - Parent Teacher Conferences

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## Counselor's Corner

October is National Bullying Prevention Month! Bullying is a word that is thrown around a lot whenever something goes wrong in a school, especially between students. This takes away the power of the actual word when real bullying is actually occurring. During the month of October during counseling lessons we teach the students the difference between bullying, rude, mean and conflicts as well as reporting bullying, how to assertively stand up for themselves and how to be an upstander. It is also important for parents to know what bullying is and what it is not, so that you can help your children continue to learn the difference.

<h3>Rude</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accidentally saying or doing something hurtful.</li><li>• Usually something thoughtless or ill mannered but not meant to hurt.</li><li>• Bragging, burping in someone's face, cutting someone in line.</li></ul>	<h3>Mean</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Someone is being hurt on purpose, usually in reaction to a strong emotion.</li><li>• Happens once or twice.</li><li>• Making fun of someone's looks, intelligence or mean comments after a fight.</li></ul>
<h3>Conflict</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No one is having fun.</li><li>• There is a disagreement between two people and a possible solution can be reached.</li><li>• Equal balance of power.</li></ul>	<h3>Bullying</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attacked physically, socially, and/or emotionally.</li><li>• Unequal balance of power.</li><li>• Happens more than once over a period of time.</li><li>• Someone is being hurt on purpose.</li></ul>

If you have any questions about bullying, would like to sit in on a lesson to learn more, or would like resources about bullying, please contact me at (719)852-4041 x4138 or [ki-mal@monte.k12.co.us](mailto:ki-mal@monte.k12.co.us)





## Box Tops for Education

Bill Metz Elementary collects box tops for education each year. This year our first collection date will be October 18th. If you have been collecting them at home, please bring them in to your child's classroom teacher. If you haven't been collecting, then now is the time to start. It's easy and doesn't cost you anything other than a few seconds to cut out the box top. If you buy something from the store with the box top, cut it out to turn in. The top class from each grade level will get a root beer float party at the end of the school year, and the overall class winner will earn a pizza party. The class contest runs throughout the year and is our biggest fundraiser that allows us to purchase playground equipment for students to play with during recesses. If you miss the October 18th deadline, don't stress because you can bring them in to your teacher throughout the school year. Thanks for supporting your school!

## Bill Metz in Motion



Bill Metz in Motion (BMIM) will start on October 1, 2018. This program has been part of our school for awhile now and it promotes movement first thing in the morning. Students have the opportunity to come into the gym if they choose this activity. During this time, we will learn dances, play fun games, and stay active! On Mondays and Wednesdays 4th and 5th grade students will come into the gym. On Tuesdays and Thursdays 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students will come into the gym. On the days that they do not have Bill Metz in Motion, they will be on the playground. BMIM is a choice, but it is also a privilege. If students aren't being active or following the expectations, they will have to go back to the playground. Students also need to be in the gym by 7:35am in order to participate. We look forward to seeing your children in the morning and getting their day started off with activity! Physical Activity and exercise help encourage a positive start to anybody's day.

## Kid's Crane Festival

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids' Crane Festival will be held Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge. Lunch will be served from 12 ~ 12:30 p.m. for the entire family. After lunch, activities will include a puppet show, migration and pollination games, archery, birdwatching, a scavenger hunt, origami, nest and egg hunts, and the opportunity to learn about some of the animals that live on our local refuges. The auto loop of the Monte Vista Refuge is now open for hiking and bicycling. Families are encouraged to bring their bicycles (and helmets) and ride or hike the loop together.



A highlight of the Kids' Crane Festival is the opportunity to see migrating Sandhill cranes that visit the refuge every autumn and spring. The refuge is located approximately seven miles south of Monte Vista on Route 15. The festival will be held rain or shine. No reservations are necessary, but children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information please call Tim Armstrong at 719-852-2452.