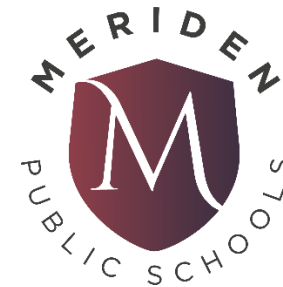


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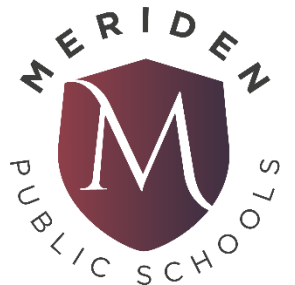


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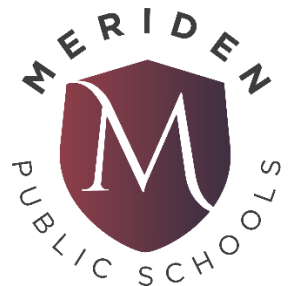
Team

- ▶ Dr. Miguel A. Cardona, Performance and Evaluation Specialist
- ▶ Marjorie Eager, Speech and Language Pathologist
- ▶ Angela Fragoso, Teacher of English to Students of Other Languages
- ▶ Susan Perrone, Supervisor of Language Arts and Social Studies
- ▶ Neil Weathers, Supervisor of Mathematics and Science



Introduction

- ▶ Basic Principles for Meriden
 - ▶ Transparency, communication, and collaboration
 - ▶ Your climate will determine the lens through which people see your work—this is no different
 - ▶ Started district wide and continued into the buildings
 - ▶ Must consider communication to parents, but staff just as well- teacher perceptions shape student and parent perceptions



Parent Academy Flyer

January 21, 2015
5:30-9:00 PM

MPS K-12 PARENT ACADEMY

January 21, 2015 | 5:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. | Lincoln Middle School



DR. STEVE SOBEL

"Promoting a Positive Mindset"
Nationally acclaimed speaker,
coach, author, and educator



SCOTT DRISCOLL

"A Families' Guide to Internet Safety"
22 Years of Law Enforcement Experience

BREAKOUT SESSION TOPICS:

- Common Core State Standards
- Creating Positive School Climates
- College Admissions

GIVEAWAY PRIZES:



Childcare with fun activities will be provided

Complimentary refreshments will be available



Parent Academy Agenda

- ▶ Collaborative opening
- ▶ Engaging speakers
- ▶ Broader message of Parent Empowerment



Meriden Public Schools
District Parent Academy Night
January 21, 2015
Lincoln Middle School
164 Centennial Avenue

5:30 p.m.

Welcome:

Dr. Mark D. Benigni, Superintendent of Schools
Erin D. Benham, President, Meriden Federation of Teachers
Jason Teal, Meriden/Wallingford NAACP President and
NAACP State Executive Board Member
Dr. Anne Jellison, President, Meriden Administrators' Association

5:40 – 6:10

Dr. Steve Sobel – Promoting a Positive Mindset

6:10 – 7:10

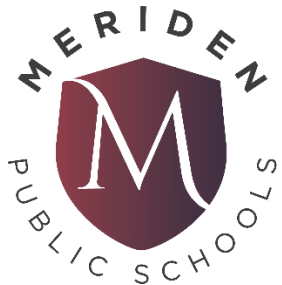
Scott Driscoll – Internet Safety

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Giveaway

Parent Academy Breakout Sessions

- ▶ Parent Choice
- ▶ Breakout sessions reflect other important topics
- ▶ Two sessions
- ▶ Community Partner Involvement
- ▶ Union Collaboration



8:10 – 8:55 Session II (choose one)

- Common Core State Standards: English Secondary- Susan Perrone and Secondary Educators Rm 1503
- Common Core State Standards: Math Elementary – Neil Weathers and Math Teachers Rm 2505
- Common Core State Standards for Bilingual Families- Marjorie Eager, Angela Fragoso Rm 2511
- Creating Positive School Climates for your Child- Amy Frederick, Leigh Heidenis, Donna Mik, Dr. Al Larson, Marissa Cardona Rm 2305
- College Admissions: How do you Prepare your Child? Hosted by the NAACP Education Committee and Irod Lee, Director of Academic Support Services, Middlesex Community College- High School Focus Rm 1509

Community Partners will be available throughout the evening in the Times Square Area

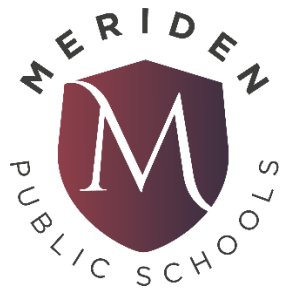
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Giveaway

Transportation, Child Care, Refreshments Provided

Parent Academy Survey

- ▶ Feedback important
- ▶ Feedback led to similar smaller sessions at each of the schools
- ▶ Also led to continued strategies which you will hear about



Meriden Public School Parent Academy

Evaluation

Strengths of the evening _____

Areas for improvement/growth _____

Suggestions for other Informational Events: _____

Name (optional) _____ School _____

Would you like to be contacted in regards to any of the information/concerns? If Yes,
please fill out the following. Email _____

Telephone _____

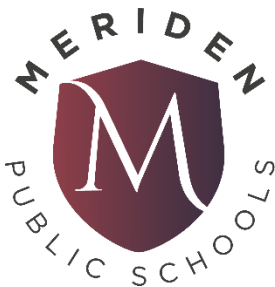
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Dr. Mark Benigni
22 Liberty Street
Meriden, CT 06451

Parent Communication and the Connecticut Core

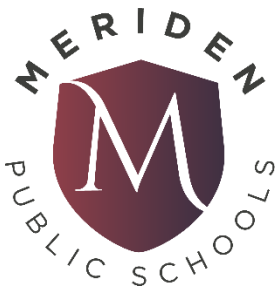
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First Steps

- ▶ Develop Curriculum
 - ▶ Common lessons, pacing, and assessments
- ▶ Communicate Curriculum to Parents through Staff
 - ▶ Workshops, staff meetings, round tables
 - ▶ Professional development for teachers and administrators
 - ▶ Standards-Based Progress Reports/Report Cards



Next Steps: Content of Communication

- ▶ Talking about the Common Core and the philosophy
 - ▶ Don't get into ideological battle!
- ▶ The concepts and the standards themselves
- ▶ How to help students at home



Types of Communication With Parents

- ▶ Classroom Level
 - ▶ Detailed overview of strategies
 - ▶ Run by Classroom Teachers and Curriculum Departments
- ▶ Grade Level (At School Level)
 - ▶ Overview of curriculum
 - ▶ Run by Classroom Teachers and Curriculum Departments



Types of Communication With Parents

- ▶ School Level
 - ▶ PTO Meetings
 - ▶ Run by Curriculum Departments
 - ▶ Family Nights, Gallery Walks
 - ▶ Run by Classroom Teachers and Curriculum Departments
- ▶ District Level
 - ▶ Learning Expo
 - ▶ Run by Curriculum Department
 - ▶ Parent Academy-CCSS Sessions
 - ▶ Run by Curriculum Supervisors and District Specialists



Digital Library

Mathematics Resources

<http://www.meridenk12.org/Departments/Mathematics/Elementary-Math-Connections/>

English Language Arts Resources

http://www.meridenk12.org/Departments/Language_Arts/Language-Arts-Connections/

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Parents at the Core

MARJORIE EAGER
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Empowering Our Families

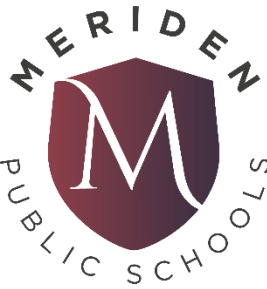


- **Phase 1: Parents at the Core**

- Curriculum changes: CCSS
- Ideas and suggestions for home
- Collaboration with Community: handouts and representatives



Video of Phase One



Family Fun Nights

- **Phase 2: Family Fun Nights**
 - Learning Stations: reading, math, storytelling, moon bounce/parent survey/district forms

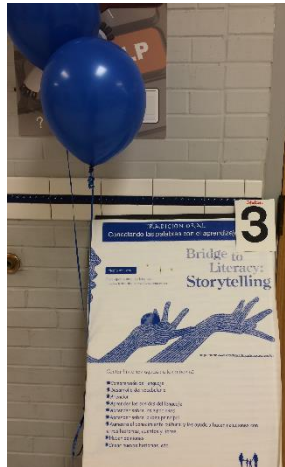


Family Fun Nights



ACTIVITY STATIONS

ESTACIONES DE ACTIVIDADES



Station 3
Storyteller
Sensory Room

Station 4
Reading
Room 18

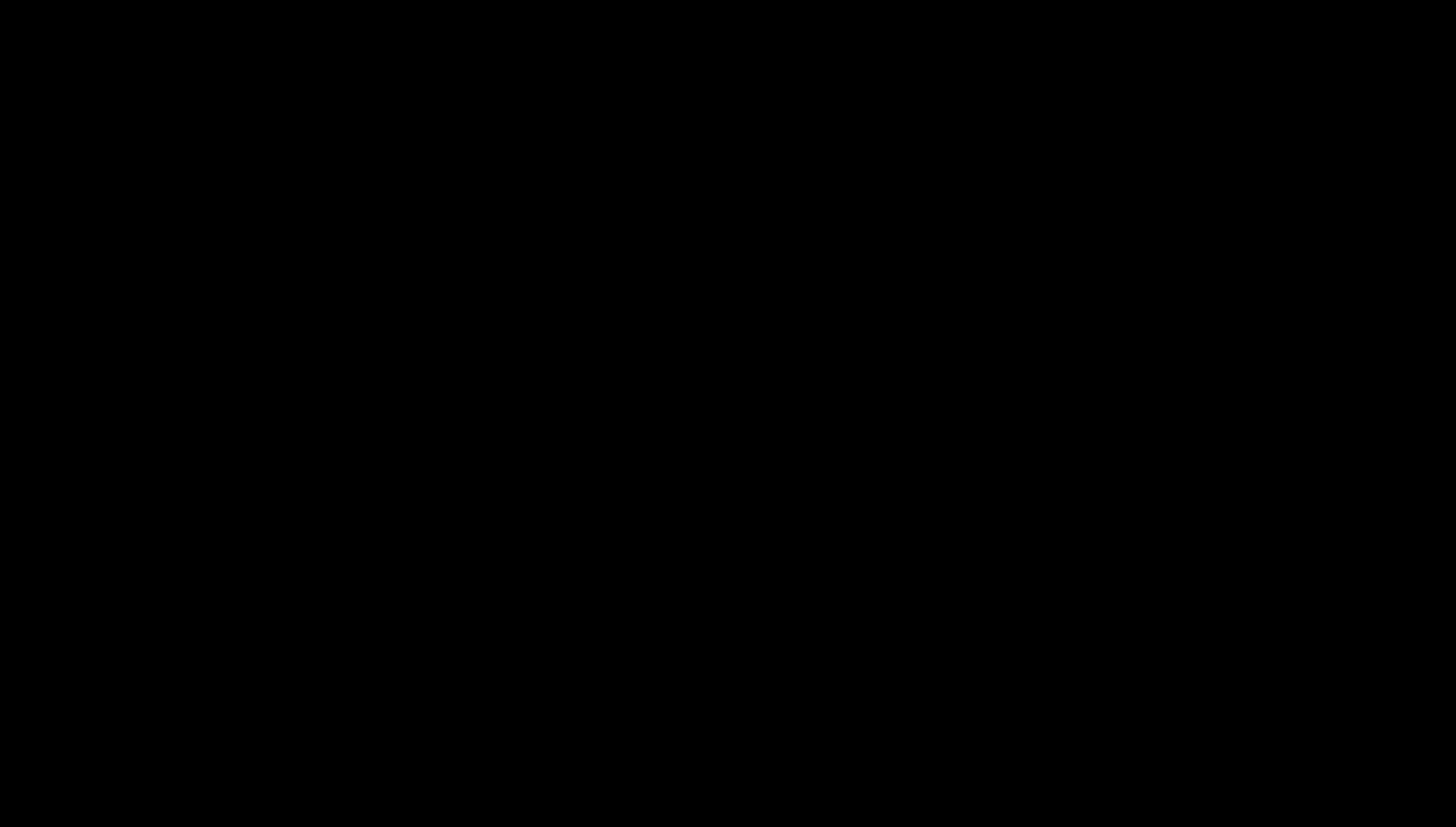
Station 2
Moon Bounce
Gym

Office

Station 1
Math
Media Center



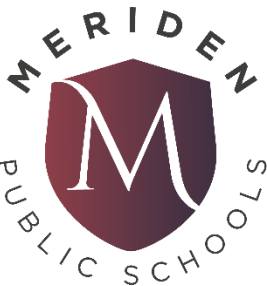
Video of Phase Two



Pop Quiz

- ▶ Name the artist whose song was playing during the video for a prize!

Write your answer, cover your page, and raise your hand.



Closing

- ▶ District-wide approach
- ▶ Skilled staff to lead this
- ▶ Collaborative engagement
- ▶ Broader message of Parent Empowerment
- ▶ Have fun with it!