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# MERKLEY MESSENGER



## What's for Lunch?



Wednesday  
Dismissal is  
always EARLY  
RELEASE!  
School ends  
at  
1:55



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
15 WELCOME BACK Cheese Pizza Green Beans Diced Pears Apple Slices Chocolate Chip Cookie	16 Hot Pretzel with Cheese Sauce Salad Sliced Melon Juice Box Frozen Yogurt Cup	17 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Hot Roll Rosy Applesauce Banana	18 Cheesy Breadsticks & Meat Sauce Salad Corn Peaches	19 Hamburger on Bun w/Lettuce & Tomato Pasta Salad Carrots/Dip Orange Smiles
22 Mini Corn Dogs Tater Tots Seasoned Carrots Mandarin Oranges Apple Slices Dessert Treat	23 Build a Deli Sub W/Veggie Toppings Smiley Potatoes Grapes Fruit Snacks	24 Nacho Supreme Salsa Refried Beans Celery Sticks Peaches	25 Mac & Cheese in Bowl Salad Corn Rosy Applesauce Frozen Yogurt Cup	26 Stuffed Crust Pizza Green Beans Cottage Cheese Diced Pears 100% Juice
29 Chicken Rings Fries Carrot Sticks/Dip Peaches Orange Smiles	30 Pancakes OR Cereal Sausage Links Hash Browns Squeezable Applesauce 100% Juice	<p>***Prices for 2016-2017****</p> <p>Breakfast \$1.50</p> <p>Lunch with Milk \$2.00</p> <p>Milk \$.50</p> <p>August Alternative - Hot Dog</p>		

## Dress for Success...

Please remember to follow the school dress code set forth in the handbook. Proper attire is required at all times!

Shorts/skirts must be finger-tip length and shoulders must be covered!

See the Elementary Handbook for more specific details.



## Dates To Remember

Important  
DATE!

View and bookmark our entire online calendar at  
<http://www.highland.k12.in.us/mk/icalsw/calendar.asp?cal=em>

- Aug 17 : Parent/Teacher Night IPAD Kick-OFF
- Aug 17: Fannie May Candy Sale STARTS
- Aug 31: Girls on the Run 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting
- Sept 2: Girl Scout call out meeting @ 6:30
- Sept 5: NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
- Sept 9: Candy Fundraiser ends MONEY DUE
- Sept 15: Boy Scout recruiting meeting @ 6:30
- Sept 20: PTC Meeting @ 6:30
- Sept 23: School Picture Day

## PTC FALL FUNDRAISER

**AUGUST 17 – SEPTEMBER 9**

It's time for our annual Fall Fundraiser. This year, we will be selling Fannie May candy bars!! This sale funds so many of the wonderful activities that we do at Merkley, including:

- > Convocations/Assemblies
- > Family Events
- > Field Day
- > Special Someone Day
- > Free Popcorn Days
- > And So Much MORE!

Candy Fundraiser goes until September 9<sup>th</sup>. Money is due that day. Anyone needing extra boxes of candy must send a permission slip with their child to request more candy. Students can get Permission slips in the office.

Prizes!!

Grand prize to top seller: Xbox 1 game system

**Parents will be able to pick up candy at  
Parent night Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.**



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## Parent/Teacher Night IPAD Kick-Off

Sponsored by the Merkley Staff & PTC

Teachers will meet parents in their classrooms during the following times. PTC is providing refreshments in the cafeteria between sessions.

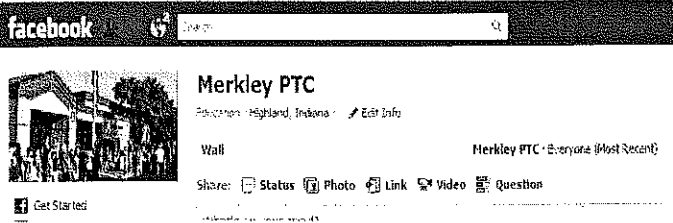
5:30 – 6:00 IPAD Parent Information Gym  
 6:00 – 6:25 Grades K-5  
 6:30 – 6:55 Grades K,3,5  
 7:00 – 7:25 Grades 1,2,4  
 7:30 – 8:00 IPAD Parents Information Gym

**\*\*\*Parents MUST attend an IPAD information session and sign forms before their child/children will be assigned an IPAD.**

## The PTC Wants You To...

### STAY CONNECTED with Us!

The PTC is on Facebook! We can be found by searching "Merkley PTC." Look us up and find (or share) pictures, updates, and news about what is happening in PTC. We also have our own web site, which you can access by going to the School Town of Highland web page. STAY CONNECTED with what is happening at your child's school using these online resources.



## Paper Recycling

Our school participates in a paper recycling program as part of its fundraising efforts. Please consider disposing your Newspaper/Inserts, Magazines/Catalogs, Office/School Papers & Junk mail in the yellow & green bin in the parking lot. Please no cardboard, textbooks or phone books. Shredded paper is acceptable but please bag it before placing in the bin. Thanks for your help!

## Drop Off/Pick Up Procedures



A detailed description of drop off and pick up procedures is available on-line. However, please review and abide by the following practices to help keep all of our kids safe:

- > Unless eating breakfast, students may not enter the building until 7:55.
- > If you will be watching your child enter the building, you must park in a parking spot.
- > Always pull up as far as you can and have your child ready to exit the car. Take care of backpacks, hugs, kisses, and other essentials before entering the line.
- > Ideally, 4-5 cars should have students exiting vehicles at a time in the drop off lane.
- > Do not allow your child to cross the street in front of cars on 42<sup>nd</sup>. If you must drop off there, it is your responsibility to walk your child safely across the street.
- > Always pay attention to the crossing guards.
- > No students are allowed on the playground prior to the start of the school day or after the school day.

## IMPORTANT Attendance Reminders

If your child has a late morning or mid-day appointment, they must attend school prior to the appointment and return immediately following. For example, if a student has an appointment at 10:30 AM, they are expected to be in attendance at 8:10AM for the first 2 hours of their school day and return to school after the appointment. Doctor and dental appointments are only excused absences if a doctor's note is presented upon the student's return to school. If a parent deems an absence necessary due to illness and a doctor is not seen, a parent note is required upon return. Please understand that a parent note/phone call alone does not make an absence "excused."

Vacation days, even if the school is notified prior to the trip, are considered UNexcused absences.

For the complete attendance/tardy policy, please refer to the student handbook.



## Girls on the Run f Northwest Indiana

Registration for Fall is currently underway.

Go to [www.gotrofnwi.org](http://www.gotrofnwi.org)

Season Begins: Wednesday, August

31<sup>st</sup>

Meetings will be Wed & Fri shortly