## August Newsletter

## Hello Merryhill Families!

We just want to thank everyone who has participated in our Kids Helping Communities outreach! We were able to donate quite a few art supplies to the Wellspring community to help them reopen their art studio and it was all thanks to you. You guys rock!!

We cannot believe the summer is already coming to an end! Our students and teachers have had a blast enjoying the beautiful weather with bike days and other special activities outside. Now, it's time to gear up for back to school with move-ups on August 9th. Transition letters were sent out on July 22nd. If you have any questions or concerns about the transition, please feel free to reach out!

As always, thank you all for being apart of our family here at Merryhill!

Michelle, Peyton, and Brittany

## Links to Home

If you're not currently receiving photos and daily reports for your child, you can easily change this by downloading the Links 2 Home app on your phone. Just type 'Links 2 Home' in the search bar for the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. After downloading, you can register with the same email address that you used to enroll your child in our school.


## Updating Your Information in ALMA

Have you changed your email address or phone number? Need to add or remove an emergency contact? You can do this at any time in Alma. If you need help logging in or accessing the system, please let us know.


August 3rd
National Watermelon Daywatermelon for snack!


## August 10th

National S'mores Days'mores mix for snack!


August 4th
Olympics Day-wear your red, white, and blue!


## August 19th

National Bow Day- wear your hair bows and bow ties!


August 9th
Classroom Move-Ups


## August 26th

National Dog Day- bring your (stuffed) puppy to school!

Friday "fit"


## August 6th

Wiggle Your Toes! Wear your favorite sandals!

## August 13th

Friday the 13th! Wear your black or Kool Aid colors for Kool Aid Day.


August 20th
Radio Day! Wear your favorite band tee!


## August 27th

Favorite Friday! Wear your favorite... Color, animal print, t shirt, sweatpants... Whatever you like!

## August's Blog Post

5 Fun Family Activities to Do Before the Summer Ends

August can be bittersweet. Summer camps are coming to an end and the school year is starting soon. However, there's still time to cross off the rest of your summer bucket list before the season ends.


Make great new memories by trying some of the activities below with your family.

## Make Your Own Bubbles

Making bubbles is a fun science experiment for children of all ages. Gather 4 cups water, $1 / 2$ cup sugar and $1 / 2$ cup dish soap. Encourage your child to measure, whisk and pour the ingredients into a large bowl or tray. For additional fun, add a few drops of food coloring. Use this as an opportunity to discuss how colors combine to form new ones. Ask your child which color is their favorite.

## Build a Backyard Obstacle Course

Obstacle courses are a great way to practice gross motor skills and balance. Use hula hoops, chairs, pool noodles, jump ropes and other materials found around your home. Ask your child to perform a certain task at each obstacle. For example, say "Hop over the pool noodle" or "Jump rope 10 times." Set a timer and see which family member can complete the course the fastest.

Set up a Lemonade Stand

A lemonade stand allows your child to practice creativity, money skills, following directions and giving back to those in need. Set out art supplies and ask them to make a colorful sign for their stand. Work together to make and sell the lemonade to your neighbors and friends. When the sale is complete, donate the proceeds to a charity of your child's choosing.

Decide which herbs you'd like to grow and take your child with you to purchase the seeds. Plant the seeds in mason jars, plastic cups or cans and place them on your porch or windowsill. Ask your child to help you water the herbs and measure how tall the plants are growing each week. Harvest the herbs together and use them in an upcoming family meal.

## Picnic in the Park

Gather a blanket, your family's favorite lunch and a frisbee or ball, and head to a nearby park. Set up a picnic with your family's favorite fruits and veggies. Take time to sample them and describe each flavor. Enjoy the fresh air and quality time with your loved ones and have fun!

