

The Mellon Weekly Mag

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Picking Up Yearbooks and Dropping off Books

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, students at Mellon are, once more, dropping off their textbooks from class and picking up yearbooks by team. Arriving on time, students will form a line at entrance D12, six feet apart, near the breakout/cafeteria area. All students must wear a mask at all times. Once inside the cafeteria, students will move in order from table to table returning books, not approaching the next table until the student in front of them has moved on. Yearbooks will be distributed at the final table before students exit the area. Students should not remain on campus for yearbook signing or socializing, but we hope that with the maturity we saw in our students during the locker cleanout, they will remember that we should all still be six feet apart. If you have any questions on any other information, feel free to contact vice principal bcanan@mtlisd.net or principal cwolfson@mtlisd.net. Thank you!

Goodbye Mellon

So our year at Mellon has come to an end. While this year may not have gone as we expected, it has taught us a lot, too, about connecting with others and working together. Through the S@H procedures, we have all shown effort and strength that we never knew we had within ourselves. Students have cleaned out their lockers and schoolwork in an orderly fashion. Teachers and staff have adapted their lessons and schedules to make this time as easy as possible to get work done. We have seen many teachers reaching out to their students, and vice versa, showing sentiment that we will hold with us forever. As a final goodbye for this year, we say thank you, Mellon community, for showing your strength. Take these lessons with you into the summer months, and stay safe.. ★★



photo courtesy of Mr. Wolfson

End of the Year

We did all our homework



We finished the mile

And even though we won't see each other in a while



These memories will stay in our hearts, and we'll see each other when next year starts!

Comic by an eighth grade artist



Goodbyes to All: From Mellon's Teachers and Staff



Since signing yearbooks can't be done this year, here's a collection of Mellon's goodbyes!

Eighth Graders,
You are a part of an 8th grade class that is literally living in historical times, and many of you have risen to that. It is because of many of you that I truly have hope for our future. Remember this seemingly contradictory mantra: it is never about you, but it is always about you. In other words, our lives should be spent trying to improve the world and neighborhood around us - it's not about us. But then again, we (yourself) are the only things in life we can control, so anything positive has to begin inside yourself first.

Mr. Cook, Orchestra

Class of 2024—I will forever cherish your willingness to put on costumes, try some ridiculous voices/accents, and jump into every crazy activity I planned with both feet. Your online Google comments throughout activities made each day of online learning a little better, so thank you for allowing me to be a part of your virtual world. This isn't the ending we pictured together, but I'll be watching you continue to grow and learn the next few years. I'm excited to see where you go. And remember, Mellon will always be your home; don't be strangers!

Miss DeRienzo, 8th Grade Supernova
Language Arts

Hallo, meine Kinder!
I wish that I could say goodbye to each of my students in person! This year has certainly been full of unexpected adventures! I hope that you have a relaxing summer, and let me leave you with this advice... Remember to surround yourself with positive people because kindness is contagious! Wiedersehen!
Frau Koblentz, German

To our eighth graders, my heart breaks that you missed out on some of the middle school milestones like the 48 hour whirlwind tour of DC, but you have so many great opportunities ahead of you! I wish you the best of luck at the high school. To our seventh graders, you will be well rested and ready to be role models in the fall! And finally, to our Racers, I'm so proud of you! This has been a very difficult way to end the year. Thanks for making us smile and laugh with your great personalities. :)

Mrs. Sabram, 6th Grade Racers Science
Teacher

Eighth Graders,
I just wanted to take this opportunity to let you all know you will be missed here at Mellon. As I tell all the eighth graders each year as they move forward in the next year of your lives, be sure to know that your education really does mean something and you should learn as much as you can. Take this opportunity in your last years of high school seriously. Be as successful as possible so your next journey in life goes well for you. Be successful, be happy, and find something you like to do in life for work because if you like what you're doing it's not so much like work. Good luck to you all.

Mr. Hammer, head custodian

It was a pleasure and honor to be your teacher and you are one truly amazing group! You will be missed greatly, but remembered fondly! I have no doubt you will represent Mellon well at the high school. Good luck and please know that you have made your Mellon teachers very, very proud.

Mrs. Peterson, 7th
Grade Rockets Science
Teacher

<p>"A mis estudiantes de octavo grado, es su hora de salir de Mellon y quiero decir que fue un gran privilegio de ser su profesora de español en los años pasados. Ahora, te deseo mucha suerte y lo mejor en todo lo que hacen en el futuro. Adios y saludos cariñosos a todos.</p> <p>A mis estudiantes de séptimo y sexto grado, yo tengo la suerte de ver ustedes otra vez en agosto. Te deseo un verano lleno de diversión y sonrisas :D. Hasta muy pronto!!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Senora Battista, Spanish Teacher (PS) I hope you won't need Google Translate to read this.</p>	<p>Hi, Mellon!</p> <p>I miss all of you stopping in to Attendance for one reason or another. You are the reason I love being there, and it's been hard to not see everyone. Send me an email at jenniferfrink@mtlsd.net and let me know what you plan to do over the summer!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mrs. Frink, Attendance office</p>	<p>To Rockets - You are students who braved a new frontier, and I am truly honored to have experienced the journey with each of you. Enjoy a well-deserved summer!!!! To Brooke, Sadie, and G - Remember what we talked about at our goodbye party: 'Once in Advisory, always in Advisory.' Good luck next year!!!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mrs. Harrington, 7th Grade English, Rockets</p>
<p>Dear 8th Graders,</p> <p>We had such a great year together. It was a pleasure to have you in class. I think of you every day and hope you are well. I wish I was able to write a message to you in your yearbook. Maybe you can stop by and visit sometime. I would love to hear about your future accomplishments.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Best wishes, Mrs. Barone, 8th Grade History, Supernova</p>	<p>Sleep well, eat moderately, and smile often. Everything else should naturally fall into place. Know your world.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mr. Holiday, 8th Grade History, Iron Brigade</p>	<p>Eighth Graders and Students,</p> <p>I wish you all the best of luck in wherever the world takes you. Don't lie, be safe, and be good. Take care. :)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mrs. Jordaan, Family Consumer Science</p>
<p>Dear Racers, Thank you for all of your hard work in sixth grade; you have made the best of a difficult situation. I miss you all, so please stop by and visit next year! Have a fantastic summer! Good luck in 7th grade from Mrs. Raitano! To the amazing Mellon Forensics Team, you guys certainly brought home the wins this year. We are so proud of all that you accomplished! 8th graders, next year just won't be the same without you all, but we wish you the best of luck at the high school. Have a wonderful summer. We can't wait to start practice again next year.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Mr. and Mrs. Raitano, 6th and 8th Grade English, Racers and Iron Brigade</p>	<p>Sending my students a fond farewell!! Have a safe, happy, healthy, and FUN summer. Make the most of it and be sure to go outside and PLAY!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Love, Ms. Harkins, Physical Education</p>	<p>Hallo!</p> <p>I will miss you! I hope that you will come back and visit us - so instead of auf Wiedersehen, I will say bis Später!</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Frau Jones, German</p>

Oh, there once was a Team Locomotion,
Who got caught in a worldwide commotion,
Yet they worked really hard,
So they came out like stars,
Due to practice, true grit, and devotion!
I'm so very proud of all of you; it was an honor to
teach you!

Mrs. Donovan, 6th Grade English, Locomotion

To all the students, those I've
taught and to those about to
walk through my door, "Don't
count the days, make the days
count."-Muhammad Ali. Live life
to the fullest and find your path.

Mrs. McDonald, 7th Grade
Eagles History Teacher

To 8th grade: May the
odds be ever in your favor.
To the rest of the school:
Keep clam adn proofread.
See you next year!

Mrs. Kollar, Writing Clinician

To the outgoing 8th graders of Mellon Middle
School. While your final year at Mellon did not go
the way anyone planned, do not let that diminish
the anticipation and excitement you should be
feeling as you embark on the next chapter of your
lives. It is sad that you were forced to miss out on
so many end of the year experiences, but moving
on to the high school will be a whole new
experience with plenty of doors to open, activities
to take part in, and friends to make. So embrace
it with open arms and an open mind. Even
though our time together was cut short, I am
confident that each one of you is prepared and
ready to tackle the challenges that lie ahead.
Thank you for the laughs and all the teachable
moments we
experienced together this year. I wish all of you
the best of luck. Until next time.

Mr. Raitano, 8th Grade English, Iron Brigade

8th Grade! We've loved having you at Mellon for
the past three years. We're sad to see you go but
excited to see all of the great things that you do
up at the high school - Good luck!

Mr. Canan, vice principal

Dear Locomotion Young
Scientists,
I have truly missed seeing all of
your faces for these last
months. Thanks so much for
hanging in there, and figuring
out a new way to "do" science
with me. As you hopefully go
on a few adventures this
summer, whether near or far, I
hope you see the science we
investigated all around you. If
you get to visit any watery
places, look for riprap, jetties
and breakwaters and see if you
can explain their purpose to
family and friends... they'll be so
impressed! Look for hills and
mountains that were pushed up
by convergent 2 continental
plate boundaries. Take note
of... but please avoid
earthquakes, volcanoes and
hurricanes and try to recall
what we learned. Check in on
what's happening aboard the
ISS and look for the astronauts
safe return. Above all, stay
safe, be happy, and remember....
SCIENCE RULES!!!!

Sincerely, Mrs. Nordmann, 6th
grade Science, Locomotion

Chers élèves de Français 8,

It has been my honor to
teach you for these past
three years. Although
much of the spring has
been a rather different kind
of teaching/learning for us,
I am very impressed with
what you have learned and
the progress you have
made in French. You will
always be my French 8
students of "la pandémie"
and I will always remember
you fondly.

Bonnes vacances!
Bon courage au lycée!

Meilleurs vœux,
Mme Hurt, French

8th graders - To my first
class at Mellon, thank you
for showing me the ropes
of teaching middle school. I
thoroughly enjoyed your
unique yet sometimes
robust personalities,
eagerness to help and your
drive for learning.
Remember, to always be in
charge of your learning -
effort = success!
I believe in you ♥ Mrs. E

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
DAY 3	DAY 4	ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!		
National Best Friends Day!	OFFICIAL LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!	National Iced Tea Day!	National Corn on the Cob Day!	National Jerky Day!

Fast Fascinating Facts

-The origin of the word Jerky is from Native American "Charqui" which means "to burn meat".
 -Lipton served up a mammoth 12.5-foot tall pitcher of iced tea in October 2015 that Guinness marked as the largest ever dispensed. The giant-sized receptacle needed eight large bags of tea, and 2204 gallons of water, along with a lot of ice.

Weekly Riddles

What becomes wet while drying?

A towel

You see a boat full of people, but there isn't a single person on board. How is this possible?

All the people on the boat are married.

It's Summer: What Now?

Now that we've finished all our schoolwork, how are we supposed to continue learning so that we are ready for next year? Here are a few activities and tips:

- ★ Read books! There are plenty of books on kindle and to buy on amazon that will keep you adventuring from your home!
- ★ Implement a schedule: this can be a schedule of fun things! As a starter, have a specific time to wake up and go to sleep.
- ★ Practice your instruments and things you want to get better at. It's okay if you do it for a short time each day!



Summer Safety

The Final Tip from Mrs. Sabol!

Don't forget:

1. [Sunscreen](#) (expires in 3 years)
2. Hats, sunglasses, shade, shirt
3. Darker colors offer better skin protection
(Wet t-shirt has less than 15 SPF)
4. [Sunburn first aid](#)
5. Hydrate
6. [Properly fitting helmets](#)
(biking, skateboarding, sports)

