

## Calendar

- May 19  
Board Meeting  
4:30 pm at MTCHS
- May 22  
Phil Choules Retirement Party  
3:30 pm at MTCHS  
SkillsUSA Celebration Night  
6:30 pm at MTCHS
- May 23  
Fitness Day  
Senior's Last Day
- May 26  
No School
- May 30  
Senior Assembly  
Tech Party  
3:00 pm at MTCHS
- June 2  
Early Release at 10:50 am
- June 3  
Early Release at 10:50 am  
Graduation Practice  
1:00 pm  
Graduation  
7:00 pm at Centennial  
High Auditorium
- June 4  
Early Release at 10:50 am  
Last Day of School

**SUMMER VACATION**

## From the Principal

Each year when I get to the Month of May I am amazed. The year always seems to pass so quickly. It has been another great year at MTCHS. Our junior engineering team came in second in the nation in the national TEAMS competition. Alexander Johnson, a senior, was accepted to MIT next year and is the Presidential Scholar for the state of Idaho. We are sending dozens of students to Kansas City to complete in the national SkillsUSA competition in June and this is our largest graduating class ever. With these many visible accomplishments, there are many that are less noticeable and even go unnoticed but are not any less important. Daily I see faculty and students support one another in so many ways. Recently one of the parents of a senior came to visit during lunch. She sat with several of the seniors and ate lunch with them. She shared with me what a delight it was to be so welcomed by her daughter's classmates. Positive school culture is actually a very complex dynamic and we continually strive to improve the school culture of MTCHS. Student safety, small class size, caring staff members, clearly defined school goals, and high expectations all contribute to a great school culture. Enjoy your summer break and please contact me if you have any feedback you would like to share with me.

Chris Housel

# Key Club

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In March we raised \$300 for Muscular Dystrophy. Our final fundraiser for the year was March for Babies/March of Dimes in April when we collected \$450. Congratulations to Eddy Henry for guessing the exact number of candies in the Candy Jar with a guess of 249. Thank you MTCHS for supporting Key Club this past year by helping us raise a total of \$1,058. With your help and support, we were able to generously give back to our community. Thank you for making our community a better place to live and learn.

Special thanks to our 2007-2008 officers: Scott Geleyse (President), Jeremy Romlein (Vice President), Alex Johnson (Secretary), Kevin Colwell (Treasurer), Cam Rovig (Historian), and Davina Lubbers (Graphics Designer). Congratulations to our incoming 2008-2009 officers: Stephanie Beuerman (President), Allison Herrmann (Vice President), Jonathan Vaughan (Secretary), Dane Snow (Treasurer), and Martin Ronquillo (Historian).

## To Sophomores and Their Parents... From the Counselor

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Every year in October there is a preliminary/practice SAT. It serves two purposes: practice for the real SAT and qualification for the National Merit Scholarship Competition. The test is called the PSAT/NMSQT. I recommend that most juniors take it to practice the SAT if nothing else. MTCHS has traditionally had one or more qualify for the National Merit Scholarship competition as well. The test date for this coming fall is Saturday, October 18. The test is administered at the Medical Arts School and I will order the test for our sophomores that are going to be juniors. Please be \$22 on August 20, the day you come to pick up the schedule before school starts. I will give out preparation materials & study guides before the test to each student registered. I have ordered 45 tests for our students and will sell them on a first-come, first-serve basis.

## Teams National Rankings

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1,389 teams of high school students from 643 high schools participated in the TEAMS [Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science] 2008 competition at over 85 locations across the country February 7 to March 21, 2008.

Congratulations to MTCHS junior varsity team of Samuel Hall, Kenneth Marks-Bzdell, Jack Mccorkel – Team Captain, James Purves, Patrick Resler, William Shannon, Greg Trent, and Thomas White. MTCHS finished 1st in the State of Idaho and 2nd Nationally in Division I. Mr. Paul K. Fischer is Team's Coach and Mrs. Rebecca Torek is Engineering mentor.



# SkillsUSA

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SkillsUSA will be sponsoring the next tech party on Friday, May 30. This is an extended tech party and will feature Battlefield 2 tournaments, Super Smash Bros. Brawl tournaments, and Rock Band. Our souped-up computer will be given away during this tech party, as will countless other prizes. This will be the last tech party of the year, so don't miss it!

SkillsUSA is raffling off our super-tuned computer. This computer features:

- Full ATX tower
- 850 Watt power supply
- Intel quad-core 2.4 GHz
- EVGA 780i SLI ATX motherboard
- EVGA GeForce 9600 GT video card
- 2 GB DDR2 SDRAM
- DVD/CD Burner with Lightscribe

Tickets will be sold for \$15 a ticket, and \$20 for two tickets. All proceeds will go to SkillsUSA. Only 200 tickets will be sold so get yours now!

The SkillsUSA celebration night will be on Thursday, May 22, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. SkillsUSA State Conference competitors and medalists will be recognized. National Technical Honor Society will be inducting new members for the 2008-2009 membership year. This will be the final meeting for SkillsUSA members traveling to Kansas City for the National Leadership and Skills Conference in June. Jackets will be checked out, final travel information will be provided, and last minute questions will be answered. PTSO will be providing the main dish. Each family is asked to bring a finger food dessert or finger food side dish to share and their own drinks.

## ***State SkillsUSA Medal Winners***

### **Gold**

Jessica Mintun, Jimmy Mancera, Brei McCutchen, Eddie Henry, Connor Smith, Kris Kezar,  
Casey Smith - Opening and Closing Ceremony  
Will St. Ange, Patrick Resler, Jack McCorkel, Sam Hall, Tom White - Quiz Bowl  
Kyle Haugland, Brice Wilkerson, Rick Anderson - Chapter Display  
Nic Ford, Drew Coffin - Promotional Bulletin Board  
Regan Wallace - Customer Service  
Danielle Haro - Job Interview  
Brei McCutchen - Ad Design  
Sam Hall - Computer Programming  
Danielle Haro - Photography  
Kensel Leishmen - Technical Computer Applications  
Scott Geleyne - Technical Drafting

### **Silver**

Chase Peterson, Nathan Hall, Garrett Wolfe, Brandon Peaslee - Entrepreneurship  
Will Shannon, Greg Trent, Bailey Crawford, Erik Johnson, Ryan Baird - Quiz Bowl  
Chris Pollard - Related Technical Math  
David Vaughan & Will St. Ange - 3D Animation  
Randal Brunello - Ad Design  
Rob Kleffner - Computer Programming  
JD Purves - Electronics Technology  
Ian Tompkins - Technical Computer Applications

### **Bronze**

Ed Griffith - Principles of Technology  
Ian Tompkins - Related Technical Math  
Jonathon Vaughn, Oscar Marshall - 3D Animation  
Elise Prescott - Ad Design  
Connor Smith - Technical Computer Applications  
Ian Kistler, Martin Ronquillo - TV/Video Production  
Nick Otter, Jordan Kasper - Web Design

# Meridian School Board Election for Zone 4 on Tues., May 20

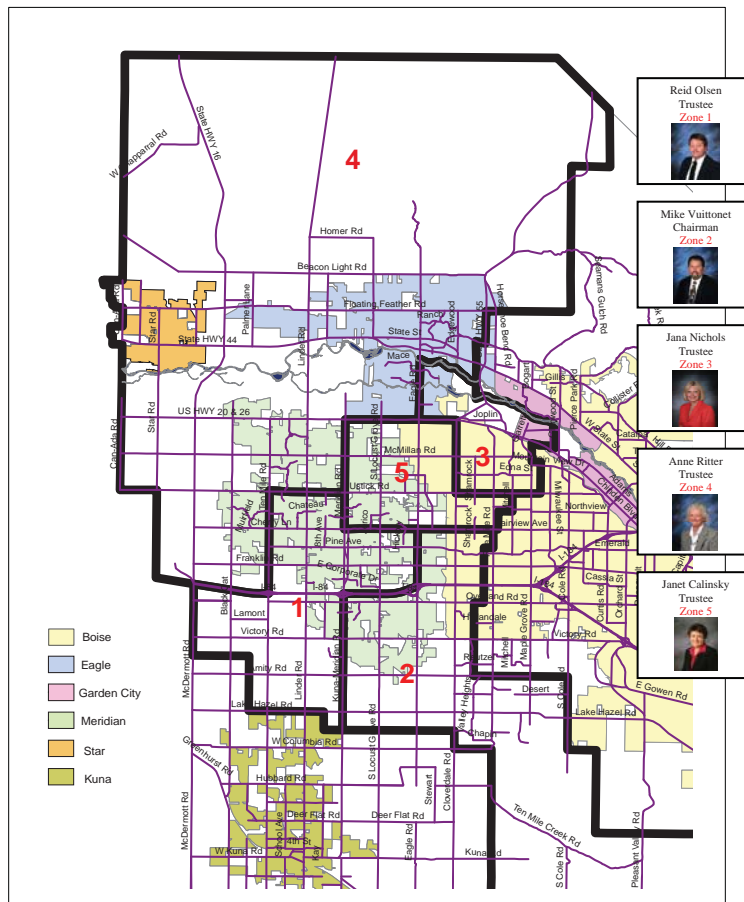
Zone 4 is primarily in the Eagle area and the western part of Ada County (see map). The two candidates for the upcoming election are incumbent Anne Ritter and challenger Bart Green. Parents and patrons who reside in Zone 4 are encouraged to research these candidates and their positions on class size, school facilities, school choice/charter schools, and school funding. Voting will take place at any district elementary school in Zone 4.

You can contact Anne at the following link:  
[http://www.meridianschools.org/option.com\\_fabrik/task/viewForm/fabrik,34/](http://www.meridianschools.org/option.com_fabrik/task/viewForm/fabrik,34/).

You can contact Bart at  
[bkfilings@qwestoffice.net](mailto:bkfilings@qwestoffice.net).

Voting will take place from 8 am -- 8 pm.

TRUSTEE BOUNDARY MAP



## New School Year

The first day of school next year is August 25!

### What supplies are required for my student?

- Scientific calculator (Algebra II or higher; bring a minimum of a TI-83)
- Pens, pencils, paper
- Binder with dividers or expando file (student preference)
- Agenda book or online calendar
- Headset with 3.5 mm connection (the standard computer jack)
- Spanish dictionary (Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors, if taking Spanish)
- USB Flash Drives (watch for sales)
  - 1 for transporting homework (128 MB or higher)
  - 1 for Competency/Electronic Portfolio Backup (1 GB or higher)
- At least one professional dress outfit for professional dress days
  - Slacks or skirt (no denim)
  - Dress Shoes (no sports shoes or sandals)
  - Polo or Collared Shirt
  - Socks to match outfit
  - Belt (non-decorated)
  - Dress for business-not a date; traditional, conservative business dress is expected.



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### MTCHS Final Schedule June 2, 3, and 4

Time	Time	Fr/So	Room	Junior	Room
<b>Monday June 2</b>					
8:00	9:20	Class 2	102,108,N01, MPR	Class 2	101,103,104,N02
9:30	10:50	Class 1	102,103, 108,109	Class 1	101,105,110,111,112
<b>Tuesday June 3</b>					
8:00	9:20	Class 5	103,101,110-111,N01	Class 5 (Eng/ Phy-Elc)	102,104,105
9:30	10:50	Class 6	103,108,109,N01	Class 6 (Eng/Gov't)	102,104,105
<b>Wednesday June 4</b>					
8:00	9:20	Class 3	102,104,N01, MPR	Class 3	103,108,N02
9:30	10:50	Class 4	103,109,110-111,112	Class 4 (Gov't/Phy-Elc)	102,104,105
				See key below for classes 4,5,6	

**Note to Junior Teachers: Schedule for Juniors classes 4,5,6**

<b>Honor's Physics group</b>		Date/Time
<b>class 4</b>	gov'tfinal	June 4, @ 9:30 am
<b>class 5</b>	phy/elec final	June 3, @8 am
<b>class 6</b>	English final	June 3 @ 9:30
<b>Conceptual Physics group</b>		
<b>class 4</b>	phy/elec final	June 4 @ 9:30 am
<b>class 5</b>	English final	June3 @ 8 am
<b>class 6</b>	gov't final	June 3 @ 9:30 am

**All students need to report to school from 8:00-10:50 each day.**