

What is happening in April/May?

SOCCER BEGINS ON THE 15TH



Partner with Aliber

In light of Merrill Middle School's recent initiative, Destination Merrill, aimed at improving the school's outdoor spaces, we have made the decision to minimize our use of the grass fields during the spring season. As a result, we have secured rental space at the Aliber Soccer Complex for our soccer teams' practices. This partnership with Aliber Soccer Complex presents a fantastic opportunity for our teams to train on high-quality soccer fields, enhancing their skills and overall experience. Starting after school, Merrill soccer teams will make the short walk down Grand Avenue to the complex, where practices will commence upon arrival and continue until 5:00 PM. This arrangement provides our student-athletes with a convenient and productive practice environment while supporting the goals of the Backyard Project.



HISTORY SPOTLIGHT

Merrill's Girls Soccer team was the City Champions last year with 24pts. and an 89% winning percentage

Schedule

April 29th Girls game @ Cownie
April 30th Boys Game @ Goodrell
May 3rd Girls game @ Cownie
May 6th Girls game @ MediaCom
May 7th Boys game @ Brody
May 9th Girls game @ Cownie
May 10th Boys game @ Cownie
May 13th Girls game @ Brody
May 14th Boys game @ Cownie
May 16th Boys game @ Cownie
May 17th Girls game @ Cownie
May 20th Boys game @ MediaCom

Playing at Mediacom

We are thrilled to announce that both our boys' and girls' soccer teams will have the incredible opportunity to showcase their skills at Mediacom Stadium. On May 6th, girls' team, then again May 20th, boys' team. This experience promises to be a memorable one for our Mustangs, as they step onto the field with determination and pride. We extend our best wishes to both teams as they prepare to represent Merrill Middle School in this esteemed setting. For those interested in attending, Mediacom Stadium is located near the corner of Forrest Ave and 25th St. Go Mustangs!

MUSTANG NEWSLETTER

Our School's Futsal Champion

We are thrilled to announce the inaugural 6th-grade Futsal Championship at Merrill Middle School! With enthusiastic participation from our 6th-grade students, teams have been randomly assigned, and the excitement is palpable as they prepare to take to the court twice a week for exhilarating matches. As they showcase their skills and teamwork, the competitive spirit will be in full swing, culminating in the crowning of a house champion. This championship not only promotes physical activity and sportsmanship but also fosters camaraderie and school spirit among our students. Get ready for a thrilling display of talent and determination on the Futsal court as our 6th graders vie for the title of house champion!



Merrill Hosts City Track Meet

We are proud to announce that Merrill Middle School has been selected as the host for this year's City Track Meet, taking place on April 22nd. It's an honor to be entrusted with such a prestigious event, and we're excited to showcase our school's organization and dedication to the athletes, coaches, and spectators from across the city. If you're interested in contributing to the success of this event, whether through volunteering or supporting in any capacity, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mr. Luft. With plenty of roles available, there's a way for everyone to get involved and make this year's City Track Meet a memorable and successful experience.



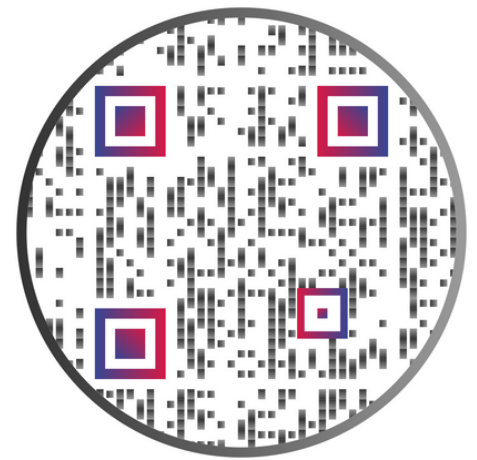
FEEL LIKE DONATING?

Supporting Merrill Middle School and its various clubs and sports teams has never been easier. By utilizing the provided QR code, you can directly access Merrill's activities donation center through RevTrak, the same platform used for school fees. This streamlined process allows you to contribute to your favorite club or sport effortlessly. It's important to recognize that many of Merrill's dedicated club sponsors volunteer their time without compensation, making donations crucial to ensuring they have the necessary resources to run their activities effectively. Additionally, despite no longer charging fees for sports participation at Merrill, the school relies on donations to fund essential needs such as new uniforms and equipment.

Your generosity is instrumental in maintaining the vibrancy of Merrill's extracurricular programs, and the school community expresses gratitude for your ongoing support.

Club Spotlight Gardening Club

As the school year draws to a close and various clubs and activities wind down, there's one club at Merrill that's just beginning to blossom: the Gardening Club. With the arrival of fresh air and warmer weather, members of the club are eagerly anticipating the opportunity to immerse themselves in nature and get their hands dirty in the earth. Throughout the year, the Gardening Club has been hard at work, whether it's nurturing marigolds for trivia night contestants or diligently tending to the landscaping around the school building.



It's safe to say that our Gardening Club stands out as one of the highlights of our school, and their dedication undeniably contributes to making our school a better place. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Mrs. Cooney for her exceptional leadership and guidance, which have played a significant role in the club's success.



As we reflect on the achievements and contributions of all our clubs and activities this year, let's extend our appreciation to the members of the Gardening Club for their unwavering commitment to beautifying our school environment. Their efforts remind us of the importance of stewardship and community involvement, and we look forward to seeing their continued impact in the years to come.



**THANK YOU
DELTA DENTAL!**

MUSTANGS WILL RETHINK THEIR DRINK!!!

We are delighted to announce that Merrill Middle School has been awarded a grant for a "Rethink Your Drink" outdoor water filling station! Thanks to the generous support of the Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation, we will soon be able to install an Upper Bottle Filling Station Bi-Level Pedestal with Pet Station Non-Filtered Non-Refrigerated on our campus. This fantastic addition to Project Destination Merrill will provide our students and staff with convenient access to clean, refreshing water while promoting healthy hydration habits. We extend our sincere gratitude to Delta Dental for their generosity and commitment to enhancing the well-being of our school community. It's truly a great day to be a Mustang!

HISTORY SPOTLIGHT IN TRACK

Since 2008 the Merrill boys have won the City Meet 6 times.

WOW!

- Merrill 6
- Meredith 3
- Callanan 3
- Covid 2
- Hiatt 1
- Weeks 1

Since 2008 the Merrill girls have won the City Meet 11 times.

NOW

That is

ALOT

- Merrill 11
- Callanan 2
- Covid 2
- Meredith 1

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