

## Sample Editorial

### Final Copy

I remember whenever I was in Elementary school and the one thing students prized having most in their day was recess. We would work so hard just so we would get recess. We would work and work until that bell rang. We would take spelling tests, and read flash cards, practice cursive handwriting. We would do all this work & then whenever that bell rang we would charge like bolts of lightning to line up at that door to go outside. Then we would come in from running and playing and that would not stop us from working. Instead of being worn out it seemed we were energized to work more. What I am trying to get to is I think the children at Meece Middle School should be allowed to have recess.

I believe middle school kids are more highly punished than they are rewarded. For instance your child tries their best to school. But what do they get to show for it? Absolutely nothing. And then they get punished for not turning in one homework assignment when they are usually honor role students. I just don't think that's right. That kids don't get rewarded for their good efforts and they do get punished. You get 1 day In School suspension (ISS) for graffiti on the wall. You can get 2 days of In School suspension for using profanity. And for being late to class you can get up to 2 or 3 days of (ISS)! Nowhere are the few ways we are rewarded for honor role (As & Bs) on your Report card nothing. For minding your teachers & being good, nothing. For doing all your work, nothing. We don't even get holiday parties!!! I think this is just unacceptable! Now my grandmother, Shirley S. is a woman that knows I am usually a good student. And this is what she said, "I think that if students were given more rewards and given more praise, and not as much punishment they would do better at school and work more I think kids should get a break from work."

I know that you are probably thinking, well I know kids need recess & everything, but if they do get it they won't want to work anymore. Well that's entirely wrong. It would only make them want to work more. For example, when you get in from work do you want to work more or lay down and take a nap? I think you would say take a nap. Well when kids get tired they don't want to work anymore either. Don't you think our brains get tired after a while? Well they do. That is why we would work because we would want to go to recess so bad we would work hard until time to go that way we would get recess. And after recess our minds would be refreshed and we would want to work just as hard so we would get recess the next day.

Id say you think us having recess would take up time from our school work. No it wouldn't actually it would be saving time. You know how kids are just so tired by 6<sup>th</sup> period that they feel like all they want to do is sit there in the chair & not do nothing. That's exactly how I feel by 5<sup>th</sup> period! Don't you think that if kids got recess for just 13 or 14 min after lunch or something it would help? Cause 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> period might as well not be there cause of the little bit of work we get done. Most kids even fall asleep the last part of the day. Its cause they are tired. They've been sitting in small wooden chairs all day long. And the only break they get is to go to there lockers. So really by having about 14 or 15 minutes of outside fun would be like saving 4 periods in a whole day! Maybe even more.

In Conclusion I believe that if you will agree with my piece good things will happen at Meece Middle school. I believe better grades will be coming in on the report cards and teachers bragging. So please take my piece seriously.