



Mountainside News



2022 Kickoff Assembly

A WELCOME FROM MR. HARE

We had an absolutely amazing start to the 2022-23 school year. I was blown away by how quickly our students, especially 6th graders, were adjusting to middle school. We even had an opportunity to have a fun "Welcome Back" assembly for the first time in 3 years. Students were energized and great participants in our cheering. I think my ears are still ringing!

As your student gets settled in to school this year, please encourage them to get involved in an activity. We have many athletic and club opportunities that give students a chance to make personal connections with other students outside of the classroom. I often say that a lot of great learning occurs in these activities.

We want you to stay connected with your student's schoolwork and attendance. Please, make sure that you are checking PowerSchool often to see how they're doing. You can even set up email reports to give you daily/weekly/monthly updates. Need help accessing PowerSchool? Please contact Sheila Warne at sheila.warne@mead354.org.

Lastly, please know that we are here if you need anything. We want this to be a positive year for your family, so please don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything.



What's Going On At MMS?

Wednesday, 9/7
First Late Start
School Starts @ 8:35am

Tuesday, 9/20
Picture Day

Thursday, 9/22
Toothsavers

Friday, 9/23
Fund Run Kickoff Assembly

Mon. 9/26-Mon. 10/10
Fund Run Money
Collection

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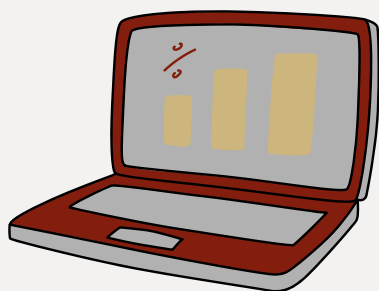
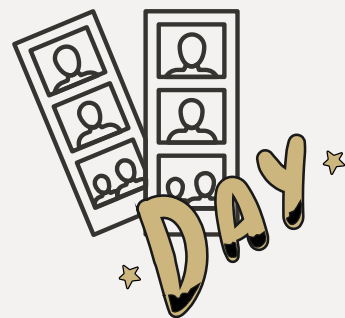
LATE START!

Don't forget that Wednesday, September 7th is our first late start. This means that school will start at 8:35am. Our breakfast door will open at 8:15am and our student entrance for those not eating breakfast will be at 8:27am. Our buses will be running 40 minutes late on Wednesdays. You can [\[click here\]](#) to access our 2022-23 bell schedule.

PICTURE DAY-TUESDAY, 9/20

Our individual school picture day is Tuesday, September 20th during students' PE class period. Picture packets will be handed out to students during 1st period as the day gets closer.

Even if you are not purchasing pictures, all students will get their picture taken as we use this for ID badges and the yearbook. If a student does not have a PE class, we will still ensure they still get their picture taken. Questions? Please call Lisa Homb (465.7407) or email her at lisa.homb@mead354.org.



CHROMEBOOK INSURANCE

Do not wait! If you want to purchase Chromebook insurance, you need to do so as soon as possible. You can [\[click here\]](#) for information on how to purchase and you can contact Lisa Homb (lisa.homb@mead354.org) at 465-7407 for help. We strongly encourage you to consider purchasing insurance as we've found that accidents do happen and the cost of repairing or replacing the Chromebook can be high!

MMS PTO FUND RUN 2022

Beginning on September 23rd and lasting until October 14th, we will be conducting our annual PTO Fund Run. This fundraiser is the only one at Mountainside the entire year and it supports clubs, music, athletics, assemblies, and so much more! More information will be coming home soon with students, but we ask that you consider having your student take part in this great culture building event at MMS. It truly is a fun time and there are many prizes to be won!

If you know of a local business that would like to donate to our Fund Run, please contact Kathleen Olson (kathleen.olson@mead354.org). In addition, if you are a parent and would like to help us by volunteering, please contact Lisa Homb (lisa.homb@mead354.org).





ATHLETIC OPPORTUNITIES @ MMS

Mountainside offers a variety of athletic opportunities for all 3 grade levels of students. Currently, we have 6/7/8 Cross Country, 7/8 Girls Softball, and 7/8 Tackle Football up and running. It is not too late for your child to join, but don't wait! For information on athletics and how to sign up, please go to our [athletic website](#). In addition, all questions can be directed towards our athletic director, Ryan Henderson (ryan.henderson@mead354.org).

TOOTHSAVERS

ToothSavers Oral Health Program will be coming to Mountainside on Thursday, September 22nd to provide preventive dental care to students. ToothSavers' main focus is to prevent cavities and keep teeth healthy. For more information you can head to their website by [[clicking here](#)]. To sign your student up, please contact assistant principal, Moleena Harris (moleena.harris@mead354.org).



CHARACTER STRONG & FAMILY DARES

At Mountainside, we have a half hour every Wednesday designated to students' well-being. This time is typically spent with each homeroom going through the weekly CharacterStrong session. You can find out more about CharacterStrong by watching [[this short video](#)]. Each week, students will be given a Character Dare as part of their sessions. In future months, we'd like to take it a step further and challenge your family to complete our monthly family dares that you will find here.



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