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Mountainside News



FROM THE DESK OF MR. HARE

Happy October and happy fall to all Mountainside families out there. I would say that we have hit our groove here at MMS and students have adjusted very well. It never ceases to amaze me at how resilient students are and how great they are at adapting to change. Things that were once overwhelming (lockers, 6 classes, multiple schedules, etc.) are nothing now. You should be very proud of your students at how well they are doing.

As this year continues, please continue to push your child to get involved in activities outside the classroom. We have clubs (they are beginning to get going now), sports, music, and volunteer opportunities for students. I firmly believe that students are greatly benefited by getting involved and being active beyond the school day. You can find all of our student life activities on [our website](#).

Lastly, I want to take a second to thank all of our community for their tremendous help during our Fund Run. It has been a huge success thus far and we couldn't do it without an amazing and supportive community. It's so great to see our students doing a great job and are getting into the spirit of things. In addition, a huge thank you to all of our parents that are helping us organize and count money every morning. We'd be lost without you!



What's Going On At MMS?

Mon. 10/3-Mon. 10/10
Fund Run Money
Collection

Friday, 10/7
No School
Learning Improvement Day

Friday, 10/14
Fund Run Day!

Friday, 10/21
Fund Run Reward
Field Trip

Thursday, 10/27
Picture Retakes

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FALL MUSIC CONCERTS

Our music programs have been really working hard this year and are ready to show off their work for the first time. We'd love to have you in attendance at any of the following concerts!

- Monday, 10/24--Orchestra Concert @ Mt. Spokane HS 7:00pm
- Tuesday, 10/25--Choir Concert @ Mt. Spokane HS 7:00pm
- Wednesday, 10/26--Band Concert @ Mountainside MS 7:00pm

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

If your student missed picture day or is unhappy with their pictures, we have a retake day. This will be on Thursday, October 27th.

Questions? Please call Lisa Homb (465.7407) or email her at lisa.homb@mead354.org.



HALLOWEEN DRESS UP

Fall is upon us and with that comes Halloween. At Mountainside, we do not have a formal Halloween celebration, but we allow students to dress up if they choose to. Students can dress up on Monday, October 31st. Please [click here] to see the guidelines for dressing up. Please note that we would like students to choose costumes that do not take away from the learning at school and allow them to fully move throughout the day. Thank you for your help!

MMS PTO FUND RUN GOING STRONG!

We are approaching the end of our Fund Run and students have done an amazing job. Remember, this fundraiser is the only one that we do at Mountainside the entire year and it supports clubs, music, athletics, assemblies, and so much more! Here are some important dates the rest of the way:

- Monday, October 10th--Last Day of Money Collection
- Friday, October 14th--Fund Run, Prize Assembly, Field Day
- Friday, October 21st--Reward Day for Top 10 Classes and Top 25 Students.

Thank you so much for your support during this time. Truly, we appreciate our community coming together to support our students!





VOLLEYBALL & WRESTLING BEGIN SOON

Our next season of sports starts soon! This includes 7/8 girls volleyball and 6/7/8 wrestling. You can [\[click here\]](#) to find all information athletic related! Questions? Contact our Athletic Director, Ryan Henderson, at ryan.henderson@mead354.org.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

We have had a great start to the 22-23 school year thanks to the work of your students, Mead staff, and parent/guardian support. In an effort to do our best partnering with our community, the middle school admin teams would like to remind families the most efficient way to solve any problems that may arise during the school year.

As part of a district-wide administrative group, we collectively work to make sure our students get the highest quality education we can provide. It's not uncommon for families to have questions or want to gain a deeper understanding of the curriculum and instructional materials their child's teachers are using. Additionally, it is imperative that our teachers and administrators are able to work together with our families through processes defined by Board policies to be able to review materials and address any concerns that arise.

As shared by district administration at the September 12th school board meeting, when concerns arise in the classroom, the first step for parents/guardians is to contact the child's teacher to work through resolving an issue. If communication or meetings between the teacher and parent/guardian do not resolve the concern, the next step is to contact the school's grade level administrator or the principal. From there, if the concern remains unresolved after contact with the principal, the District's Director of Secondary Education Darren Nelson should be contacted to bring all parties together to discuss a plan for resolution. Working through this process will ensure that parents/guardians have the tools and opportunity to be heard.

Our policies and procedures about reviewing instructional materials or library materials can be found on our website at www.mead354.org/policy in the 2000 Series of policies and procedures.



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