

JANUARY 2023



Mountainside News



FROM THE DESK OF MR. HARE

Happy New Year! I cannot believe that we are to 2023. I am hopeful that this year will be a great one for you and your family.

It goes without saying, but the week before Winter Break was one of the toughest weeks in Mountainside history. I cannot thank you all enough for the many efforts, thoughts and prayers that were sent to the Halbig family and to the Mountainside family. The way that our community came together was nothing short of amazing. I reflected a lot over the course of the last couple weeks and I feel the urge that we need to continue to impress upon our kids that help is available to them. It is on my heart that we ensure students know that there are adults in their lives that are here to help and to listen. No issue is too small. In addition, I think it is very important that students have the courage to speak up if they hear something or see something that isn't right. We have some short-term and long-term plans to continue to reinforce this here at MMS, but I would ask that you take some time as a family to do the same as the conversation is important. In addition, if you feel that your child needs to talk with a counselor, please let us know. You can email me directly and we will ensure they get the help they need!

Lastly, the end of the first semester is coming quickly. This is a great time to remind your student to **finish strong** (turn in missing assignments, make up tests/quizzes, and study for upcoming tests). All students will get a printed copy of their second semester class schedule the week of January 23rd.

Have a great January!

What's Going On At MMS?



Tuesday, 1/3
7th Basketball Begins

Thur, 1/12-Mon, 2/6
Cash for Critters

Monday, 1/16
MLK Jr. Holiday
No School

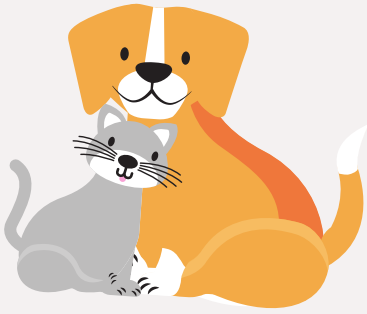
Wednesday, 1/25
No Late Start

Friday, 1/27
Last Day of 1st Semester
Students Out @ 11am

Monday, 1/30
First Day of 2nd Semester

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CASH FOR CRITTERS



On Thursday, January 12th, Mountainside will embark on its annual Cash for Critters Drive. That is right, it is a donation drive just for pets! This will be the 26th year of the drive and it is a great way for our Mountainside community to help our furry friends. All money will be donated to our partner, SCRAPS. Every student that brings in \$100 or more will be invited to help deliver the donation and play with some critters in February. This event will last until February 6th. Please encourage your child to get involved! Questions? [[Click here to email Mr. Louie.](#)]

7TH GRADE BASKETBALL ON NOW

Beginning Tuesday, January 3rd, 7th grade basketball is starting up. It's not too late to join! 8th grade basketball will follow in mid-February with 6th grade basketball will take place in May. Please go to our [[athletic website](#)], email our Athletic Director, [Ryan Henderson](#), or call Lisa Homb (465-7407) for more information.



BUY YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY



Mountainside only orders a specific number of yearbooks and you will not want your student to miss out! They are \$25 and can be purchased in our business office or you can purchase them online by [[clicking here](#)]. All students that have ordered a yearbook by Tuesday, January 31st will be entered into a drawing for a special prize and the opportunity to "gift" a yearbook to another Mountainside student. We will have a winner at each grade level!

MEAD SD FIRST ANNUAL 7TH GRADE CAREER FAIR

This year we are excited to be offering a new experience for all Mead School District 7th graders. In an effort to get all students "future ready," we are inviting 7th graders from all three middle schools to our 1st annual career fair in May!

We need your help. We are looking for professionals in the community who would be interested in participating. By participating we mean, having a table to represent your career, answering questions from students, interacting with them and giving them a glimpse of the day to day in your job. If you would like to participate or would like more information on what that entails, please fill out [[this form](#)].

This would be an all day commitment, hosted at Mt. Spokane High School and lunch will be provided for all career representatives. If you are interested, please fill out [[the form](#)] to indicate your interest and what career you would be representing.

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No School
In Observance Of
**Martin Luther King Jr.
Day**

MONDAY, JANUARY 16TH



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HIRING!**

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WE ARE
MOUNTAINSIDE

NO LATE START

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25TH
SCHOOL WILL BEGIN AT 7:55AM



**LAST DAY OF SEMESTER
FRIDAY, JANUARY 27TH**

**STUDENT EARLY RELEASE
OUT AT 11:00AM**



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