

OCTOBER 2023



Mountainside News



FROM THE DESK OF MR. HARE

Happy October and happy fall to all our Mountainside families. This start to the school year has been an absolutely amazing one. Our 7th and 8th grade students are acting like the veterans they are and our 6th grade students are starting to hit their stride. I know the start to the year is bound to always have a few bumps in the road, but thank you for partnering with us to make it a great first month at MMS.

One of the great ways that we can partner together is by focusing on your student's attendance and grades. Attendance is a HUGE factor in the success of students. Check out [[this graphic](#)] for more statistics on how crucially important it is for your child to be at school. In addition, you can see your child's grades at any point in time on PowerSchool. I often like to say, "There should be no surprises!" If you need help logging into your PowerSchool account, please email Sheila Warne (sheila.warne@mead354.org) and she will get you connected right away. If you have any questions on your child's grades, please contact the teacher!

Lastly, please encourage your student to get involved at school. Whether it is a music program, club, sport, spirit week, you name it...get involved! Truly, it makes for a much better middle school experience and they will learn life-long skills and likely make some new friends along the way.

If you need anything this year, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

We Are Mountainside!

What's Going On At MMS?

Mon. 10/2 - Mon. 10/9
Fund Run Money Collection

Thursday, 10/5
October WAM Assembly

Friday, 10/6
Learning Improvement Day
No School for Students

Mon. 10/9 - Fri. 10/13
Spirit Week

Wednesday, 10/11
NO LATE START!

Friday, 10/13
Fund Run Race Day

Friday, 10/20
Fund Run Reward Field Trip
to Pattison's Roller Rink

Tuesday, 10/24
Band Concert @ MMS 7pm

Wednesday, 10/25
Choir Concert @ MMS 7pm

Monday, 10/30
Orchestra Concert @ MSHS 7pm

Tuesday, 10/31
Halloween Dress Up



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FUND RUN AND SPIRIT WEEK

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! Next week, we will have a Spirit Week leading up to our Fund Run on October 13th. Encourage your child to get involved and participate. The dress up days are as follows:

- Monday-Sports Day
- Tuesday-Neon Day
- Wednesday-Color Block (6th-White, 7th-Red, 8th-Black, Staff-Gray)
- Thursday-Pajama Day
- Friday-6th Period Choice!

Thank you so much for your support during this Fund Run time!

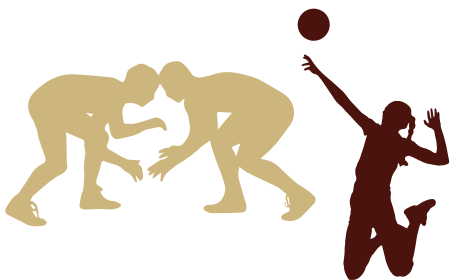


NO SCHOOL AND NO LATE START

A couple important dates that will impact your family's schedule are coming up. First, there is **NO SCHOOL** on Friday, October 6th for a Learning Improvement Day. Lastly, due to the elementary conference schedule, we will have **NO LATE START** on Wednesday, October 11th. Questions? Please call our office at 509.465.7400.

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 Tuesday, 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 in making this a fun and safe day!



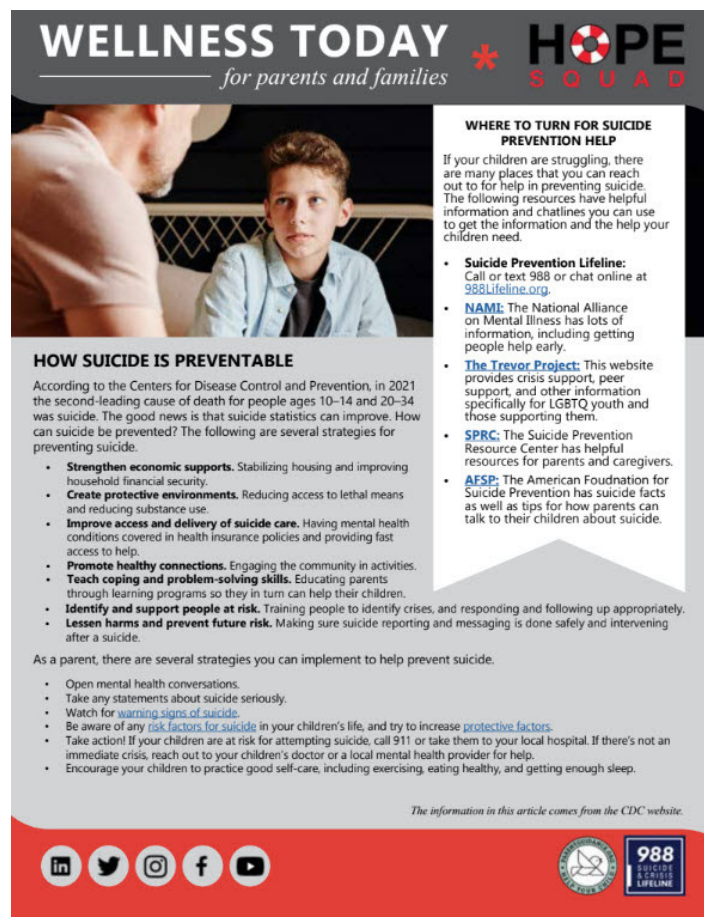
LATE FALL SPORTS START SOON!

Our next season of sports starts soon! 6th grade volleyball began on Monday, October 2nd while 7th and 8th girls volleyball and 6th, 7th, and 8th wrestling begin at the end of October. You can [\[click here\]](#) to find all information athletic related! Questions? Contact our Athletic Director, Ryan Henderson, at ryan.henderson@mead354.org.

CHECK OUT THE CALENDAR FOR OUR FALL MUSIC CONCERTS!



Each month, we will have a PACE character trait of the month here at Mountainside. We will recognize Students of the Month that embodied that trait and they will be recognized at our WAM (We are Mountainside) Spirt Assemblies. Look for the picture of our winners on our Facebook page and website each month! Click the image above for more information on the Pace Character Program.



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