

JANUARY 2024



Mountainside News



FROM THE DESK OF MR. HARE

Happy New Year! I hope that your family had a great holiday season. Finding time to be with friends and family is always nice, but maybe not always so restful :-).

Although it is a new calendar year, we are getting right down to crunch time here at Mountainside with the end of the semester only 4 weeks away. 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) and use all of the resources at their disposal (Access Time on Thursdays, Academic Assistance after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and connecting with teachers). You will get a printed report card mailed home in early February with the final 1st semester grades. Remember, you can and should check your student's grades at any point by logging into PowerSchool. If you haven't set up your parent account, please email Sheila Warne (sheila.warne@mead354.org) for assistance. It is a great and necessary resource for any middle school parent! Lastly, all students will get a printed copy of their second semester class schedule the week of January 22nd. Most 6th and 7th grade schedules will be relatively the same with only a change of an elective, but 8th grade students may see a bigger change in their schedule with a wider variety of electives we offer. Either way, students should be keeping their same core teachers for the new semester.

Thank you so much for your continued support of Mountainside Middle School and partnering with us. Please, don't ever hesitate to reach out if you need anything!

What's Going On At MMS?

Tuesday, 1/2
7th Basketball Begins

Tuesday, 1/9
WAM Spirit Assembly

Friday, 1/12
Martin Luther King Jr.
Recognition

Monday, 1/15
MLK Jr. Holiday
No School

Tues, 1/16- Fri, 2/9
Cash for Critters Drive

Tuesday, 1/23
Levy Info Night @ MMS
6pm

Wednesday, 1/24
No Late Start!

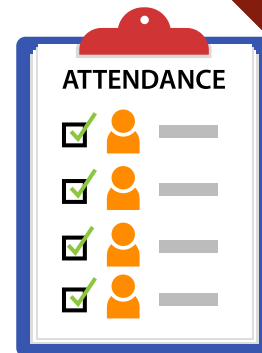
Friday, 1/26
Last Day of Semester
1/2 Day-Out at 11am

Monday, 1/29
First Day of 2nd Semester



ATTENDANCE CHANGES

At Mountainside, we strive to ensure we are taking accurate attendance and to ensure students are attending school regularly according to Washington state law. One small change that we are beginning is requesting that you provide a doctor's note when your child is absent from school for an appointment. With a doctor's note, the attendance is coded as to not affect your student's attendance in relation to the Becca Bill process. Without a doctor's note, the absence will be counted toward the Becca Bill process. Getting into the habit of getting a note will be very helpful and this will mirror what is requested of you when your child reaches high school. Thank you!



BUY A YEARBOOK, GIVE A YEARBOOK

The 2023-24 Mountainside yearbooks are on sale now for \$25. Don't forget that we have a campaign going called "Buy a Yearbook, Give a Yearbook." We are asking that families consider donating toward an additional yearbook for a student in need. To do so, you can make a donation in person or you can find a donation button below the button to purchase your yearbook on our [\[online system\]](#). Currently, we have reached \$600 of our \$5,000 goal.

CASH FOR CRITTERS

On Tuesday, January 16th, 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 27th 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 9th. Please encourage your child to get involved! Questions? [\[Click here to email Mr. Louie\]](#)



7TH GRADE CAREER FAIR

This year, our dedicated middle school counselors are coordinating the 2nd annual career fair in May 2024. Our goal is to provide students with a glimpse into various professions, helping them become "future ready." We need you! Please [\[click here\]](#) for details on the event and how you and your career can be showcased at the event. **We are still looking for 20+ presenters!**

BASKETBALL GOING ON NOW

7th grade basketball begins the day we get back from Winter Break, January 2nd. It is not too late to join! 8th grade basketball begins February 20th. Our 6th graders have track and field to look forward to in April with basketball in May. Remember, you can always find athletic information on our [\[website\]](#) or you can email our AD, [Ryan Henderson](#).





Look for the picture of our Character Trait winners on our Facebook page and website each month!

No School

In Observance Of

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH

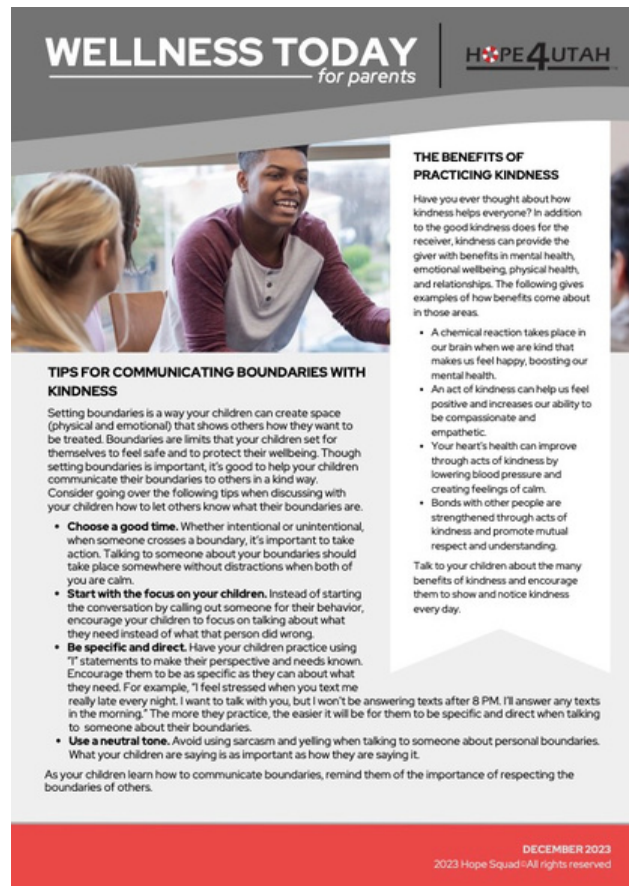


**END OF SEMESTER
(1/2 DAY)**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26TH

STUDENTS OUT AT 11:00AM

No Late Start
Wednesday, 1/24
Due To HS Finals
Schedule



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On Our Hope Squad Information



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MEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT 2024 REPLACEMENT LEVY



FEBRUARY 13, 2024



2024 REPLACEMENT LEVY TOWN HALL

All three meetings with both in-person and Zoom options!

THURS., JAN. 11

6:00 P.M.
Highland Middle School
3515 W Hawthorne Rd

WEDS., JAN. 17

6:00 P.M.
Northwood Middle School
12908 N Pittsburg

TUES., JAN. 23

6:00 P.M.
Mountainside Middle School
4717 E Day Mt. Spokane Rd

PIZZA PROVIDED AT EACH EVENT + ZOOM ONLINE OPTION AVAILABLE

WWW.MEAD354.ORG/LEVY

Click the graphic above to access more levy information.