

FEBRUARY 2024



# Mountainside News



## FROM THE DESK OF MR. HARE

Happy February! We are halfway through the school year and I look back at all the amazing things we've accomplished with a big smile on my face. When I say we, that includes students, staff, parents, and the entire Mountainside community. We all have so many things to be proud of. You'll see on the next page that we feel this is a great time for students to reflect and set some goals and habits that will keep them on the path of success. Thank you for your help in this process.

Speaking of success, we will soon have an opportunity to recognize many students at Mountainside. First, every student that earned a 3.5 GPA or above for the first semester will get an honor roll certificate and t-shirt that we will personally deliver to their class. 60% of students earned this honor! Earning a high GPA is no small feat and we recognize that there is likely strong support at home to ensure this happens. Thank you. Secondly, we will be honoring all students, regardless of their first semester grades, who showed academic growth on their fall to winter MAP scores. 83% of students showed growth! You will be receiving your student's MAP scores with the semester report card in the mail soon. Lastly, we will be honoring our students that have earned our PRIDE reward for the 2nd quarter and overall 1st semester. For your reference, you can find our PRIDE criteria in [[our handbook](#)] on page 8. As you will see, earning PRIDE is also quite the accomplishment. Truly, it means a student is showing up and doing the right thing every day. If your student earned any of these honors, please take the time to congratulate them on a job well done.

Thank you so much for partnering with us and for your continued support of Mountainside Middle School!

## What's Going On At MMS?

Thurs, 2/1 - Wed 2/7  
Cash for Critters \$\$ Collection

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Tuesday, 2/6  
WAM Spirit Assembly

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Wednesday, 2/7  
Crazy Sock Day for Mr. Tucker!

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Mon, 2/12 - Fri, 2/16  
Hope Week & Spirit Week

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Tuesday, 2/13  
Don't Forget to Vote!  
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Wednesday, 2/14  
No Late Start!

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Monday, 2/19  
Presidents' Day-No School

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Tuesday, 2/20  
8th Basketball Begins

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Wednesday, 2/21  
Freshman Family Orientation  
@ Mt. Spokane HS 6-8pm

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Friday, 2/23  
First Semester PRIDE Field Trip

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Wednesday, 2/28  
5th Grade Parent/Student  
Night @ MMS 6-7pm

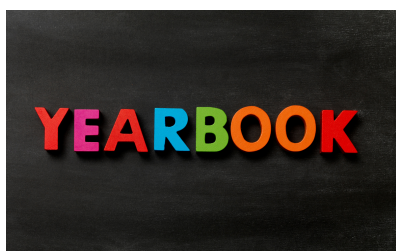
## SETTING ROUTINES FOR SUCCESS

As we now embark on the 2nd semester of the school year, we have found that this is a perfect time to help all students reset. We encourage families to reflect on the successes of the first semester (we've had a lot!) and also take some time to discuss the following habits that we have found to be most effective in helping our middle school students.

1. Attendance-This remains to be the largest contributor to success. Students need to be in school in order to ensure they are hearing the instruction and getting the adequate help they need on their schoolwork.
2. Organization-This is a great time to declutter the binder, backpack, and locker. We also encourage students to rethink how they are utilizing their planner.
3. No Missing Assignments-Next to attendance, this is a major piece for success in middle school. Don't forget that students have Access Time during school every Thursday and we have Academic Assistance every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30pm to 4:00pm. Help is available, use it!
4. Self-Advocacy-We feel that middle school is the perfect opportunity for students to begin advocating for themselves. This could include visiting a staff member to ask for help or even emailing them. It can be very nerve wracking for students to approach an adult, but the skill is a life-long one.
5. PowerSchool-This one is for both students and parents. PowerSchool is a great tool to show you what assignments are missing, what the student's attendance record is, and an up-to-date grade report. Students have their own account, but parents can have one too and set up regular reminders about your child's academics. Please, contact Sheila Warne (509.465.7427; sheila.warne@mead354.org) to get your account set up today. You won't regret it.

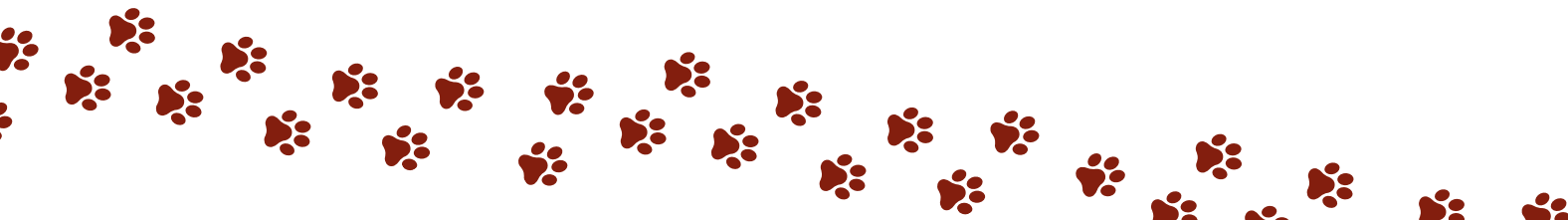
## BUY A YEARBOOK, GIVE A YEARBOOK

The 2023-24 Mountainside yearbooks are on sale now for \$25. Do not delay in securing your child's yearbook today. 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 \$750 of our \$5,000 goal. Thank you!



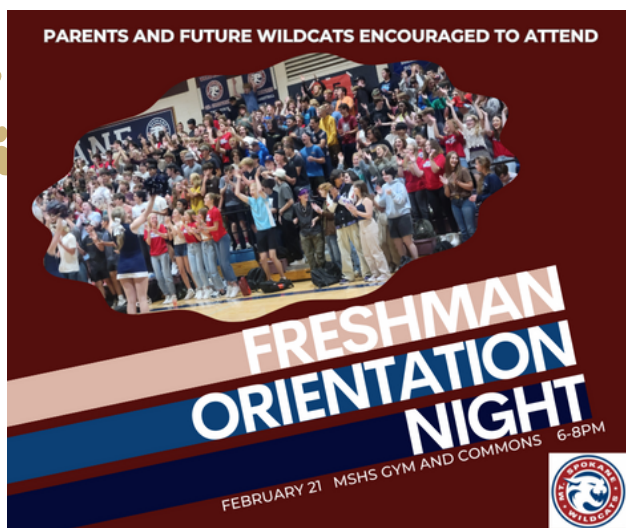
## 8TH BASKETBALL BEGINS SOON

8th grade basketball begins on Tuesday, February 20th. Please sign up online by clicking the link below. Looking ahead, 6/7/8 Track and Field and 7/8 baseball begin right after Spring Break. 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 Late Start  
Wednesday, 2/14  
Due To Elementary  
Conference Schedule



Click The Poster Above To  
Zoom In On Our Hope Squad  
Information



**Stay Connected With Us**

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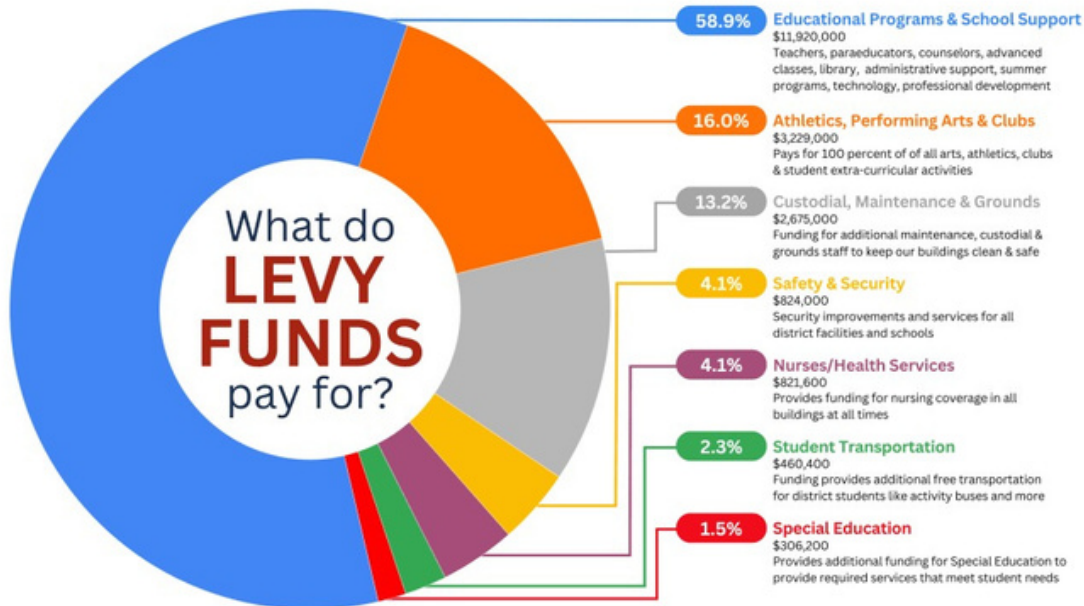
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# MEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT 2024 REPLACEMENT LEVY

## FEBRUARY 13, 2024



Based on 2021-22 actual use of local dollars.

The items below represent the levy dollars as a percentage of the total budget for the category listed. It provides a look into how the levy fills the gaps left by the state's prototypical school funding model. *\*Colors coordinate with the items listed above.*



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[Click the graphics above to access more levy information.](#)