

MARCH 2024



# Mountainside News



## FROM THE DESK OF MR. HARE

March is here and it feels like spring weather is just trying to break through. March is a busy time around the middle school as we go through our registration process with students, we have next year's ASB officer elections, many music concerts and festivals, the book fair, College Week, and so much more! In a couple weeks, we have the opportunity to highlight our Education Support Professionals. Our classified staff includes our office staff, para educators, custodians, cooks, nurses, and bus drivers. Truly, they are the lifeblood of our building. They do so much for Mountainside and our community and they deserve so much of our appreciation. Maybe encourage your child to say a little "thank you" or send a positive note to some of them. Surely, it will go a long way.

On another note, we have found that many students have gotten off to a slow start this 2nd semester. We have many more missing assignments and failing grades than we should and we need your help. If you haven't checked your child's grades in awhile, please login to PowerSchool and do so. If you need help, please call Sheila Warne (509) 465-7427 for assistance. Also, if your child needs extra assistance in a subject or class, please don't forget that we have Academic Assistance every Tuesday and Thursday afterschool from 2:30pm to 4:00pm and students can sign up for a specific class for Access Time every Thursday morning. We continually remind students of all of these items, but I think a nudge from home would help as well. Thank you.

Lastly, thank you all so much for your continued support of Mountainside and partnering with us on behalf of your child. It's what makes our community great!

## What's Going On At MMS?

Mon, 3/11 - Fri, 3/15  
Classified Employee  
Appreciation Week

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Mon, 3/11 - Thurs, 3/14  
7th & 8th Class Registration

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Thursday, 3/14  
Beg. Band Concert  
@ MMS 7pm

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Friday, 3/15  
No School  
Snow Make-Up Day

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Mon, 3/18 - Fri, 3/22  
Book Fair & College Week

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Wednesday, 3/20  
Grandparent's Day  
7:15am - 8:15am

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Thursday, 3/21  
Band Concert  
@MMS 7pm

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Tuesday, 3/26  
Choir Concert  
@ MMS 7pm

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Wednesday, 3/27  
Orchestra Concert  
@MMS 7pm

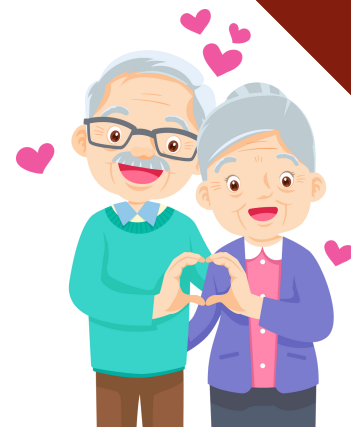
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Friday, 3/29  
End of 3rd Quarter

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## GRANDPARENT OR IMPORTANT ADULT DAY

We are very excited to bring back our Grandparent or Any Important Adult in Your Life Day at Mountainside. On Wednesday, March 20th, we invite in our special guests with their student to enjoy a donut and refreshments, some sweet music from the MMS Jazz Band and Choir, a photo booth, a chance to tour the Book Fair, and a chance to tour the school. The event will go from 7:15am-8:15am as this is a late start and it will give families some time together. We are happy to announce that we are partnering with Fairwinds Senior Living Center to put on this event. More information will be coming as the day gets closer, but get it on your calendar now!



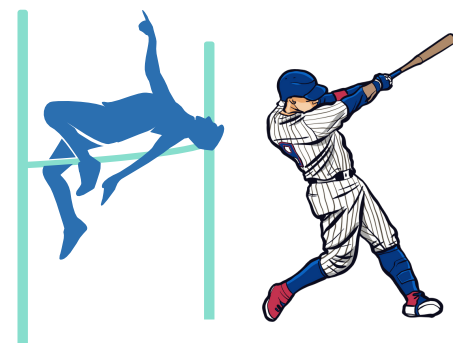
## BUY A YEARBOOK, WIN A PRIZE!

The 2023-24 Mountainside yearbooks are on sale now for \$25. Do not delay in securing your child's yearbook today. Every student that has purchases a yearbook by Friday, March 15th will be entered into a drawing for a Yearbook Gift Bag. The bag will be filled with sweet treats, gift cards, and more! Also, please don't forget that we have a campaign going called "Buy a Yearbook, Give a Yearbook" as well. 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 \$1200 of our \$5,000 goal. Thank you!



## TRACK & FIELD AND BASEBALL START SOON

6/7/8 Track and Field and 7/8 Baseball begin the day we get back from Spring Break (Monday, April 8th). Please sign up online by clicking the link below. Looking ahead, 6th grade basketball begins on May 6th. Remember, you can always find athletic information on our [\[website\]](#) or you can email our AD, [Ryan Henderson](#).



## THE BOOKFAIR IS BACK

Get ready! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming our way (YAY!). Choosing their own books empowers kids and inspires them on their journey to becoming lifelong readers. AND—as always—every purchase at the Fair benefits our school. The event will run the week of March 18th. In addition to cash, say hello to eWallet—your child's digital payment account. Before the Fair, set up eWallet for worry-free, cash-free purchases. Anyone can contribute! Share each child's eWallet so friends and family can add funds and give your kids more books to enjoy. If you can't make it to the Fair, then shop at our school's Book Fair online. All orders ship directly to your home, and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Every online purchase will also benefit our school. Visit our [\[Book Fair homepage\]](#) to learn more and get started with eWallet and online shopping. Happy reading!



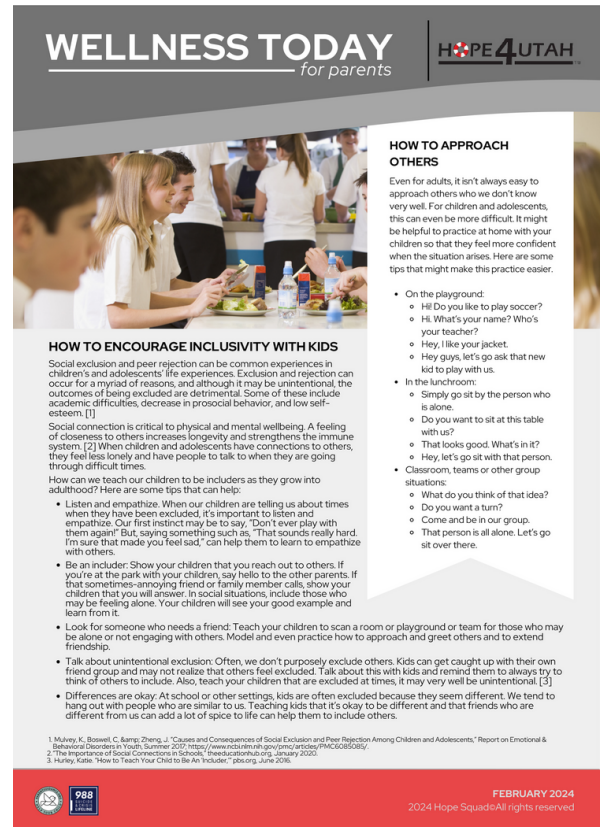
Look for the picture of our Character Trait winners on our Facebook page and website each month!

Thank  
you,  
Mead  
Voters!



WOMEN'S  
HISTORY  
MONTH

**NO SCHOOL**  
Friday, March 15th  
Built-In Snow Day  
Makeup



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Information



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