



Mountain Meadows

“Home of the Mustangs”

February/March Newsletter

Note from Administration- Ms. Johnson, Principal

Hello Mountain Meadows!

This newsletter will include **highlights of February and March information.** Our students have completed Trimester 2 and report cards will be sent home on March 17. We join you in celebrating the efforts of our students and staff. **As a 21st Century Learning Academy, we are focused on preparing our students with essential 21st Century skills for success:**



Communication
Connection/Interpersonal/Relationship building
Academic Content Proficiency
Decision Making
Collaboration
Critical thinking
Cross-Cultural Competence
Adaptability
Creativity
Technology
Problem Solving
Innovation
Time Management
Self-motivation

What sets us apart from other schools is not “What” we teach- the content, but “How” we teach our students. **How will we ensure that our students are equipped with these essential 21st Century skills?** It is through Kagan strategies. **Mountain Meadows is a Kagan School of Distinction.** Please click on the link for a brief introduction to Kagan Learning Structures: [What is Kagan?](#) Additionally, please find an excellent resource on our school website called [“Achieve the Core.”](#) This is a tool for Parents/Guardians to become familiar with the academic grade level expectations, which help to equip you in supporting your child’s learning.

We have been enjoying **extra activities/events at Mountain.** Many of our students participated in after school **Field Hockey.** Thank you to Mrs. Cooper, one of





our parent volunteers, for organizing such a fun activity for our kids!

Our students participated in PTA's **"You are Loved"** program and decorated hearts for display on campus.



Many of our families came out for **Family Reading Night** on February 15, which featured special Guest Readers, our amazing **Book Fair**, snacks and a lemonade stand made from **lemons harvested from our own garden**.



...Speaking of the Garden! Some of our families have worked hard to clean up and prepare our beautiful garden for planting. Our students will now participate in planting, nurturing and harvesting in our **Teaching and Learning Garden**. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers!



Students have enjoyed many field trips so far this year and there are more to come, which include: The LA Zoo, Chumash Museum, SEEAG-

Petty Ranch, Discovery Cube, Channel Islands Visitor Center, Stagecoach Inn Museum, The Discovery Center at the Reagan Library, In and Out Burger, Thousand Oaks Arts Plaza - Nutcracker, Rainforest Animals, and the Moorpark Zoo.



Our students LOVED the **Magic of Science** assembly on February 27. They learned a great deal in a highly engaging way. Ask them about it!



MM is welcoming our new Music Teacher, Ms. Zastro! **Music classes for our kids** began on March 7, and they will enjoy Music class every other week.

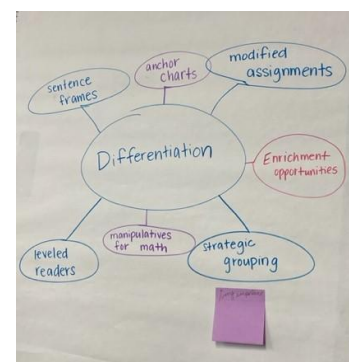
Thank you to our PTA for fundraising so that our students can enjoy assemblies, PE, Art and Music classes, field trips and other wonderful opportunities! Thank you to all our Mountain Community for participating in these fundraisers. It is exciting to see what the efforts and generosity of our community provides for our kids!

The Color Run is next!! Thank you for your support of this exciting event!

Read Across America Day was March 2, and we appreciate Mrs. Mathis for organizing our day. Thank you to the Guest Readers who visited our classrooms for special readings for the kids!



On March 13, our district provided a variety of **professional development** for our certificated staff. This was an engaging day of practical professional growth and collaboration.



Our students continue to SHINE and we celebrate them at our Friday Student of the Month assemblies, which now include a **raffle drawing for prizes**. Students earn raffle tickets during recess, lunch and PE by demonstrating good character choices- being respectful, kind, safe and helpful. We are proud of our students and will continue to recognize positive behavior.



FYI: Solar is coming to Mountain Meadows! Drilling in the parking lot has already begun and the MUSD goal is that all school sites are operational by May 2024.

Important Reminder: If your child(ren) has a smart watch at school, they will need to follow the same guidelines as the cell phone policy. The watch must be off and remain in the backpack the entire day. It should not be taken out at all on the campus. If it is used on campus, staff will turn the watch to the front office for safe keeping and parent/guardian will need to pick it up. If you need to reach your child(ren) or they need to reach you, communication needs to be handled through the front office. If you have questions about this policy, please contact the front office. Thank you for your support.



Please save the date for **Mountain Meadows Open House.**

On Wednesday, April 26, from 5:30-7:00 pm the campus and all classrooms will be open for our 2022-2023 **Celebration of Learning.** There will be detailed information sent to you closer to the event, but please save the date!

Spring Break is the week of March 20-24.

Enjoy a well-deserved, wonderful time with your family!

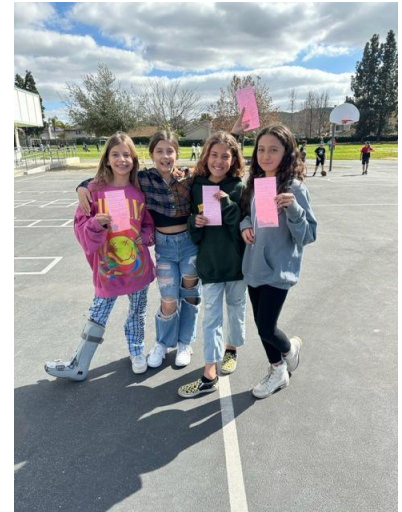
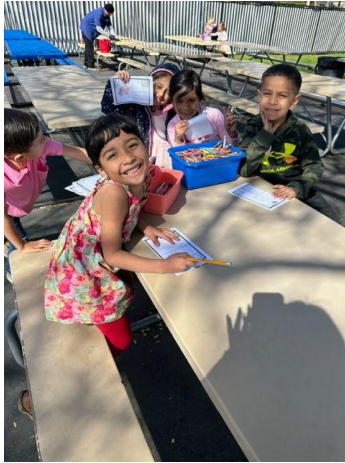


Ms. Johnson

Counseling Corner

Hello Mustangs,

The month of February is associated with love and kindness and what a great way to show it by helping others. Kindness week at Mountain Meadows was February 13th - February 17th. Students had the opportunity to spread kindness to their peers and to staff. They continue to make Mountain Meadows a fun and a safe place !



Our Second Step program also helped students learn how to be kind to others by showing empathy. Students had the opportunity to suggest kind acts they could do for others at school in given scenarios (for example, offering a hug, offering to share). Please feel free to explore the following resources:

Kinder: <https://learn.secondstep.org/product/elementary/activities/kindergarten>

First Grade:

<https://learn.secondstep.org/product/elementary/activities/grade-1>

Second/Third Grade:

<https://learn.secondstep.org/product/elementary/activities/grade-2>

Fourth/Fifth Grade:

<https://learn.secondstep.org/product/elementary/activities/grade-4>

Some great readings during this time of the year include:

You, Me, And Empathy by Jayneen Sanders, The Invisible Boy by Patrice Barton, and Be Kind by Pat Zietlow Miller.

Kindly,

Ms.Naranjo

Health Office

REMINDERS...

-Please return any clothing that your student may have borrowed from the Health Office.

-Students should be 24 hour fever free without any medications before returning to school

-COVID tests are still available. Please feel free to stop by the office if you need any.



Thank you! -Nurse Julie

WeTip

DON'T BE SILENT

If you have any information regarding crime or misconduct at your district, call WeTip anonymously.



3 WAYS TO REPORT ANONYMOUSLY



TEXT
844.805.2822



CALL
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SCAN



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CALL, TEXT, OR SCAN
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Student Council

Thank you to all of our Student Council members who joined together to help celebrate Black History Month. Together, they created visual posters that taught our younger kids why we celebrate Black History throughout the month of February. As they were getting creative, they also had the opportunity to learn about several important people and their accomplishments. We love to see our students learn, help, and celebrate! Our students helped us celebrate Random Acts of Kindness week (February 14th-20th) by doing simple acts of kindness such as helping our teachers, helping our younger students put away play equipment, partnering up with other students and inviting them to play, and many other

ways.

Thank you STUDENT COUNCIL for being great LEADERS !



PTA

-April 6th is the Mustangs Color Run! This will be PTA's biggest fundraiser of the year and tons of fun for our students!

-To order your yearbook online, visit bit.ly/22-23MMyearbook to get a copy at the early bird price of just \$25, plus credit card processing fees. The price increases to \$30 plus processing fees beginning Wednesday, April 12. All yearbook and dedication orders are due by Friday, April 28, 2023.



Enter the parent passcode 97165 when prompted at checkout to assign your student to the order. Use the yearbook order form (available in the school office) to order in-person, or to purchase a fifth grade student dedication. Dedications are \$5 for up to 250 characters and \$10 for 251-500 characters.

Can't remember if you've already ordered using the paper form or have other questions? Contact the yearbook committee at mountainmeadowyearbook@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events at Mountain Meadows

March 20th-24th, 2023	SPRING BREAK- No School!
April 6th, 2023	MUSTANG'S COLOR RUN
April 28th, 2023	YEARBOOK ORDERS DUE



Happy Birthday:February

Hawse, Reagan Faith
Nava, Santiago Alexander
Rodriguez, Isabella
Gleason, Lainie James
Contreras, Noah Ismael
Rosales, Jacob Noel
Goldner, Dax James

Lopez Ledesma, Marley Guadalupe
Caveney, Gray Robert
Strong, Grayson Ryan
Hicks, Trevor Reid
Samano, Diego
Deurmier, Reagan Brielle
Hawse, Peyton Camille
Alznauer, Peter Antonovich
Woodruff, Scarlet Elise
Shaidurova, Valeriia
McFadgen, Denver Casanova
Vasquez, Alexander Scott
Matalon, Brisa Sage

Op'teyndt, Deegan Parks
Rodriguez, Juliette Rose
Venegas, Sophie Ariel
Khachikian, Jack Grayson
Munoz, Ethan Guillermo
Evans, Dylan Cooper
Goldner, Lauren Mercedes

Martinez, Avery
Cabeza, Marilyn Josephine
Aguirre, Benjamin Daniel
Moreno, Neymar Miguel
Yamamoto, Chase Keanu
Mathis, Harper Lynn
Alznauer, Nicholas Antonovich
Watson, Julian Michael
Reid, Denver Nicholas
Martinez Lorenzo, Jimena
Nalbandian, Piper London
Castillo, Alan

Happy Birthday:March

Gonzalez, Camila Itzel
Lopez,Roman
Harold,Dominic Thomas
Anekwe,Bashari Grayson
Barahona,Liam Nelson
Cabeza,Raelyn Carmen
Landis,Kaiden James
Harrison,Madeline Grace
Flores,Emily
Montano, Sofia Diana
Quach, Frank Haruki
Christensen, Anders Michael
Santana, Martinez, Vianey

Rivas, Caleb Raul
Press, Abigail Catherine
Kearin, Mary Katherine
Martinez, Eduardo
Torres, Jacob Anthony
Mota, Mia Eileen
Burns, Isadora R
Hawse, Roland Allen
Grange, Landon Stephen
Vandrey, Wyatt Xavier
Rodriguez, Mateo
Quartararo, Dawson Nathaniel
Martinez, Everett Robinson