



Mountain Meadows

“Home of the Mustangs”

April 2023

Note from Administration- Ms. Johnson, Principal

Hello Mountain Meadows!

It is hard to believe that we are in the last few weeks of the school year. We are excited for our Open House, **Celebration of Learning**, happening on Wednesday, April 26, from 5:30-7:00 pm. Food will be available for purchase. Click [HERE](#) for details and we hope to see you there!

Open House



The **Color Run** was an incredible event on April 6 for our entire school community. The students were beyond excited and many families came to watch. This wonderful day could not have happened without the dedication and hard work of our PTA along with many parent volunteers. **Our PTA raised over \$20,000.00**, which goes directly back to our students in programs, field trips, supplies, assemblies, equipment, and much more. **Thank you to all for the generous donations, time, effort and FUN!**



Our school celebrated **Multicultural Week** during the week of April 10. Students participated in a variety of crafts during their lunchtimes. Thank you to PTA for providing the program!

Art Opportunity! Please check out this invitation to all 3rd-8th graders from our Moorpark Public Library: [Public Library Art Invite](#)



We are excited to announce that with the passing of Prop 28, Music and/or Art for our schools will be state funded beginning the 23/24 school year. Our PTA has been funding our **Art and Music programs at Mountain**, so now more PTA funding will be freed up for other enrichment activities for our students.

GATE Program information- Please click on the link for further information found on our MUSD website: [GATE Webpage](#). More information about our Mountain Meadows GATE program will be available in the Fall of 2023.

Please practice safe procedures in our parking lot during morning drop off:



1. Cars should **refrain from “cutting in”** to the drop off lane. This usually happens after the curve. When drivers “cut” the line, it puts students at risk.
2. Students should **exit their cars on the right side** closest to the sidewalk whenever possible.
3. Parents getting out of the car while in the drop off lane slows down the traffic and encourages the “cutting in” behavior. **Please do not get out of the car in the valet zone.** There is staff to assist your child if they need help exiting the car. Students should be as prepared as possible to exit their car once in the drop off lane. If you need to exit your car and assist, please park in a parking spot and walk your child across the parking lot using one of the crosswalks.

Thank you for your support and cooperation to keep our students, families and staff safe.

FYI: The Environmental Letter is available in the front office beginning May 1, and it is due by May 12 back to the front office. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Dingbaum.

Please remember how important **attendance** is for your child(ren), our school, and our district. Though we try our best, it is not possible to recreate all the lessons and activities at home that your child misses from class when they are not at school. School district funding is tied to attendance also, so when we have good attendance, it's more funding for our schools, which provides more for our students. Of course, if your child is ill, we understand if they need to miss school. We have temporary independent study contracts for students missing 3-14 days, and if work is completed, your child will receive attendance credit for the time they were out. We appreciate your support and cooperation.



On Friday, April 28, **Trimester 3 Progress Reports** will be sent home. Please contact your child's teacher with questions/concerns, and we appreciate the help, guidance and support that you are providing your child at home.

State Testing for English Language Arts, Mathematics and Science will be held in May. Please mark your calendars accordingly. All students 3rd-5th grade will be tested in Mathematics and English Language Arts. Only 5th grade will be tested on Science. It is crucial that students are present, on time, well rested, and have a good breakfast on the mornings of testing. Testing will begin first thing in the morning so please make sure your child is on time to school. Once testing has started, Late Students will Not be allowed to enter the testing classroom. **May 9, 10, 11, 16, & 17 is English Language Arts and Mathematics testing. May 18th is science testing for 5th grade.**



We are almost to the finish line of the school year- Let's enjoy it and finish strong!



Ms. Johnson

Counseling Corner

Hello Mountain Meadows,

April is a great time of the year to stop and reflect on all the progress and growth our students have made. It is also a good opportunity to make a plan to help our students finish the school year strong. Using our Second Step program, students have learned about Growth Mindset and Goal-Setting, Emotion Management, Empathy and Kindness, and some are still learning skills on how to problem solve. As we get ready to wrap up the school year, discuss goals met and goals that still need to be worked on with your child. Remind them their starting point, and how far along they are now to help them measure their progress. Encourage them to keep going and to try their best. Also, remind them of the different emotions they may encounter if they don't see progress yet and encourage them to use the calming strategies, rethinking process, and or to plan for change. Below is the link to our Second Step program where you can find some of the strategies our students have learned.

<https://learn.secondstep.org/product/elementary/engage-families>

During April, Mountain Meadows celebrated College and Career Week. Remember, it all starts HERE ! It's important to ask our students as early as elementary school, " What do you want to be when you grow up?" Doing so, allows students to have an up-close look at different career paths and connects their learning to the real world. It's never too early to get our student's career interests going and exploring.



Above are some pictures of our students who participated in our college and career week activities.

If you ever need to contact me, please feel free to email me at cnaranjo@mrpk.org or call me at (805)378-6306 ext:7791.

Thank you!



Student Council



Student Council **THANK YOU** for continuing to help and support during our Friday assemblies!

PTA

-To order your yearbook online, [visit bit.ly/22-23MMyearbook](https://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.

SCHOOL YEARBOOK



Happy Birthday:

Silas John Snodgrass
 Reece Myles Monestime
 Zoey Huang Yu
 Jagger Cruze Beard
 Archis Prasad Bettigiri
 Eli Mbongeni NCube
 Mina Angeline De Lalla
 Baxter Jett Johnson
 Theodore Nikolay Kinchev
 Abigail Grace Miller
 Seth Wade Miller
 Blake Roselyn Smith
 Wyatt James Dionne
 Kathleen Adlemi Noss
 Levi Geli Noss
 Cruz Francisco Uranda
 Seth Lennon Everett
 Brandon Antonio Avelar Ramirez
 Lincoln James McClellan
 Joanna Guadalupe Sanchez
 Isaac Raymundo Castillo
 Melody Cristal Mendoza
 Mia Hailey Welsh
 Landon Thomas Bear
 Kane Matthew Corey
 Talha Imran
 Milania Leon Herrera
 Romina Sarahi Palma
 Brady Michael Press
 Yosef Ashraf Fares
 Camryn Elizabeth Donabedian
 Sadie Kay Carr
 Emma Paola Zavala Mendoza
 Christian Wayne Chen
 Ava Glass
 Jacob Nathaniel Talarico
 Kai Andrew Weinberg



HEALTH OFFICE

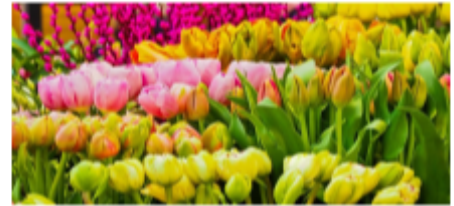
***PLEASE return all clothing that your student borrowed from the Health Office**

***COVID tests are still available.**



***AS A REMINDER, if your student has a fever they cannot return to school until fever free for 24 hours *WITHOUT* fever reducing medications**

Thank You, Nurse Julie



Attendance

Attendance Phone Calls: When your student is absent, please call the Attendance Line at:

(805) 378-6306 Ext: 9905. In the message, please give a reason for the absence.

Thank you for your support !



Upcoming Events at Mountain Meadows

Date	Event
April 26, 2023	Open House 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
April 29, 2023	Spirit Day- Wacky Hair Day
April 29, 2023	Progress Reports go home