



# Mountain Meadows

“Home of the Mustangs”



November 2022



## Note from Administration- Ms. Johnson, Principal Hello Mountain Meadows!

Happy November! *I am thankful for our students, staff and families*, who all make Mountain the wonderful school that it is. Our first trimester ends on Thursday, November 10. Reflecting on my first trimester here, I have come to realize what a positive and close knit community Mountain is. Our staff truly care for each of our students and consistently build relationships with them every day. Our families are supportive and ready to help, prioritizing our kids above all else. It is inspiring to see our home and school partnership continue to grow.

With the close of Trimester 1, teachers will be completing **report cards**, and they will be sent home with students on Friday, Dec. 2. Our students have been working hard and we celebrate their learning. Parents/Guardians, thank you for supporting your child(ren) in their learning. You are the most influential person in your child's life, through all developmental stages.



Our students are enjoying many events in November, led by our PTA: **Gratitude posters, Food Drive, and an amazing Book Fair**. Thank you, PTA! We also have a new Art teacher, who started at MM on Nov. 8. All of our students will have **Art class** every other week for the rest



of the school year. Please join us in welcoming Ms. Holcombe to MM. We are **grateful to our PTA** for funding our Art program in addition to our PE program, and many others!

We continue to celebrate our students at our monthly Student of the Month Assemblies, and the Kiwanis Club hosted the first Terrific Kids Assembly on Oct. 28. **Way to go Mustangs- You are hard-working, respectful, safe and kind!**

Additionally, the Kiwanis Club, along with many other volunteers spent a Saturday helping in our MM library. Check out this article about our Library and the Kiwanis Club: [Acorn Library Article](#) Thank you to the Moorpark Kiwanis Club!

On November 1, **our staff participated in a district led professional development day**. Teachers had the opportunity to choose from a variety of offerings and were able to attend multiple sessions. Some of the offerings included Writing workshops, Multilingual Learners support, Interactive boards, Behavior supports, Parent Square, and all staff had the opportunity to attend the make-up active shooter training. Additionally, in October, all our teachers received excellent **diversity training** through ADL (Anti-Defamation League).



November 11 is a school holiday in honor of **Veterans Day**. We thank our Veterans and their families! We hope you all enjoy a blessed **Thanksgiving** and a restful break.

With Gratitude,  
Ms. Johnson





Hello Mountain Meadows,,

These last few months have been amazing getting to know the students, helping them with new transitions and changes, and enjoying the best of them. As we welcome November, many may encounter a variety of emotions and experiences. November is a great time in the year to think about the things we are thankful for. As it may be harder for some than it is for others, it is important to prepare our students if they experience challenging emotions. It is also a great opportunity to show empathy and kindness to others. Below are some ideas that can help teach/practice Gratitude with your child at home:



1. Make a list with everything you're thankful for
2. Thank your loved ones
3. Reframe your negative thoughts
4. Focus on self-reflection
5. Journal with intention



Please feel free to check out the video below, to learn more about the importance of practicing GRATITUDE with your child and ways to help them learn: <https://youtu.be/B1zXkRkUHSY>

Some great readings to do during this time of the year are: *Llama Llama Gives Thanks* by Anna Dewdney, *Thanks from the Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle, *Thanksgiving Is for Giving Thanks!* By Margaret Sutherland, and *Those Shoes* by Maribeth Boelts

If you ever need to contact the school counselor, please email me at [cnaranjo@mrpk.org](mailto:cnaranjo@mrpk.org), or call me at (805)378-6306 ext: 7791.



**Thank you,**  
*Cristina Naranjo*  
*MM Counselor*

## Student Council

Our Student Council members continue to help make our school a SAFE, KIND, and RESPECTFUL place for learning. Throughout the month of October, Student Council celebrated UNITY DAY, by spreading kindness and wearing the color ORANGE to represent unity for inclusion. Students shared positive messages with one another and concluded the "Project Connect." To end the month, they celebrated RED RIBBON WEEK and created a PLEDGE poster for our school, where they promised to make good choices and shared some of their super powers/strengths.



## P.T.A

~PTA has kicked off the November food drive. We have donation boxes at the gates and a box inside the office.

~Please join us for the **Winter Family Dance** on December 2nd in the MPR! More details to come!

~Our See's Candy fundraiser is going on now! Order all your holiday candy and help raise money for our school! [See's Yum-Raising - Mountain Meadows Elementary School - Moorpark, CA. - 2022 Winter Mustangs See's Candies \(yumraising.com\)](https://www.yumraising.com/see-s-candies)

~Restaurant night at Wood Ranch BBQ: November 16th 11:30am to 9pm. Please bring the flyer sent home in your child's Friday folder and the PTA will receive 10% of your food order.

~Reflections Art Show is coming up on November 29th at Mesa Verde MS. Our school has 16 participants, please come show your support for our artists!

As always... Thanks for supporting MM PTA!

## Attendance

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

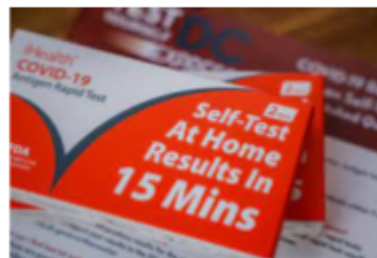
**(805) 378-6306** Ext: 9905. In the message, please give a reason for the absence.

Thank you for your support !



## Health Office

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





### Happy Birthday:

Benjamin Thomas Lassen, Yulissa Rodriguez, Declan James Terrence Tobin, Chryssiah Mari Jackson, Bryan Reyes, Sophia Abella Rodriguez, Fontaine Ella Kay Stitzer, Dominic Miguel Lopez Ledesma, Carter Vassa Reason, Aaron Isaac Cabeza, Maria Vivi Dimopulos, Dominic Alan Noss, Holden W Manning, Nathan Wayne Kwanted, Kennedy

Belle Underwood, Sukirat Kaur Somal, Charlotte Josephine Free, Hunter Grant Harrison, Goldie Jablonski, Angelina Rose Pulimootil, Isac Fernando Vaca, Jesiah Jose Luis Ceja, Hope-Elektra Claire Henley, Khloe Faith Warren, Maddox Rex Hindy, Elijah Armando Sandoval, Angel Francisco Morales, Isabella Alicia Romero, Charlotte Anaise Aguirre, Scarlett Aurora Barrios, Sarai Guadalupe Morales, Adela Jane Moritz



## Upcoming Events at Mountain Meadows



| Date                 | Event                              |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| November 8, 2022     | 8:30 a.m. Principal Chat           |
| November 9, 2022     | PTA Meeting Google Meet 5:30 p.m.  |
| November 10, 2022    | END of 1st Trimester               |
| November 11, 2022    | Veterans Day No School             |
| November 16, 2022    | PTA Meeting Google Meet 5:30 p.m.  |
| November 16, 2022    | Restaurant Night at Wood Ranch BBQ |
| November 21-25 ,2022 | THANKSGIVING BREAK                 |
| November 29, 2022    | Reflections Art Show @ Mesa Verde  |
| December 2, 2022     | Report Cards go home               |
| December 2, 2022     | Winter Family Dance                |



*Have a Happy Thanksgiving break !*