



Mountainside News



FROM THE DESK OF MR. HARE

Happy October and happy fall to all our Mountainside families. We are beginning to hit our stride around here. I thought this would be a good time to highlight a couple of the positive changes around MMS!

- Our free breakfast and lunch for all students is going so well and it is awesome to see so many students eating every day. Students are heading to class fully ready to learn as they aren't hungry. You may have heard that the lunch lines are a bit long, but our amazing kitchen staff is doing a fantastic job in serving 600+ meals every day! Students have been so patient as we make changes to our processes to move more quickly.
- Our "Off and Away" cell phone policy has also been a positive change and students are doing a great job following the expectations. The amount of distractions have decreased dramatically in the classroom and hallways and students are focused on their learning and face to face socializing with their peers (which is a huge learning opportunity as well).
- We are really focusing on attendance this year at MMS. On Wednesdays, we highlight students that are coming to school and are on time to all of their classes with the "Win it Wednesday" drawings. Please help us by communicating with our office when your student will be out of school. We have found one of the biggest indicators of school success is the student's attendance. The old adage holds true, "Miss school, miss out."

Lastly, please encourage your student to get involved at school. Whether it is a music program, club, sport, spirit week, you name it...get involved! Truly, it makes for a much better middle school experience and they will learn life-long skills and likely make some new friends along the way.

What's Going On At MMS?

Monday, 10/7
Last Day of Fund Run
Money Collection

Thursday, 10/10
Fund Run Day

Friday, 10/11
Learning Improvement Day
No School for Students

Wednesday, 10/16
No Late Start

Friday, 10/18
Fund Run Field Trip

Tuesday, 10/22
Fall Band Concert @ MMS
7pm

Thursday, 10/24
Choir Concert @ MMS
7pm

Friday, 10/25
Picture Retake Day

Wednesday, 10/30
Orchestra Concert @ MSHS
7pm

FUND RUN 2024

We are nearing the end of our Fund Run and students have done an amazing job. Remember, this fundraiser is the only one that we do at Mountainside the entire year and it supports clubs, music, athletics, student rewards, assemblies, and so much more! We will have the actual run on Thursday, October 10th followed by the culminating field trip for classes that earn it on Friday, October 18th. It is not too late for your student to get involved in the action. Thank you so much for all of your help in making this a great event.



HALLOWEEN DRESS UP

Fall has arrived and with it comes Halloween. At Mountainside, we do not have a formal Halloween celebration, but we allow students to dress up if they choose to. Students can dress up on Thursday, October 31st. Please [\[click here\]](#) to see the guidelines for dressing up. Please note that we would like students to choose costumes that do not take away from the learning at school and allow them to fully move throughout the day. Thank you for your help in making this a fun and safe day!



#ALLISTRONG STUFFED ANIMAL DRIVE

Former Mountain Lion, Alli McKernan, is an awesome human being who is on her 8th year of her self-started stuffed animal drive to support the Sacred Heart Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. According to Alli, "When I was in the PICU, I was SO lucky to have as much support as I did. That showed me how big of an impact something as simple as a stuffed animal or knowing someone is thinking about you can have during tough times." At Mountainside, we are collecting stuffed animals during the month of October and ask you to please consider donating to this worthy cause by either donating an animal to the bin in our school or by making a financial contribution using the Venmo link on the right!

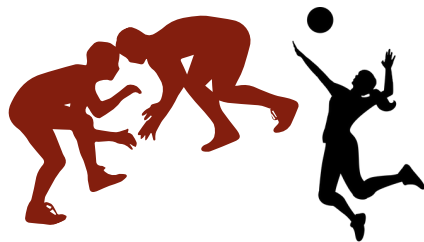


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venmo: [@allimckernan](#)

LATE FALL SPORTS

Our next season of sports starts soon! 6th grade volleyball began on Monday, September 30th, while 7th and 8th girls volleyball and 6th, 7th, and 8th wrestling begin at the end of October. You can [\[click here\]](#) to find all information athletic related! Questions? Contact our Athletic Director, Ryan Henderson, at ryan.henderson@mead354.org.



DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN SEE YOUR CHILD'S GRADES AT ANY TIME?

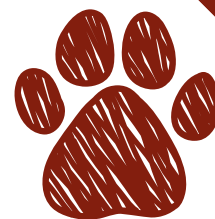
[\[CLICK HERE\]](#) TO ACCESS POWERSCHOOL.

NEED ASSISTANCE? CALL MS. SHEILA WARNE AT 509.465.7427.



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

**NO LATE
START
WED, 10/16**



**SEE SOMETHING,
SAY SOMETHING!**

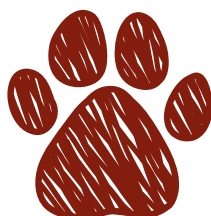
At Mountainside, we continually say "See Something, Say Something." We share with students that in order to keep our school safe, we need them to speak up if something seems "wrong" or "off" to them. They need to tell a trusted adult (teachers, parents, principals, counselors, bus drivers, etc.) immediately. Please help us by reinforcing this at home as well. Remember, it takes a village. Thank you!



*Veterans
Day*



Looking ahead, Mountainside will be honoring veterans with an assembly on Friday, 11/8. Save the date as we would love many veterans in attendance!



**NO SCHOOL
FOR STUDENTS
FRI, 10/11**

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