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Mountainside News



FROM THE DESK OF MR. HARE

It's hard to believe we're already stepping into the third month of the school year and have reached the quarter-way mark! The energy at Mountainside is amazing, with exciting learning and activities happening every day—and there's so much more to look forward to in the months ahead.

Today, November 1st, marks the end of the first quarter. For most of our students, this is a mid-point check, as they'll continue with their current classes until the semester ends. However, our 6th graders in general electives will begin a new rotation on Monday. For all students, this is an ideal moment to review your student's progress together. We encourage you to log into PowerSchool to look over their grades and check for any missing assignments. At the middle school level, absences and missing assignments can impact grades most significantly, so addressing these early on can make a real difference. If you need help logging into PowerSchool, feel free to reach out to Sheila Warne at (509) 465-7427.

To our 8th-grade families: By now, you should have heard from your student's science teacher about the upcoming job shadow opportunity! This hands-on experience is often a highlight for our students, giving them a chance to explore a career path of interest. We encourage families to discuss this together to help your student choose a placement that aligns with their interests. If you have any questions, please contact your student's science teacher directly.

Finally, I wish you and your family a warm and joyful Thanksgiving holiday. May your time together be filled with great moments, relaxation, and a delicious meal!



What's Going On At MMS?

Friday, 11/1
Last Day of 1st Quarter

Mon., 11/4 - Fri., 11/15
Virtual Book Fair

Wednesday, 11/6
7th Grade Vision & Hearing Screening

Thursday, 11/7
MMS/NW/MSHS Jazz Night @ MSHS 7pm

Friday, 11/8
Veterans Day Assembly 8:45am

Monday, 11/11
Veterans Day
No School

Thursday, 11/14
1st Quarter PRIDE Reward During Lunches

Friday, 11/15
8th Grade Job Shadow Day

Wed., 11/27 - Fri., 11/29
Thanksgiving Break
No School

VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY



Mountainside will hold our traditional Veterans Day assembly to honor the men and women who have fought for our freedoms on Friday, November 8th at 8:45am. We are excited to have our band perform, a guest speaker, a selection of Veterans Day poetry read, and the opportunity to honor the many veterans that are connected to Mountainside. If a veteran in your family is available, we would love for them to attend our assembly. Please reach out to Kristi Amend (kristi.amend@mead354.org) for information or to RSVP! Just a reminder that Monday, November 11th is a non-school day to honor our veterans.



YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW

Our yearbooks are on sale now! They are $25 and are a “must have” for students. We encourage you to buy your yearbook early as we’d hate for your student to miss out. Please pay in our business office or [online].

Please note-last year we had a generous amount of donations that allowed every student to get a yearbook. We are not anticipating this happening this year.

VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR

Mountainside is hosting a Virtual Book Fair and it is perfect timing as we roll into the holiday season. The book fair will go from Monday, November 4th through Friday, November 15th. 20% or the proceeds come right back to the MMS Library! The books will be packaged and delivered to Mountainside. To access the Virtual Book Fair, please click [this link]. When prompted, enter our school code: M4X6M. When checking out, don’t forget to add your student’s name and their 1st period teacher.



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.

Miss School
MISS OUT

Is Your Child Missing School Due to Anxiety? [Click here] for helpful information on keeping them coming to school.

HOPE
SQUAD

Our Hope Squad would like to extend their work home with you all! Please look at some easy family challenges you can do this month by [clicking here].

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



No School
Monday, 11/11







[Click Here] For More Information

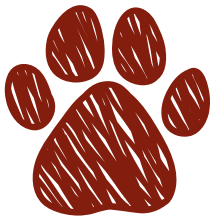
COATS 4 KIDS

Need a winter jacket for your child? Click the image above for information.



As the weather is getting colder, this is just a reminder that our doors do not open for student entrance until 20 minutes before school starts. Please, do not drop your student off too early. Thank you!







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Wed 11/27 - Fri 11/29

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MOUNTAINSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN
2024-2025

STUDENTS ENROLLED
2023-2024: 776
2024-2025: 828

NUMBER OF TEACHERS
2023-2024: 48
2024-2025: 49

STUDENTS AT/OR ABOVE GRADE LEVEL
ELA: 79.7%
MATH: 69.9%
SCIENCE: 66.0%

MOUNTAINSIDE MISSION

In partnership with parents and the community, we will teach our students to become responsible citizens through high standards of instruction and character education.

STUDENT GROWTH

Mountainside Middle School is committed to implementing core math and English instruction so that 75% of students demonstrate targeted growth in their NWEA RIT scores as measured from fall to spring NWEA MAP assessments.

STUDENT BELONGING

Mountainside Middle School continually strives to make students feel a sense belonging. Staff will celebrate our students' successes, big or small, through programs focused on positive character traits, strong attendance, academic excellence, and personal achievements inside and outside of school.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Mountainside Middle School values meeting our students at their learning level and providing support for their academic success. With the support of our Intervention Team all students will pass their classes and/or have a plan in place for support.

WE ARE MOUNTAINSIDE