

# **MM Winter HIGHLIGHTS**

**Mountain Meadows**

**MARCH 4, 2025**



# Hello MM Families!

March is here! Before we jump into Spring, let's take a moment to reflect on January and February. Please enjoy the Winter highlights of learning, events, and activities at Mountain Meadows!

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## Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

TK students learned about peace and what it means to be a friend in honor of Dr. King.



## What is a Friend?

TK students identified the qualities of a friend.



## Winter Snow Show Concert

TK-5th grade students performed a FABULOUS show on February 6, led by Mountain's Music teacher, Ms. Leiningner. What a wonderful night!



## Mountain Meadows Chorus

Does your child enjoy singing and performing? Ms. Leiningner leads the MM after school Chorus every week on Thursdays. Chorus students have performed at the Thousand Oaks Civic Center and at a local Senior Center.

### Kindergarten

We have been sharing about influential men and women of color through Vashti Harrison's books: *Little Leaders* and *Little Legends*. Each book contains little vignettes highlighting the influence, contribution, accomplishment or talent of black men and women. *Little Leaders* highlights 40 influential women such as Dr. Mae Jemison (astronaut), Rosa Parks (activist), and Dominique Dawes (gymnast). *Little Legends* features 40 heroic black men like Louis Armstrong (musician), Arthur Ashe (athlete), and John Lewis (civil rights leader). These short stories are complemented by adorable illustrations and pique the students' curiosity. Students were so curious about Rosa Parks we followed up with a special book just about her, *Little People, Big Dreams- Rosa Parks*.

## Black History Month

During the month of February, teachers throughout all grade levels designed lessons/activities for students with a focus on Black history.

### 2nd Grade

2nd graders did research on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and read biographies on other influential black leaders. Students wrote a report on why Martin Luther King was a great hero.

## What Makes a Great Hero?

### 4th Grade

- Weekly read alouds focused on influential Black leaders.
- Students completed a research report on an influential Black leader and presented to classmates.
- Students learned about Clementine Hunter and completed an art project inspired by her Zinnias.

### 5th Grade

Fifth grade researched influential black leaders and created pennants about them. We have also been doing read-alouds followed by class discussions on important leaders. Students learned all about Alma Thomas and created paintings inspired by her landscapes.

## History and Art Integration

Research shows nearly all American **music** stems from Gospel / black spirituals and the Blues, genres popularized first by black communities.

Don't Worry be happy

Jazz R & B Hip Hop Soul  
Rhythm & Blues Rock & Roll Disco  
Reggae Beat

Sing & Dance to  
"Black People Who Change the World"

## Students Inspired by Impactful Leaders

### RTI Classes

Math RTI is learning about various people of importance during Black History Month and how they contributed mathematically to society. We learn about one person a day and then solve math problems related to their lives. (Marjorie Lee Browne, Elbert Frank Cox, Mae Jemison, etc.).

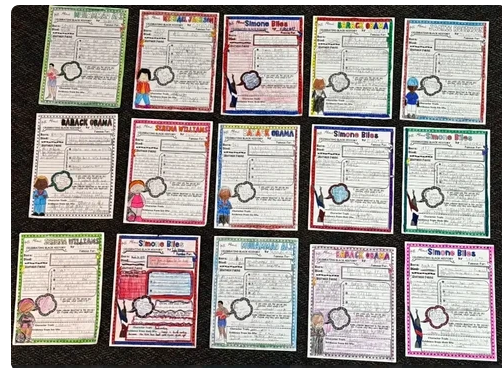


## Contributions to Music

### First Grade

We have been reading many stories about the African American contributions, struggles and resilience from the 17th century to the present.

## Contributions to Mathematics



## Examples of RESILIENCE

**3rd graders** conducted research on various well known people in the African American community and created posters. Some of the well known people include artists, musicians, athletes, leaders, educators, inventors, and explorers.





### **Presidents Day**

Ms. Greene's and Ms. Wilford's first grade classes had a very exciting SURPRISE visitor!



President Lincoln also made his way to visit the kindergarten students, who ran over to talk with him right away.

## **Community Engagement**



### **PTA Glow Dance Party**

PTA hosted a glow dance party for all MM students and families on Jan. 17. Thank you to all who made this FUN evening happen for MM families! Click [\*\*HERE\*\*](#) for video.



### **Capable Authors Assembly**

Brought to MM by PTA... Danny Jordan, the author of "Rae's First Day" and the Capable Authors series motivated young writers and encouraged students to never give up. Mr. Jordan also came back the next night as our Guest Reader for Family Literacy Night on Feb. 11. Click [\*\*HERE\*\*](#) for video.



## Kindness Week

During the week of Feb. 24-28, MM participated in a different themed day for each day of Kindness Week, and Mr. Rossiter, our school counselor, led kindness activities during lunchtimes.



## Valentines for Vets

MM students created Valentines to be sent to Veterans. Pictured here are 4th graders buddying with 1st graders in this special service project.



## Blankets for Casa Pacifica

5th graders partnered with kindergarten students in Ms. Resnik's class to make "Welcome" blankets for children at Casa Pacifica Center for Children and Families in Camarillo.



## Career Assemblies

Mr. Rossiter invited some guests to present about their careers to our students.

Presenters included a Voice Actor, Judo Olympic Medalists, and a Disney Animator. Click [\*\*HERE\*\*](#) for video.



### **Family Literacy Night**

Families came out for Family Literacy Night on Feb. 11. Our guest reader was Danny Jordan, the Cablables author who also stayed to sign his books and visit with the families. Students were also read to by Mrs. Marino and Ms. Johnson.



### **Book Fair**

The Book Fair, sponsored by PTA, was open during the week of Feb. 10-14, including the evening of Feb. 11 for Family Literacy Night. Mrs. Lee, along with help from other wonderful volunteers transformed the Library to "Under the Sea," and opened it to all students for the week.

Thank you, Volunteers!





## Read Across America Day- Dress Like Your Favorite Character From a Book

Thank you to Mrs. Mathis organizing Read Across America Day on Feb. 28. Students and staff dressed as their favorite book character and participated in creative activities to celebrate **READING!**

Mrs. Mathis invited many guest readers to come and read/present to our students.



Thank you to our Guests for visiting MM!

**Renee Delgado**, Moorpark City Council

**Sergeant Duane**, Police Officer

**Chris Enegren**, Moorpark Mayor

**Jason Flame**, Karate Studio Owner-

Click [HERE](#) for video.

**Jennifer Landis**, Firefighter

**Cristy Lopez-Bowlin**, Author of "Hybrid Magic" and College Professor

**Danielle Robinson**, Restaurant Manager & Baker

**Mara Rodriguez**, Lion Trainer at Moorpark Zoo- Click [HERE](#) for video.

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# Mustangs Love to Learn





## Coding in the STEAM Lab

Students are using Ozobots to learn coding.



Click [HERE](#) to learn about Ozobots.

## California Math Conference (CMC)

Teachers are life-long learners!

Four of our MM teachers (TK, 2nd, 4th and 5th) attended the **CMC** in Nov. of 2024. In addition to implementing new instructional strategies in their classrooms, they also presented new effective and engaging Math strategies, resources and ideas to the rest of the MM teachers.

Thank you to all of our Teachers!

Speaking of Math...

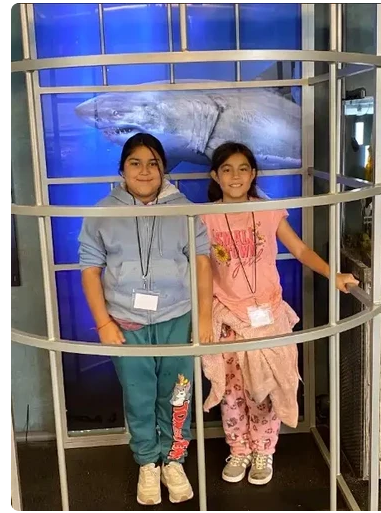
**A group of Mountain Meadows 4th and 5th graders are going to compete in the Ventura County Mathlete Challenge in April.** This group of students voluntarily rose to the challenge of the competition and are committed to practicing regularly. We are very proud of them giving their best effort!

More information can be found on the Ventura County Math Council Website- [VCMC.org](http://VCMC.org)





3rd Grade Field Trip to the Chumash  
Museum



4th Grade Field Trip to the  
Santa Barbara Sea Center

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## Mustangs Awards Assemblies









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## Upcoming Events

- With funding from PTA, MM is partnering with **Art Trek** to provide art experiences for all students from Jan. through May at MM. **There will be an "Art Showcase" in the MPR during Open House on April 24, where you will see your child's art displayed.** Click [HERE](#) for more information about Art Trek. Thank you, PTA!
- CSU Channel Islands **STEAM Carnival is this Saturday, March 8:**

[English Info](#) link

[Spanish Info](#) link

- **Public Library March & Summer Events** (click on the link)
- **3/10/25- Teacher In-Service** (No school)
- **Principal Coffee Chat #3** is Tues. 3/4/25 8:30am. An invitation reminder went out.
- **Trimester 2 Report Cards** will go home 3/20/25 and this is a Mini Day (Short Friday Schedule)
- 3/21/25-3/28/25 is **Spring Break** (No School)
- 3/31/25-3/4/25 Focus on **STEM Week**
- **Please save the date: Open House is 4/24/25 (Detailed Invite will go out)**





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## Important Reminders

Please take a moment to review reminders regarding school attendance procedures: Good attendance and student achievement are positively correlated. Students need to develop responsible habits of punctuality and regular attendance. Tardiness and absences are monitored, and the school is mandated to follow up with documentation and written communication home. Three days of unexcused absences and/or three unexcused tardies in excess of 30 minutes are considered as truancy. Students who arrive late should go to the office for a tardy slip before going to class. For safety reasons school gates will be locked by 8:20 Mon.-Thurs. and 8:25 on Fridays and Minimum Days. Documentation of the reason for a student absence is a mandated part of attendance accounting and is directly related to state funding for schools.

**Parents/Guardians need to call the office to report a child's absence and include the following information:** Student's full name, date(s) of absence(s), and the specific reason for the absence(s). For absences requiring a doctor's note, the note needs to be submitted to the front office within 48 hours.

Thank you for your effort in bringing your child(ren) to school daily and on time!

Thank you for driving slowly and safely in the school parking lot and the surrounding streets. During Drop-off, please wait in the Valet Zone line of cars and pull all the way forward to the black iron fence next to the valet gate before your child(ren) to exit the car.

Though we adore our furry friends, there are no dogs allowed on the campus property, including in the parking lot and walkways outside of the MM gates.

Thank you for your cooperation and support!

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## Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school. You can reach out via the following:

(805)378-6306

ParentSquare

**Mountain Meadows Website**

Thank you for sharing your child(ren) with us!

Ms. Johnson