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Mountainside News



FROM THE DESK OF MR. HARE

Fall is in full swing, and we're starting to hit our stride here at MMS. I wanted to take a moment to share some of the positive momentum we're seeing across our school community:

Free Meals for All Students

It has been wonderful to see so many students taking part in our free breakfast and lunch program. Students are heading into class ready to learn, and no one is distracted by hunger. Our incredible kitchen staff is serving nearly 700 lunches a day and we appreciate our students' patience as some days the lines can take a little bit to get through.

"Off and Away" Cell Phone Policy

Our cell phone expectations have made a noticeable difference at MMS. With fewer distractions in classrooms and hallways, students are more focused on their learning and enjoying face-to-face conversations with peers. We strongly feel that these daily social interactions are just as important as academic ones for middle school students.

Attendance Matters

We are continuing our strong emphasis on attendance this year. Each Wednesday we celebrate students who are consistently on time with our "Win It Wednesday" drawings. Please continue to help us by notifying the office whenever your student will be absent. Research shows that regular attendance is one of the strongest predictors of school success. As the saying goes, "Miss school, miss out."

Thank you for helping us have a great start to this school year and do not hesitate to reach out if need anything!

What's Going On At MMS?

Monday, 10/6
Last Day of Fund Run $$ Collection

Thursday, 10/9
Fund Run Day!

Friday, 10/10
Non-Student Day
Teacher LID

Wednesday, 10/15
No Late Start

Wednesday, 10/15
empowerED Parenting
(See Flyer on Page 3)

Thursday, 10/16
Fund Run Skating Day

Wednesday, 10/22
Fall Band Concert @ 7pm

Thursday, 10/23
Fall Choir Concert @ 7pm

Monday, 10/27
Late Fall Sports Begin
(See Page 3)

Wednesday, 10/29
Fall Orchestra Concert @MSHS 7pm

FUND RUN 2025 UPDATE

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 9th followed by the culminating field trip for classes that earn it on Thursday, October 16th. It is not too late for your student to get involved in the action as the last day of money collection is Monday, October 6th. Click the QR code on the right for the online donation site. Thank you so much for all of your help in making this a great event!

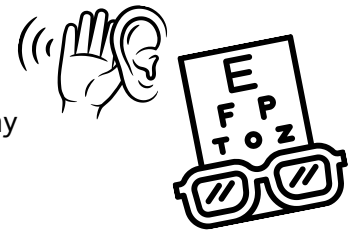


HALLOWEEN DRESS-UP GUIDELINES

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 Friday, 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!

7TH GRADE VISION & HEARING SCREENINGS

Our school nurses will be conducting vision and hearing screenings for all 7th grade students during the month of October. These screenings help identify children who may need further evaluation to support their learning. Families will be notified if follow-up care is recommended. Please contact the school nurse if you have questions.



HOPE SQUAD AT MOUNTAINSIDE

Mountainside is proud to have a Hope Squad—a peer-to-peer suicide prevention program focused on creating a culture of belonging and connection among students. Each month, we will highlight a theme that guides our conversations and activities. For October, our theme is **Kindness**. Families play an important role in building this culture, too! We encourage you to talk with your student about what connection means to them and how they can strengthen it with friends, family, and peers. Together, we can build a supportive community where everyone feels they belong.

7TH GRADE CAREER FAIR

We're excited to announce our 4th Annual 7th Grade Career Fair, where we bring together 7th graders from all three middle schools to explore career options and get "future ready." We need you! Please, [CLICK HERE] for details of the event and how you and your career can be showcased.





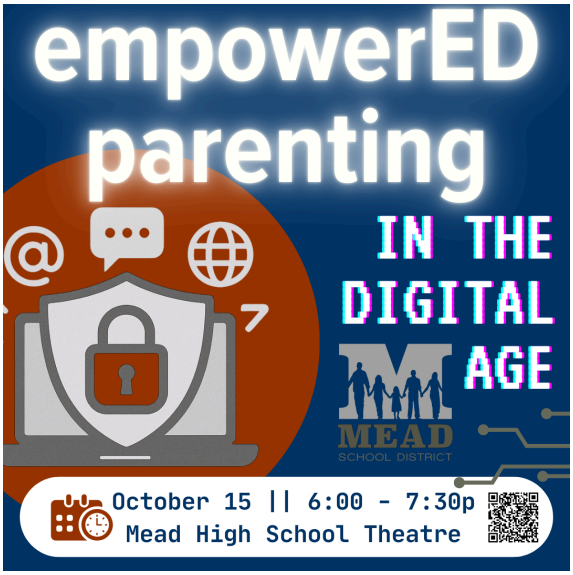


Look for the picture of our Character Trait winners on our Facebook page and website each month!



#AlliStrong Stuffed Animal Drive Now Until 10/31

(CLICK HERE FOR INFO)





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