



# Mountainside News



## FROM THE DESK OF MR. HARE

It's hard to believe we're already heading into the third month of the school year and have reached the end of the first quarter! The energy at Mountainside continues to be incredible with classrooms buzzing with learning and students actively engaged in opportunities that help them grow socially and academically. We are so proud of the great start to the year and excited for what's ahead.

Today marks the official start of Quarter 2. For most students, this serves as a mid-point check as they'll remain in their current classes through the semester. Our 6th graders in general electives, however, will begin their next rotation. This is a perfect time to sit down with your student and review their progress together. We encourage you to regularly log into PowerSchool to look over grades and any missing assignments. Middle school can move quickly and it's important to stay on top of attendance and turning in work on time can have a big impact on success. If you need support accessing PowerSchool, please reach out to our office and we are happy to help.

8th-grade families, you should have received information from your student's science teacher regarding this year's Job Shadow experience. This is always a highlight for students and a wonderful chance to explore future career interests in a real-world setting. We encourage you to help your student make a meaningful choice for their placement. If you have questions or need guidance, please connect with your student's science teacher.

Lastly, as we move into November, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to our Mountainside families for your continued partnership. We are truly thankful for your support each and every day. We wish you and your loved ones a Happy Thanksgiving filled with joy, rest, and time together!

## What's Going On At MMS?

Mon., 11/3 - Fri., 11/14  
Virtual Book Fair

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Thursday, 11/6  
Jazz Band Night @ MSHS  
7pm

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Friday, 11/7  
Veterans Day Assembly  
9am

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Mon., 11/10 - Tues., 11/11  
Honoring Veterans  
No School

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Friday, 11/14  
Band Activity Night

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Thursday, 11/20  
1<sup>st</sup> Quarter PRIDE Reward  
at Lunches

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Friday, 11/21  
8th Grade Job Shadow Day

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Wed., 11/26 - Fri., 11/28  
Thanksgiving Break  
No School



## VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY

Mountainside will hold our annual Veterans Day assembly to honor the men and women who have fought for our freedoms on Friday, November 7th at 9:00am. We are excited to have our choir and orchestra perform 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 10th and Tuesday, November 11th are non-school days to honor our veterans.



## 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 3rd through Friday, November 14th. 20% of 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.

## YEARBOOKS ON SALE

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 and the price jumps to \$30 in February. Please pay in our business office or [online].



## HOPE SQUAD THEME: GRATITUDE

This month, our Hope Squad is focusing on Gratitude. This means noticing, appreciating, and expressing thanks for the good things in our lives and the people who support us. Practicing gratitude has been shown to boost mood, lower stress, and strengthen our school community. We encourage families at home to join us by talking about what you're thankful for together, starting gratitude journals, or creating a "thankful tree" at home!

For more information about Hope Squad, [[click here](#)].



## 8TH GRADE JOB SHADOW-FRIDAY, 11/21

8th graders will take part in our annual Job Shadow Experience on Friday, November 21, 2025! This day gives students a chance to explore a career of interest, see the workplace in action, and connect school learning to real-world experiences. Please, review the Job Shadow Packet (on Science Google Classroom) for all forms and due dates, including the Permission Slip due Nov. 14th. Questions? Contact your student's 8<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher.





## SPORTS CORNER

**Going On Now**  
6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Wrestling  
7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Girls Volleyball

**Upcoming**  
7<sup>th</sup> Basketball on 1/5/2026  
8<sup>th</sup> Basketball on 2/17/2026

**Student Spectator Reminder**  
*We love seeing our students support their classmates and show school spirit at our after-school sporting events. However, due to supervision limitations, students are not allowed to stay after school to attend games unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian.*

**CLICK FOR MORE ATHLETIC INFORMATION**



November  
**GRATITUDE**  
Feeling and expressing thankful appreciation for benefits received

**PACE**  
PARTNERS ADVANCING CHARACTER EDUCATION

[www.pacecommunity.org](http://www.pacecommunity.org)

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




**COATS 4KIDS**

**DOES YOUR CHILD NEED A WINTER COAT THIS YEAR? PLEASE [CLICK HERE] TO FIND THE DISTRIBUTION 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!




**Thanksgiving Break**  
Wed, 11/26 - Fri, 11/28

*Happy Thanksgiving*



**No School**  
Monday, 11/10 &  
Tuesday, 11/11


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*In Honor of Veterans Day*

**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.**



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