



Mountainside News



FROM THE DESK OF MR. HARE

December is here, and with it comes an exciting stretch of activity at Mountainside. Our late-fall sports seasons (wrestling and volleyball) are finishing strong, and our students have represented MMS with grit, enthusiasm, and great sportsmanship. Our music programs are also gearing up for a full lineup of winter concerts, including band, orchestra, and choir performances throughout the month. We'll wrap things up with a fun Spirit Week before heading off to break, and as always, classrooms are buzzing with great teaching and learning every day. It's a great time to be a Mountain Lion!

As we move deeper into Quarter 2, this is a natural moment for students to take more ownership of their learning. This is an important part of the middle school journey and prepares students for the next step in their educational journey. While we encourage students to advocate for themselves, parent support remains essential. Gentle reminders to complete homework, charge Chromebooks nightly, check PowerSchool, email teachers when needed, and yes... maintain good hygiene, all help students build healthy habits. Thank you for partnering with us in that delicate balance.

As we head toward Winter Break, I want to wish your family a joyful and restful holiday season. I hope you're able to enjoy time with loved ones and carve out a few meaningful moments with your middle schooler. I always say that even if your student doesn't always say it, they truly value it. I'm grateful for the strong partnership we have with our families and thankful every day to be part of such an incredible community. Wishing you a wonderful December!

What's Going On At MMS?

Wednesday, 12/3
Beginning Band Concert
@ MMS 7pm

Saturday, 12/6
Music Fundraiser @ Red Robin
All Day

Thursday, 12/11
Winter Band Concert @ MSHS
7pm

Mon., 12/15 - Fri., 12/19
Spirit Week

Tuesday, 12/16
Winter Orchestra Concert
@ MSHS 7pm

Thursday, 12/18
Winter Choir Concert @ MSHS
7pm

Friday, 12/19
Winter Music Assembly

Mon., 12/22 - Fri., 1/2
Winter Break
No School

Monday, 1/5
7th Basketball Begins



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].



WINTER CONCERTS AND MUSIC FUNDRAISER

Our music programs are excited to show off their award-winning musical talents at our upcoming winter concerts. We would love to have you in attendance at any or all of the concerts to hear the sweet sounds of holiday music. The cost is free and the entertainment is priceless. Hope to see you there!

- Beg. Band Concert - Wednesday, December 3rd @ MMS 7pm
- Winter Band Concert - Thursday, December 11th @ MSHS 7pm
- Winter Orchestra Concert - Tuesday, December 16th @ MSHS 7pm
- Winter Choir Concert - Thursday, December 18th @ MSHS 7pm

In addition, our music programs will be having a fundraiser on Saturday, December 6th at Red Robin in North Spokane. If you mention you are there for Mountainside Music, 20% of your bill will come back to support our music programs! If you cannot make it in person, you can still order “to-go.” [[Click here](#)] or on the flyer on the left for more information.

HOPE SQUAD THEME: OPTIMISM

This month, Hope Squad is highlighting optimism, the belief that good things can happen and challenges can be overcome. Optimism helps students focus on possibilities, see setbacks as temporary, and approach problems with a positive, solution-focused mindset. These habits support resilience, motivation, and overall well-being. We encourage families to talk with their student about times they’ve stayed hopeful or found the good in a tough situation as we work together to build a more positive school community. For more information about Hope Squad, [[click here](#)].



ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE ON TUESDAYS

Is your student in need of homework help? Well, we've got them covered. Academic Assistance meets after school on Tuesdays from 2:30pm to 4:00pm in the Art Room. This is a quiet place to get work completed and have access to help on assignments. If your child is attending and needs to ride the Activity Bus, please email our advisor, Abby Tompkins (abigail.tompkins@mead354.org) beforehand. Also, remember that students have Access Time during the school day every Thursday and most Tuesdays to connect with teachers!





SPORTS CORNER

Going On Now
6th/7th/8th Wrestling
7th/8th Girls Volleyball

Upcoming
7th Basketball on 1/5/2026
8th 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



DECEMBER CARING

Showing a genuine concern for the welfare of others and being a kind, supportive helper

www.pacecommunity.org

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



LOOKING FOR SOME HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE THIS YEAR? [\[CLICK HERE\]](#) FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS BUREAU.



MMS
WE ARE MOUNTAININSIDE


Winter Break

Monday, 12/22
thru
Friday, 1/2



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!


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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