



Mountainside News



FROM THE DESK OF MR. HARE

Happy New Year! I hope you and your family enjoyed a wonderful holiday season filled with time to connect and recharge.

As we kick off 2026, it's hard to believe we're already just a few weeks away from the end of first semester here at Mountainside. With the semester wrapping up in three weeks, now is a great time to encourage your student to stay focused and finish strong. This includes catching up on any missing assignments, preparing for upcoming quizzes and tests, and taking advantage of the support available to them. These resources include Access Time on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Academic Assistance after school on Tuesdays and regular communication with their teachers.

Final first semester grades will be sent home in early February, so please keep an eye out for your student's report card and MAP scores. In the meantime, grades can be checked at any time through PowerSchool, which remains an important tool for monitoring your student's progress. If you need help with PowerSchool, please call 509.465-7427 and work with Sheila.

Looking ahead, students will receive their second semester class schedules on Wednesday, January 21st. Due to scheduling needs, it is very likely your student will have a different schedule during than the one they have during the first semester. We work hard to limit the change of teachers for students, but it will happen on occasion. We have found that student adjust quickly and end up liking a change in their schedule.

As always, thank you for your continued partnership in supporting your student's success at Mountainside Middle School.

What's Going On At MMS?

Monday, 1/5
7th Grade Basketball Begins

Mon., 1/12 - Mon., 2/2
Cash for Critters

Thursday, 1/15
MLK Jr. Activity

Monday, 1/19
MLK Jr. Day
No School

Wednesday, 1/21
No Late Start



Wednesday, 1/21
2nd Semester Schedules
Handed Out

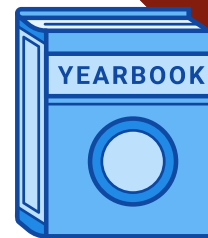
Friday, 1/23
End of First Semester
½ Day-Out at 11am

Monday, 1/26
Second Semester Begins

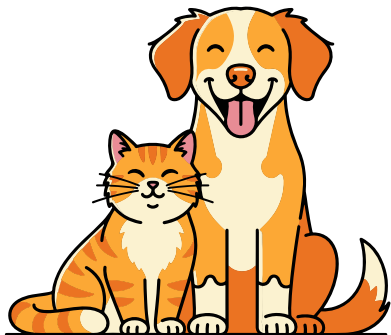


YEARBOOK PRICES GOING UP FEBRUARY 1ST

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 [\[online\]](#). See [Terri Hogue](#) in our Business Office with questions.



CASH FOR CRITTERS



On Monday, January 12th, Mountainside will embark on its annual Cash for Critters Drive. That is right, it is a donation drive just for pets! This will be the 29th year of the drive and it is a great way for our Mountainside community to help our furry friends. All proceeds will be donated to our partner, SCRAPS. Every student that brings in \$100 or more will be invited to help deliver the donation and play with some critters in February. This event will last until February 2nd. Please encourage your child to get involved! Questions? Please contact [Mrs. Devon Del Rosario](#).

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, [\[click here\]](#).



ATTENTION 8TH GRADE FAMILIES



SAVE THE DATE



SPORTS CORNER

Going On Now
7th Grade Basketball
(Still Time to Join!)

Upcoming
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



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



Wed., 1/21
No Late Start

Fri., 1/23
Semester ½ Day
Out at 11am


IMPORTANT

No School
In Observance Of
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
MONDAY, JANUARY 19TH



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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