



# Mountainside News



## FROM THE DESK OF MR. ROBERTS

Hello, my name is Jeff Roberts and I am an Assistant Principal at MMS. I work with the Selkirk (6th), Cascade (8th), and Glacier (8th) teams of students. One of my other roles is overseeing the attendance program at Mountainside. I attend to absentee and truancy matters as well as students who exhibit excellent attendance (which is one of my most enjoyable parts of my job).

At MMS, we want all of our students to “Be at school” and “Be on time” every day for their classes. As these habits are so important now, and in the future, we have developed an attendance program called “Win It Wednesday.” Every Wednesday, on morning announcements, students will hear the upbeat, “Win It Wednesday” song play. That is their cue to be listening closely as their name may be called for an amazing prize awaiting for them down in the office. Our business partners have generously donated coupons for free pizza, donuts, sandwiches, ice cream, tumblers, skating passes, gift cards, combo meals, milkshakes, drinks, and even a free movie ticket. In addition, they will get their picture taken to be included on the MMS Facebook page and video announcements shown in the commons.

Thank you for your efforts on getting your student to school every day and encouraging them to be on time for every class. Please see page 3 below and our Facebook page for a list of our wonderful business partners. When you visit these businesses, please thank them for being so generous in their contributions for our Win It Wednesday program.

If you should ever need anything at Mountainside, please don't hesitate to reach out!

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## What's Going On?

Mon., 2/2 - Fri., 2/6  
Counselor Appreciation Week

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Tuesday, 2/3  
1<sup>st</sup> Semester Report Cards  
Sent Home

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Friday, 2/6  
Crazy Sock Day for Mr. Tucker

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Mon., 2/9 - Fri., 2/13  
Hope Week

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Wednesday, 2/11  
No Late Start

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Thursday, 2/12  
2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter PRIDE Reward



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Friday, 2/13  
Cash for Critters Field Trip



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Monday, 2/16  
Presidents' Day  
No School



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Tuesdays, 2/17  
8th Basketball Begins



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Thursday, 2/19  
1<sup>st</sup> Semester PRIDE Reward  
Field Trip



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Monday, 2/23  
Future Wildcat Night  
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## YEARBOOK NOW \$30

Our yearbooks are on sale now! They are now \$30 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. We have only a limited number left to sell. Once they’re gone, they’re gone! You can purchase in our business office or [online].



## ATTENTION 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FAMILIES

8th grade families, the time is now to start thinking about high school. We know it seems too early, but the registration process will begin soon. In order to be in the know on this process, please plan on attending the Future Wildcat Night on Monday, February 23rd from 6pm-7:30pm at Mt. Spokane High School. This event is for both students and parents and you can find the flyer on the next page of this newsletter.

## HOPE SQUAD'S HOPE WEEK



February's Hope Squad theme is Hope—the belief that brighter days are possible, even during challenging times. Hope is more than wishful thinking; it's intentional optimism and a “can-do” mindset that supports mental wellness, connection, and resilience. Throughout the month, Hope Squad students will be sharing messages and activities that encourage kindness, positivity, and looking toward the future with confidence.

### Hope Week: February 9–13

We are excited to celebrate Hope Week from February 9–13 with school-wide activities designed to spread encouragement, connection, and joy. What families can expect during Hope Week: Students will participate in daily hope-themed activities, including spirit days, sharing messages of hope, and engaging in positive lunchtime activities.

### Kindness Grams on Sale – Starting February 3

As part of Hope Week, Hope Squad will be selling Kindness Grams, a new activity this year. Kindness Grams are available for families to purchase for their students AND for students to purchase for others. Sales begin ONLINE February 3. Students can purchase a Kindness Gram IN PERSON during lunches from February 10–12 to send a message of encouragement and hope to a friend. Kindness Grams will be delivered during 6th period throughout Hope Week. Inland Northwest Behavioral Health helped sponsor our Kindness Grams and all proceeds from Kindness Grams will benefit Light a Lamp, a local nonprofit supporting individuals and families struggling with mental health.

We encourage families to [talk with their students about hope, kindness, and the importance of supporting one another.] Thank you for partnering with us to make Hope Week a meaningful and uplifting experience for all students.



**SPORTS CORNER**

Going On Now  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball

Upcoming  
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**



**FEBRUARY HONESTY**  
Sincerity and reverence or love for the truth

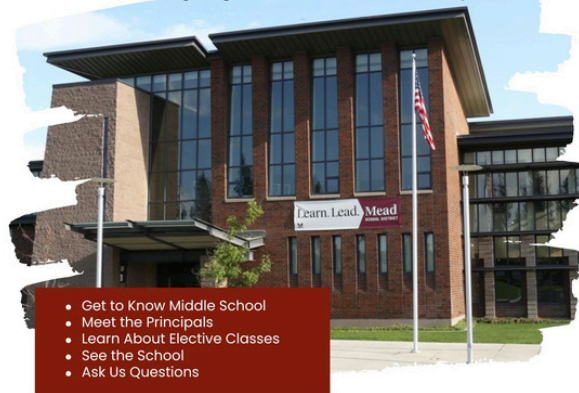
[www.pacecommunity.org](http://www.pacecommunity.org)

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



### MOUNTAINSIDE Parent & Student Night

For 5th Grade Students and Parents  
(Incoming 6th graders for the 2026-2027 school year)



- Get to Know Middle School
- Meet the Principals
- Learn About Elective Classes
- See the School
- Ask Us Questions

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 6-7PM**

Mountainside Middle School  
4717 E. Day Mt. Spokane Rd,  
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**IMPORTANT**

Wed., 2/11  
No Late Start

Mon., 2/16  
Presidents' Day  
No School


**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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