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Mountainside News



FROM THE DESK OF MR. HARE

March has arrived, and the signs of spring are starting to show! This time of year is always full of energy at Mountainside Middle School as we move through class sign-ups for next year, elect new ASB officers, and enjoy music concerts and festivals. We also look forward to hosting our book fair, celebrating College Week, and taking part in many other activities that make this such an exciting season for our students and staff.

A highlight this month is the opportunity to recognize our Education Support Professionals. Our classified staff, which includes office staff, paraeducators, custodians, cooks, nurses, and bus drivers, are truly the backbone of our school. They do so much for Mountainside and our community, and we encourage students to show their appreciation with a simple “thank you” or a positive note. A small gesture can go a long way!

Additionally, we've noticed that many students are struggling to stay on track this semester, with more missing assignments and lower grades than we would like at this stage. **We need your help!** If you haven’t checked your child’s grades recently, please log in to PowerSchool and do so. If you need assistance, contact Sheila Warne at (509) 465-7427. Remember, Academic Assistance is available every Tuesday after school from 2:30–4:00 p.m. and students can also sign up for a specific class during Access Time on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Also, many students’ backpacks are overflowing and school supplies are missing. We regularly remind students about these resources and the importance of organization, but we are asking you to encourage from home as we’ve found that this can make a big difference. As always, thank you for partnering with us!

Have a wonderful March!

What's Going On?

Wed., 3/4 - Thurs., 3/5
6th & 7th Registration Talks

Mon., 3/9 - Fri., 3/13
Book Fair in Library

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Educational Support Professionals Week

Tuesday, 3/10
Jazz Band Night
@MSHS 7pm

Wednesday, 3/11
Grandparent/Important Adult Day

Wednesday, 3/11
Beg. Band Concert
@MMS 7pm

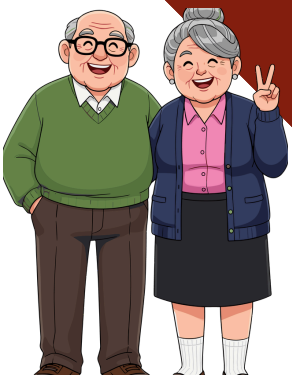
Wednesday, 3/18
Choir Concert @ MMS 7pm

Friday, 3/20
Learning Improvement Day
No School For Students

Wednesday, 3/25
8th Honors English Field Trip to Gonzaga University

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Band Concert @ MMS 7pm

GRANDPARENT OR IMPORTANT ADULT DAY



We're excited to host Grandparent or Any Important Adult in Your Life Day at Mountainside! On Wednesday, March 11th, we welcome our special guests to join their student for a morning of connection and fun. Enjoy donuts and refreshments, listen to beautiful music from the MMS Jazz Band and Choirs, capture memories at the photo booth, explore the Book Fair, and take a tour of the school. The event runs from 7:15 AM to 8:15 AM (on a late-start day), giving families a special opportunity to spend time together. We're grateful to Fairwinds Senior Living Center for partnering with us once again to make this event possible!

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming the week of March 9th! Let your child explore and choose books that inspire a love of reading. Every purchase benefits our school library collection. Say goodbye to cash with eWallet, a digital payment option that family and friends can contribute to. Can't attend in person? You can shop online, with free shipping on book orders over $25. Visit our [Book Fair homepage] to learn more. Happy reading!

VAPING PREVENTION PROGRAM BEGINS AT MMS

We are excited to bring the *Catch My Breath* vaping prevention program to Mountainside over the next two months to support student health and wellness. This evidence-based curriculum will be delivered during PE for our 6th and 7th graders and in Science for our 8th graders, focusing on prevention, awareness, and making healthy choices. The goal is to equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to resist vaping and understand its risks before they are exposed to it. We believe early prevention is one of the most powerful tools we have to keep our students safe and healthy. Please connect with your child's PE or 8th Science teacher if you have any questions.

We strongly encourage parents to read through the following resources:

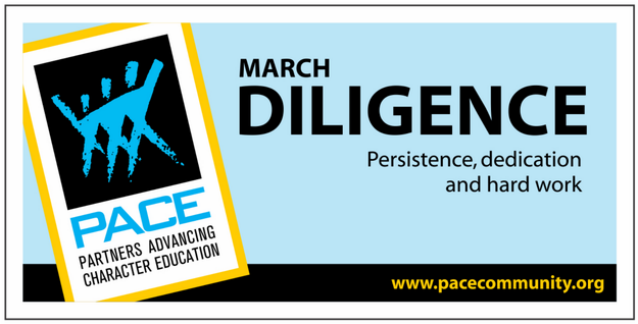
[CLICK HERE] for a parent letter regarding the Catch My Breath Program.

[CLICK HERE] for the parent toolkit.

HOPE SQUAD THEME: INCLUSIVITY

This month, Hope Squad is highlighting Inclusivity and the powerful impact it has on student mental health. When students feel accepted and valued, their sense of belonging grows, along with stronger self-esteem and reduced stress. Inclusive school communities build resilience by fostering supportive relationships and emotional connection. They also encourage empathy and understanding, strengthening peer relationships and reducing conflict. By creating space for every student to be their authentic self, we help build a healthier, more positive school community for all.





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

Playing baseball at MMS this year?
You can purchase your hat now for $25 in the business office!



IMPORTANT

Fri., 3/20
Non Student Day Learning Improvement Day

Looking Ahead!
April 6th – April 10th

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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