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Mountainside News



FROM THE DESK OF MR. HARE

I hope your family had a restful and enjoyable Spring Break filled with quality time together. As we return, we are officially in the fourth quarter of the school year, with just about 9 ½ weeks remaining. The final stretch is always full of excitement: spring sports, music performances, club competitions, state testing, the talent show, and so much more.

These weeks tend to go by quickly, making it especially important to stay connected to your student's academic progress. Be sure to check out the PowerSchool information at the bottom of page 3 so you're set up to stay informed and involved.

I want to take a moment to recognize the hard work our students are putting in each day. Whether it's tackling challenging content in the classroom, preparing for music performances, or staying committed to their teams and clubs, we continue to be proud of their focus and effort. Their dedication is setting the stage for a strong finish to the school year, and we couldn't be prouder of them.

In addition, I am excited to share some wonderful news with you. Our Hope Squad has been nominated for the Chase Youth Awards! This is a meaningful recognition of the compassion, leadership, and positive impact these students bring to our school community. Students have been invited to attend a special awards ceremony where they will be recognized and celebrated alongside other outstanding youth in our community. Way to go, Hope Squad!

I hope that you have an amazing April. As always, thank you so much for partnering with us on this middle school journey!



What's Going On At MMS?

Monday, 4/13
4th Quarter Begins

Monday, 4/13
7/8 Baseball and
6/7/8 Track & Field Begins

Saturday, 4/18
Jazz Band @ CBC Festival

Tuesday, 4/21
7th Grade Career Fair @ MSHS

Thursday, 4/23
3rd Quarter PRIDE Reward
During Lunches

Fri., 4/24 - Sat., 4/25
Choir @ CBC Festival

Monday, 4/27
Toothsavers @ MMS

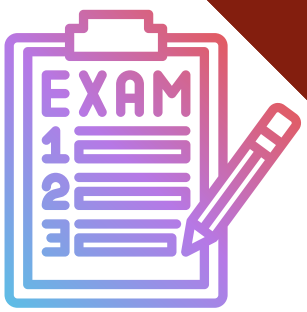
Tuesday, 4/28
Hidden In Plain Sight @ MMS
4pm

Tuesday, 4/28
Chase Youth Awards
pm

Wednesday, 4/29
Marching Band Practice
1st & 2nd Period

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STATE TESTING IS COMING



Mountainside will be embarking on the Smarter Balanced Assessment during the month of May. We have found that when students are in attendance, rather than relying on makeup days, they are more prepared and tend to perform better. With that in mind, we are tying to get our testing dates to you early so you can try to plan appointments around them. Thank you for your help in giving our students the best testing experience possible.

Tuesday, May 5th and Thursday, May 7th (ELA Tests in AM)
Tuesday, May 12th and Thursday, May 14th (Math Tests in AM)
Tuesday, May 19th - Thursday, May 21st (8th Grade in Science Classes Only)

OUR NEW ASB OFFICERS!

President-Crosby Soehner
Vice President-Ben Tampien
Public Relations-Laina Huffman
Treasurer-Sawyer Flewelling
Secretary-Laiylah Watkins

We'd like to take a moment to congratulate these five awesome 7th graders for being elected to an ASB officer position for the 2026-27 school year. These students ran against 29 other students in a very competitive election process. Mountainside is so proud of all of our students that put themselves out there to run for an office with a desire to make Mountainside even better!

SLOWING TRAFFIC DOWN



We have found, even though we have a flashing crosswalk, that many cars speed by our students as they attempt to cross Day Mount Spokane Road after they complete their afterschool athletics or clubs. In order to help keep our students safe, you will begin to notice the flashing 20mph lights come on from 4:50pm to 5:20pm each weekday. Thank you for your patience for the small slowdown and a huge thank you goes out to Spokane County for helping us make this happen.



HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT COMING TO MMS

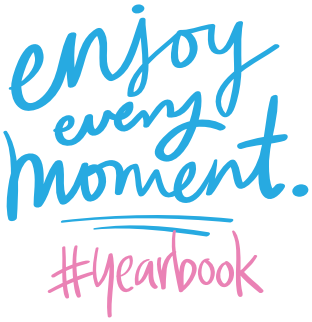
Hidden in Plain Sight is an interactive workshop that delves into current youth trends for substance use, mental health and contributing factors. There will be updated healthy youth survey data shared for each topic covered, as well as examples of current paraphernalia and accessories. Topics to be covered in this Hidden in Plain Sight include Alcohol, Cannabis, Nicotine, Mental Health & illicit substances. Light refreshments and childcare provided. Click the image on the left for more information and [click here to RSVP].

HOPE SQUAD THEME: MINDFULNESS

Mindfulness is a simple but powerful practice that supports mental wellness for both students and families, helping reduce stress, build resilience, and improve overall well-being. We encourage families to incorporate small, daily mindful moments into their routines. By modeling these habits and engaging in simple conversations about mindfulness, parents can help their children develop healthy coping skills and greater self-awareness.



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







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



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