MAY 2026

Mountainside News



FROM THE DESK OF MR. HARE

May has officially arrived, and we now have just over 6 weeks remaining in the school year. It has been rewarding to watch our students grow academically and socially throughout the year. As they begin thinking about the next step in their educational journey, it's a great time to reflect on how much progress they've made and all that we've accomplished together.

May is always one of the busiest months of the school year. Spring sports are fully underway, state testing begins tomorrow, our band is preparing to march through the streets of Spokane, music programs are rehearsing for their final performances, clubs are wrapping up for the year, and the talent show is quickly approaching. With so much happening, we continue encouraging students to stay focused and finish the year strong.

State testing will begin on Tuesday, May 5th. Please help your student come prepared each day with a fully charged Chromebook. We also encourage students to get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast before school. As always, breakfast is free at MMS!

I do want to take a moment to wish all the mothers in our community a Happy Mother's Day. Middle school students are not always the best at expressing their gratitude for all their parents do for them, but I get to hear it all the time in their stories. On behalf of everyone at MMS, thank you!

With it being a busy time of year, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need anything as we head into the final stretch of the school year.



What's Going On At MMS?

Mon., 5/4 - Fri., 5/8
Teacher Appreciation Week

Tuesday, 5/5
SBA Testing Begins

Saturday, 5/9
Jr. Lilac Parade Downtown

Friday, 5/15
DLC Field Day @ Union St.

Monday, 5/18
Jazz Band Dessert Night
@ MMS 7pm

Friday, 5/22
Snow Day Make-Up
No School

Monday, 5/25
Memorial Day
No School

Tuesday, 5/26
All-District Track Meet
@ Chewelah

Tuesday, 5/29
8th Grade Dance
@ Union Event Center
6:30-8:30

[Click For MSD Calendars]

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YEARBOOKS RUNNING OUT



Our yearbooks are still on sale, but time is running out! They are on sale for $30 and are a “must have” for students. We have less than 200 yearbooks left to sell and once they’re gone, they’re gone! You can purchase in our business office or [online].

8TH GRADE DANCE





Mountainside is going to hold our 5th Annual 8th Grade Dance on Friday, May 29th. Historically, our students have had a great time at this event and we are hoping for another great experience for our 8th graders as they wrap up their middle school experience. We will send more information as the event gets closer, but here are some important items to know right now.

- The dance will be held at the Union Event Center (behind Union Stadium) from 6:30pm-8:30pm.
- It is open to current Mountainside 8th graders ONLY.
- The cost to attend is $10. If this amount will prohibit your student from attending, please let us know. We want to give all 8th grade students the opportunity to attend.
- Tickets go on sale in our business office on Monday, May 11th.
- Tickets will not be sold at the door, so plan ahead!
- The dress code for the event is “Dressy-Casual.” Some students are eager to dress up and some want to come in their typical school clothing...both are perfectly fine!
- Yes, we’d love chaperones, even though your student may not! Keep an eye out for a request via email with other important end-of-year information for 8th grade families.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK



Mountainside has the most amazing teachers and they deserve to be appreciated. The first full week of May is Teacher Appreciation Week. Please encourage your child to thank their teachers for all they do. This can be verbally, a nice email, or even a sweet hand-written note.

HOPE SQUAD THEME: COURAGE

HOPE SQUAD

This month, Hope Squad is focusing on Courage. This is the strength it takes to speak up, ask for help, and support others. Courage often shows up in small but meaningful ways, like checking in with a friend or sharing how we feel. We encourage you to have simple, intentional conversations at home about courage and mental health. A few questions to get started:

- What does courage look like when it comes to mental health?
- How can I best support you when things feel hard?

These conversations help your child feel supported and remind them that asking for help is a strong and courageous choice. Thank you for partnering with us to support student well-being.

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

HAPPY Mother's Day



No School
Friday, May 22nd and Monday, May 25th

Looking to keep your kid(s) busy this summer? Check out Mt. Spokane High School's list of athletic summer camps by [clicking here].

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN SEE YOUR CHILD'S GRADES AT ANY TIME?
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