



Mount Holly Elementary School
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Dear Mount Holly Parents and Students,

I would like to welcome back our returning families and extend a very special welcome to our new Mount Holly families. It has been a busy and short summer break with the new school year right around the corner. We are looking forward to seeing our Mount Holly Mustang students real soon.

Parent Portal is open. Parents who live in our attendance zone and who have completed the online registration along with signing up for Parent Portal can see their child's 2026-2027 teacher. If you have not created a Parent Portal account, below are the directions and link.

To see your child's teacher, log into your [Parent Portal](#) account

To Create a Parent Portal Account:

Link students to your account with the students 5 digit Access ID number (their lunch #). The Access Password is your student's birthday (without the leading 0's).

Example: 03/01/2020= 3012020

In order to alleviate some of the anxieties and concerns about the first days of school, please review the following items:

1. School hours are from **7:45AM** until **2:10PM**. If you provide transportation for your child, please make a special note of these times. Student drop off and pick up is located on the car rider loop (entrance with the brick Mount Holly sign). In the morning and afternoon, school staff and safety patrols will assist students in the car rider area. Students should not be dropped off at school before **7:00AM** and students must be picked up each afternoon before **2:30PM**. For morning and afternoon car rider drop off and pick-up, we use one car rider lane.
2. Parents with children in 1st – 5th grades can walk their child to class on Monday, August 3rd and Tuesday, August 4th. "Independence Day" is Wednesday, August 5th for all 1st – 5th grade students when they walk in by themselves. If you are walking your child in on Monday or Tuesday, this will not be a time to conference with the teacher but only walking your child to class. Thanks for understanding.
3. 4K and Kindergarten has a staggered start the first week of school. Students with the last name **A – L** will attend school on **Monday and Tuesday, August 3rd and 4th**. Students with the last name **M – Z** will attend school on **Wednesday and Thursday, August 5th and 6th**. Because of the staggered start, 4K and Kindergarten parents can walk their child in each day of the first week of school. 4K and Kindergarten "Independence Day" is Tuesday, August 11, 2026 when 4K and 5K students will walk in by themselves. Adults and safety patrols will be available to assist students.
4. Mount Holly will only accept handwritten notes for any **non-emergency** changes to dismissal. We understand that emergencies take place. Therefore, these extreme situations that require a transportation change, the parent/legal guardian will need to call the school. The school must be able to verify the parent/legal guardian's information before accepting a change to transportation for **emergencies**. When

the school is not able to verify emergency changes to transportation, the school will keep the student until the parent/legal guardian, or an authorized person on the student's information card can pick the student up. The decision to allow an emergency transportation change is at the sole discretion of the school. Due to dismissal procedures, please do not come into the office for dismissal after **1:50PM**. After this time, there will be no early dismissal from the office.

5. Transportation registration for the 2026–2027 school year will be handled through [Final Forms](#). Please remember that the transportation form must be completed each school year, even if your child rode the bus last year or will be a car rider this year. To ensure your student has transportation on the first day of school (August 3rd), please complete the form by July 28th. Once your student is fully registered, you'll be able to view their transportation details through the [My Ride K-12](#) website and mobile app. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email us at bushelp@rhmail.org. You can also visit the [District Transportation Webpage](#) for more information about the My Ride K-12 app and other helpful resources.
6. Please be sure to visit our [MHES](#) website and [MHES FaceBook](#) to stay updated with the latest school information.
7. On the first Wednesday of each month, a Principal's Message with important information for the month will be emailed to Mount Holly families and posted on our website and Facebook page.
8. If you wish to volunteer at Mount Holly during the school year, please complete the volunteer process using the [Volunteer Process](#) link.
9. Each student in 5K – 5th grade will have a device (5K and 1st Grade iPads / 2nd – 5th laptops) to use at school and 2nd grade through 5th grade will be allowed to take their devices home only when there are assignments that require the laptop. There is a \$20 technology fee for the devices. If you wish to pay the technology fee online, visit the [Technology and Innovation](#) page on the Rock Hill School District website.
10. We hope you will make plans to attend the Meet the Teacher on Thursday, July 30, 2026 from 4:00PM - 6:00PM. Come out and meet your child's teacher and learn about your child's class. Our MHES Gift and Talented Teacher, Ms. Lelonek, will be in attendance from 4PM – 4:45PM before she goes to Oakdale, the other school she serves.
11. As Mount Holly parents, continue to be involved in all areas of your child's school life. By working together, the MHES staff, parents, students and the community, we can continue to prepare the students at Mount Holly Elementary School to be successful global citizens.

Sincerely,

Kevin A. Hood

