

MOUNT HOLLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

AUGUST 2026

Dear Mount Holly Families,

Thank you for helping us get the **2026–2027 school year** off to an incredible start! It has been exciting to welcome our students back to school, and today we were thrilled to welcome our remaining 4K and 5K students. On **Friday, August 7**, all of our Mustangs will be together, and we look forward to a fantastic year of learning and growth.

Our school theme this year is "**Watch Us Bloom.**" Just as flowers flourish with care, encouragement, and the right environment, our students will bloom through strong partnerships between home and school. Thank you for your support, patience, and commitment as we work together to help every child reach their fullest potential.

Please take a few moments to review the important reminders below.

4K and 5K Independence Day

Parents are welcome to walk their 4K and 5K students to class on **Monday, August 10**. On **Tuesday, August 11**, we will celebrate "**Independence Day**" for our youngest Mustangs. Students will walk into the building independently, and our staff members and Safety Patrol students will be available to greet and assist them as needed. This is an exciting milestone that helps build confidence and independence.

Afternoon Car Rider Reminder

If your child needs assistance being secured in a car seat, please pull forward past the mailbox and park alongside the sidewalk before strapping your child into the seat. This small step helps keep our car rider line moving efficiently while ensuring everyone's safety.

Early Dismissal Procedures

Early dismissals end at **1:50PM**. After this time, students may only be checked out for verified medical appointments. Please bring appointment documentation when signing your child out.

Breakfast Arrival Times

If your child is a morning car rider and eats breakfast at school, please ensure they arrive early enough to be in the cafeteria by **7:25AM**. This provides sufficient time to eat breakfast and arrive in class by **7:45AM**. Students arriving in the cafeteria after **7:30AM** will receive a grab-and-go breakfast so they can report to class on time.

Morning Arrival

If Safety Patrol members have already entered the building and an adult is visible at the front entrance before **7:45AM**, students still have time to enter before the tardy bell. Once the **7:45AM** bell rings and the front doors close, students are considered tardy, and a parent or guardian must come inside to sign them in.

Join Our PTO and School Improvement Council

We would love to have more parents involved in our **Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)** and **School Improvement Council (SIC)**. The SIC serves as an advisory council that supports continuous school improvement, while the PTO helps strengthen our school community through events and volunteer opportunities.

To make participation easier, PTO and SIC meetings will be held together, allowing parents to be involved in both organizations by attending one meeting. If you are interested in serving, please contact Mr. Hood at khoo@rhmail.org or let your child's teacher know by **August 25, 2026**. Your voice, ideas, and involvement make a difference.

Lunch Visitors

We always enjoy welcoming parents and guardians to lunch with their children. When you visit, you and your child will enjoy lunch together on the stage. To ensure this special time remains focused on your family and to maintain fairness for all students, classmates and friends may not join you during your visit.

Thank you again for partnering with Mount Holly Elementary. Your support helps create a safe, positive, and successful learning environment where every student can grow with confidence. Together, let's make this an outstanding year as we **Watch Us Bloom!**

Important Dates for August and September:

August

- 11 Cub Scouts visit classes at 8AM
- 11 Severe Weather Drill and Fire Drill
- 12 GT parent meeting for Mount Holly & Oakdale from 5:30pm -6pm Oakdale
- 17 Lockdown Drill
- 18 Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) Reading Assessment
- 18 PTO Meeting 5PM (Zoom and in person)
- 18 Reading Buddies Training 10AM & 1PM
- 19 Reading Buddies Training 10AM & 1PM
- 20 MAP Math
- 25 Mobile Food Pantry from 4PM - 6PM
- 28 Early Dismissal at 11:15AM
- 28 August Terrific Kid Ceremony 8:30AM

September

- 7 Labor Day holiday
- 14 PTO Fundraiser Begins
- 25 September Terrific Kid Ceremony 8:30AM
- 28 PTO Fundraiser Ends

