

MOUNT HOLLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

SEPTEMBER 2026

Dear Mount Holly Families,

Summer is winding down and we are midway through the first quarter of the school year. Thank you again for helping us get the 2026–2027 school year off to an incredible start!

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

Attendance Awareness Month

Across the country, more than 8 million students are academically at risk due to missing so many days of school. September is Attendance Awareness Month, a time to learn about attendance issues, absenteeism, and the effects attendance can have on academic performance and success. School attendance is vital to academic success. Absences, whether excused or unexcused, can add up to academic trouble. Unless for illness, let's work to have all of our Mount Holly students present every day. Also, let's work to have all of our students at school, on time and in class by the 7:45AM bell. For the month of August, we had at least **245** tardies to school. RHSD will celebrate Attendance Awareness Week September 14 – 18.



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. The cafeteria will close for breakfast at 7:40AM.

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.

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 September and October:

September

- 7 Labor Day holiday
- 8-21 4K Color Days:
 - 9/8 - Red
 - 9/9 - Orange
 - 9/10 - Yellow
 - 9/11 - Green
 - 9/14 - Blue
 - 9/15 - Purple
 - 9/16 - Pink
 - 9/17 - Brown
 - 9/18 - Black/White/Gray
 - 9/21 - Rainbow
- 9 K-2 Progress Reports
- 14 PTO Fundraiser Kick-Off
- 15 Fall Pictures
- 16-18 Stomp Squad Tryouts 3rd-5th grade in the gym (2:30PM-3:30PM)
- 18-25 Fall Book Fair
- 22 Author visit for 4K and 5K
- 25 September Terrific Kid Ceremony 8:30AM
- 28 PTO Fundraiser Ends
- 28 Wear Gold or Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Shirt with jeans
- 29 4H Club Afterschool 2:30-3:30

October

- 5-9 Fall Break for students and eligible staff
- 12 Teacher Day / No school for students
- 15 Make-up Pictures
- 23 October Terrific Kid Ceremony 8:30AM
- 26 - 30 Red Ribbon Week
 - 26 Team Up Day - Wear favorite sports jersey
 - 27 Dynamic Duo - wear matching outfits
 - 28 Wear Red Day

- 29 Inside Out Day - wear your clothes inside out
- 30 Heroes Dream Big Day - wear your school appropriate pajamas
- 27 4H Club Afterschool 2:30-3:30
- 30 Walk at School Day during Special Areas

