

MOUNT HOLLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

OCTOBER 2026

Dear Mount Holly Families,

We hope everyone enjoyed the intercession week.

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

SC Department of Education Report Card

On October 12, 2026, the South Carolina Department of Education released the 2026 School Report Cards. Mount Holly received a rating of 54 GOOD. Thank you to the MHES staff, students and parents for the 2026 report card rating. To see report cards for any school in South Carolina, visit <https://screportcards.com/>

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 October and November:

October

- 20 CogAT Verbal (2nd Grade)
- 20 Report Cards sent home
- 20 PTO meeting @ 5PM (virtual and in-person)
- 20 Dental Hygiene Day with Dental Van

- 21 PTO Spirit Night @ Empire Pizza 5PM-8PM
- 21 CogAT Quantitative (2nd Grade)
- 22 CogAT NonVerbal (2nd Grade)
- 23 Pink Out -Wear pink to honor our Breast Cancer Survivors
- 23 October Terrific Kid Ceremony 8:30AM
- 26 5th Grade to Byrnes Auditorium for Symphony Orchestra Concert at 10:00AM
- 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 2:30PM - 3:30PM
- 30 Walk at School Day during Special Areas

November

- 3 Election Day - No staff or students
- 5 Beta Club 2:30PM -3:30PM
- 5 Lion's Club Vision Screening 8AM - 1PM
- 6 PTO Spirit Night at Big AIR 3PM - 9PM
- 11 World Kindness Day
- 12 Veterans Day Parade 9:00AM
- 19 Brattonsville Backcountry Revolt (4th Grade)
- 19 Beta Club 2:30PM - 3:30PM
- 19 1st Grade Literacy Night @ 6PM - Just Right Readers
- 20 Brattonsville Backcountry Revolt (4th Grade) (possible rain date)
- 24 Terrific Kid Ceremony at 8:30AM
- 25-27 Thanksgiving holiday
- 30 - December 4 PTO Reindeer Den

