



MMS Bullpup Express Newsletter



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MARCH


MMS EVENTS

Thursday March	1		
Friday March	2		
Saturday March	3	Wrestling to Pioneer League Trny @Derby	TBA
Monday March	5	Computer Science Club	3:15pm
Tuesday March	6	Pioneer League Math Relays @Newton 7- 8 Orchestra @ MHS	3:30pm 6:30pm
Wednesday March	7	Computer Science Club Hendrick's Writing Club Mural Club Meeting	3:15pm 3:15pm 3:15pm
Thursday March	8	7 – 8 Vocal Music @ MMS	6:30pm
Friday March	9	NO SCHOOL PBR Eligibility Period 9 Ends	
Sunday March	11		
Monday March	12	PBR Eligibility Period 10 Begins Computer Science Club Parent/Teacher Conferences BOE Meeting @ Central Office	3:15pm 3:30 to 8:00pm 7:00pm
Tuesday March	13	Parent/Teacher Conferences	3:30 to 8:00pm
Wednesday March	14	Pioneer League Music Festival @Prairie Hills MS Computer Science Club Hendrick's Writing Club Mural Club Meeting	TBA 3:15pm 3:15pm 3:15pm



Thursday
March 15 **NO SCHOOL**

Friday
March 16 **NO SCHOOL**

Saturday
March 17 

Monday
March 19 **NO SCHOOL**

Tuesday
March 20 **NO SCHOOL**

Wednesday
March 21 **NO SCHOOL**

Thursday
March 22 **NO SCHOOL**

Friday
March 23 **NO SCHOOL**

Sunday
March 25 

Monday
March 26 Computer Science Club 3:15pm
BOE Meeting @ Central Office 7:00pm

Tuesday
March 27 Science State Assessment
MMS Site Council Meeting 6:00pm

Wednesday
March 28 Spring Sports Pictures
Science State Assessment
Computer Science Club 3:15pm
Hendrick's Writing Club 3:15pm
Mural Club Meeting 3:15pm

Thursday
March 29 Maundy Thursday
Track/Field @ Gt. Bend 2:00pm
Boys Tennis vs Valley Center 3:30pm

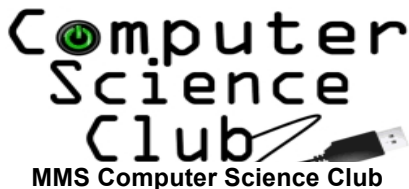
Friday
March 30 **NO SCHOOL**





I will be available during the MMS Parent/Teacher Conferences if any one needs/wants to stop by and speak with me with any questions or concerns regarding your student.

You are also always welcome to call me at 620-241-9450 or email me at tami.malm@mcpherson.com.



Computer Science Club is back at MMS! Through CS Club, students get a chance to use their imaginations and show off their creativity as well as collaborate as they build, create, and explore with robots, coding, and programming. New resources we explore with include two Ozobots, two LEGO Mindstorm robots, two Ollies, and two Spheros. Besides building and programming these robotic devices, students also participate in basic block programming using multiple websites designed for beginners and more advanced students.

The club is open to all students in grades 6-8, and meets after school Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:15-4:15 in Mrs. Colgrove's classroom (#309). Come join the fun!

MARCH FUN FACTS

- March was known as Hlyda, or Lide in Old English, which means 'loud. This was referring to the March winds, which were considered very noisy.
- It was on 15 March 44BC that Julius Caesar was assassinated in the Senate chamber in Rome – the assassination was led by Marcus Junius Brutus.
- The flower of March is the daffodil and the birthstone is the aquamarine
- It was in March 1889 that the Eiffel Tower was officially opened to the public. It was the tallest building in the world for 41 years before being surpassed by the Chrysler Building.
- Alexander Graham Bell made the first ever phone call on 10 March 1876. He called his assistant and said "Mr Watson, come here. I want to see you."

- Famous people born in the month of March include Albert Einstein, Vincent Van Gogh, Daniel Craig, Justin Bieber and Bruce Willis.

March was originally the first month of the Roman calendar and was named after the Roman god of war, Mars.

- In book *The Lord of the Rings* 25 March is set as the start of a new year in Gondor – this is to honour the fall of Sauron.

- The phrase 'mad as a March hare' comes from the view that a hare will behave oddly during the breeding season, which is in March.



Community Service hours for 6th-8th graders are 5 hours per year.

Some community service ideas for students could be:

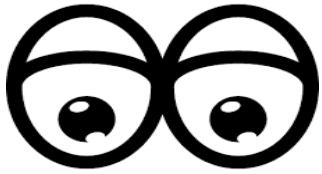
- *yard work for an elderly neighbor
- *volunteering for different activities: at church, church dinners, bible school volunteer, etc.
- *helping out at a daycare babysitting
- *volunteering at the Humane Society or other agencies
- *picking up trash in the afternoon

Students will need to have some sort of adult supervision to vouch for their hours. This can be their parent if their parents participate in their community service or are their witness. Otherwise, they will enter their supervisor's name, such as a pastor, someone they volunteered to babysit for, their neighbor, etc. Also, summer hours prior to the school year until May will count.

8th grade Field Trip

As part of our C3 initiative, 8th graders will be going to WSU to tour the campus on Wednesday, April 11th. We will leave at 8:15 a.m. and return for 8th hour. Watch for more information in our April MMS Newsletter.





THROUGH THE EYES OF AN EIGHTH GRADER
(COMPLIMENTS OF MRS. VERNON'S PRE-AP WRITING CLASS)
Some musings for the month of March

Kendall Boughfman

It is almost March, the month every student looks forward to. There is barely any school, and we have spring break. Because of this February is very slow, homework is piling up and I, for one, have no motivation to do it. Also the pressure of getting your grades up before the end of the year is starting. To top it all off going to MHS is just around the corner, making the end of the year come even slower.

Harper Smith

Just a couple more weeks until Spring Break! Hold on and keep your grades up. Take the time to relax, and don't even think about the next quarter of school. I am so excited for a break. I hope you are too!

Joaquin Sporleder

Spring is almost here! I am so excited for spring to be here. The weather will be a lot better and I will be a lot happier than I have been. I am also excited for high school in a few months! The classes will be more challenging, but it will be totally worth it. I am ready for what's ahead.

Pierce Hamma

When I first came to Eisenhower as a fourth grader, I thought it was huge. In my previous school there had only had six students in my grade and there was only one other boy. I came from that to a class of roughly 46. I am now in a school with over five hundred students. My life so far has been a pretty easy one. Filled with smiles, laughs, and large servings of ice cream. I am told that this is about to change. Middle school was harder than elementary school, but it was nothing I could not handle. I looked forward to going to the middle school. And now that high school is drawing near, I feel the same way. I mean no offense to the middle school staff when I say that I am anxious to get out of here. May the Force be with me.

Josephine McLean

2018 is going to be, and has been, a wonderful year for movies! Starting last Friday, the sixteenth, with Marvel's *Black Panther*. *Black Panther* is the first superhero movie with the a black main character, and the last Marvel movie before *Infinity War*. Other Marvel movies set to be released 2018 are *Ant-Man and the Wasp*, *Deadpool 2*, and *Venom*. Also set for a release this year is *The Incredibles 2*. The first movie came out fourteen years ago in 2004, and so far it seems like the sequel picks up where the first one ended. Other exciting movies coming out this year are *Solo: A Star Wars Story*, *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom*, *A Wrinkle In Time*, *Aquaman*, *X-Men: Dark Phoenix*, *Mary Poppins Returns*, and *Ralph Breaks the Internet: Wreck-it-Ralph 2*.

Megan Everhart

We recently had a couple of counselors from the high school come to our history class. They talked about our class options. The amount of options to choose from are amazing. We will be able to really start focusing on our careers more. I was really excited because I wanted to be an orthodontist and I have found classes that can help me on it. High School seems kind but the counters made it seem much better. The college credits are very strict and I am happy that if we fail a class we have to double up.

Alexander Eagle

You know what I hate, that you have to choose whether to be politically correct, or factually correct. Take for instance, feminism, do we need it America, politically correct answer is yes, factually correct answer is no. Woman got their equal rights a long time ago, there isn't a single right a man has over a woman. Another question, does the wage gap exist, politically correct answer is yes, factually correct answer is no. After the equal pay act that was signed in 1963 woman have equal pay. Is Donald Trump racist, politically correct answer correct answer, yes, factually correct answer, no. In the 1990s Donald Trump fought to include jews and blacks at Palm Beach Golf Course. I hope that next time you see something you look into the facts, don't just believe everything you see.



JOIN YOUR FRIENDS FOR BREAKFAST

BREAKFAST IS A GREAT WAY TO BEGIN EACH DAY. BREAKFAST IS AVAILABLE 20 MINUTES BEFORE THE START OF THE SCHOOL DAY. BREAKFAST IS FREE TO STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR FREE MEALS.

BREAKFAST IS \$.30 TO STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR REDUCED MEALS BREAKFAST IS \$1.80 FOR ALL K - 12 STUDENTS THERE ARE SEVERAL OPTIONS ON THE MENU ITEMS DAILY

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION, PLEASE CALL BILL FROESE AT 620-241-9490.



Food 4 Kids is a Kid-Friendly School-based Program— because the most essential school supply is food. Food 4 Kids was established for students who are food insecure and who are not getting sufficient food outside of school on a regular basis. The Food Bank provides food and supplies to Food 4 Kids schools in Kansas, which are operated in partnership with community schools. The Food 4 Kids program allows participating schools to receive food and backpacks from the Kansas Food Bank at no cost so that we can provide food to chronically hungry children.

FOOD 4 KIDS FOODBAGS CONTAIN: Different foods designed to provide nutrition and calories for chronically hungry school children on weekends. Kid friendly foods that require no preparation. Kids can just “open and eat”.

FOR EXAMPLE: Peanut Butter (12-ounce jar) and a sleeve of crackers—Beans and franks (pop-top can)—Beef Jerky (1 ounce)—Cereal (1-ounce bowl or box)—Fruit cups (peaches, applesauce, etc.)—Raisins (snack-size boxes)—Pudding cups—Juice boxes (apple, orange, or other juice)—Milk (aseptic pack boxes that do not require refrigeration)—Cereal bars or granola bars

Please see your school counselor to sign up for Food 4 Kids at your school!! At MMS, please call Kim Krase or Jeff Allmon at 620-241-9470.



UPCOMING EVENTS

April	1	Easter	
April	2	NO SCHOOL	
		Easter Monday	
April	3	Math Assessments	
April	4	Math Assessments	
		Computer Science Club	3:15pm
		Hendrick's Writing Club	3:15pm
		Mural Club Meeting	3:15pm
April	5	Boys Tennis @ Salina Lkwd Trny	10:00am
		Track & Field @ Newton	3:30pm
April	6	Jazz Band Festival @ WSU	TBA
April	7	State Olympiad	TBA
April	9	Computer Science Club	3:15pm
		Boys Tennis vs Derby	3:30pm
		BOE Meeting @ Central Office	7:00pm
April	11	8 th Grade WSU Visit	TBA
		Computer Science Club	3:15pm
		Hendrick's Writing Club	3:15pm
		Mural Club Meeting	3:15pm
April	12	Track & Field @ McPherson Inv.	2:00pm
April	13	PBR Eligibility Period 10 Ends	
		PTO Dance	7:00 to 9:00 pm
April	16	PBR Eligibility Period 11 Begins	
		Computer Science Club	3:15pm
April	17	History State Assessment	
		Boys Tennis @ Hutchinson	3:30pm
April	18	History State Assessment	
		PBR Spring Class Competition	2:00pm
		Computer Science Club	3:15pm
		Hendrick's Writing Club	3:15pm
		Mural Club Meeting	3:15pm
April	19	Boys Tennis @ Valley Center Trny	9:00am
		Track & Field @ Goddard	3:30pm
April	20	Honors Choir to Worlds of Fun	TBA
April	21	Honors Choir to Worlds of Fun	TBA
April	23	Computer Science Club	3:15pm
		BOE Meeting @ Central Office	7:00pm
April	24	Boys Tennis vs Salina South	3:30pm
		Track & Field @ Circle Part. Meet	3:30pm
April	25	Computer Science Club	3:15pm
		Hendrick's Writing Club	3:15pm
		Mural Club Meeting	3:15pm
April	26	Track & Field @ Hays	10:00am
		Boys Tennis @ Maize South	3:30pm
		Site Council Meeting	6:00pm
April	27	Pops Choir @ MHS	6:30pm
April	30	Computer Science Club	3:15pm
		Boys Tennis @ Salina Lkwd	3:30pm
		Track & Field @ Goddard Part. Meet	3:30pm