



MMS Bullpup Express Newsletter



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MMS EVENTS

Tuesday August	1		
Wednesday August	2		
Thursday August	3		
Friday August	4		
Saturday August	5	District-wide Enrollment @MHS	9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Monday August	7		
Tuesday August	8		
Wednesday August	9		
Thursday August	10		
Friday August	11		
Monday August	14	Fall Sport's Practice BOE Meeting @ Central Office	7:00pm
Tuesday August	15	First Day of School--early dismiss MMS Open House	12:30pm 6:00pm
Wednesday August	16		
Thursday August	17		
Friday August	18	5 th grade Orchestra Night	

Monday August	21		
Tuesday August	22		
Wednesday August	23	MMS Student Pictures	
Thursday August	24		
Friday August	25	Bullpup Preview @ McPherson College	TBA
Monday August	28	BOE Meeting @ Central Office	7:00pm
Tuesday August	29	Volleyball 7/8 vs Goddard	5:00pm
Wednesday August	30		
Thursday August	31	Girls Tennis vs Valley Center Cross Country @ Clearwater Inv. FB-7 vs Salina South FB-8 @ Salina South Volleyball 7/8 @ Andover	3:30pm 3:45pm 4:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm

6th Grade Round-up

Aug. 8th 3 sessions: 9:00-10:00, 12:00-1:00, 6:00-7:00
 Aug. 9th 2 sessions: 9:00-10:00, 12:00-1:00
 Aug. 10th 1 session: 6:00-7:00
 Please come at a time that is convenient for you.

New student orientation for 7th and 8th graders will be Monday, Aug. 14th 9:00-10:00

If you have any questions regarding this scheduled please contact the Guidance Office at 620-241-9470.

MMS OPEN HOUSE

There will be an open house for parents and students on Tuesday, August 15th at 6:00 p.m. Please come and get acquainted.



Kendra Cooper, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director:

Join us in welcoming our new Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, Kendra Cooper. Mrs. Cooper graduated from MHS in 2005, from Baker University in 2009 with a BS degree in Mathematics and received an MA in Curriculum and Instruction from KU in 2011 and an MA in Leadership and Administration from Pittsburg State University in 2017.

Mrs. Cooper is married to Dereck Cooper and they have a daughter, Avery, who will turn 3 in November and a dog, Hunter, who will turn 8 in November.

Mrs. Cooper said, "I am looking forward to giving back to a community that gave me so much growing up! McPherson truly cares about the well being and education of its youth and I am honored to have the opportunity to serve as McPherson Middle School's new assistant principal and athletic director."

Melissa Sullivan, School Psychologist:

Mrs. Sullivan lives in McPherson with her husband, Tom, and three girls. They are Keanna, a 6th grader, Brenna, a third grader, and Amaya, who is two. She has previously worked in Newton for the past 15 years, as a special education teacher, autism specialist, and school psychologist. She will also be at Moundridge PreK-12. Mrs. Sullivan said, "I am excited to begin working for USD 418, as I will be closer to home and my children's activities."

Kim Krase, Guidance Counselor:

Mrs. Krase lives on a farm outside of McPherson She is married and has a daughter age 12 and a son age 9. Mrs. Krase been a social worker for 15 years working in both the school and medical setting. Last year she worked at MHS in the guidance office providing social and emotional support to our students.

Over the next two months we will continue to highlight our new staff for everyone. Welcome all to MMS!!



A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

Please review your student(s) immunizations and make sure the school has a current record. ALL students in 7-12 grade are REQUIRED to have a Tdap (tetanus booster).

Also please remember any students taking prescription medications must have an order from the doctor with a parent signature BEFORE medication can be given. Medication must be in a labeled container/package that was dispensed by the pharmacy. Students are NOT ALLOWED to bring their own medication to the school nurse. If a parent is unable to bring the medication an adult designated by a parent may do it for you.

There are forms for over-the-counter medications available at online enrollment or contact the nurse or office for this form.

For any questions/concerns, call me at the Middle School, 620-241-9450 or mail tami.malm@mcpherson.com.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

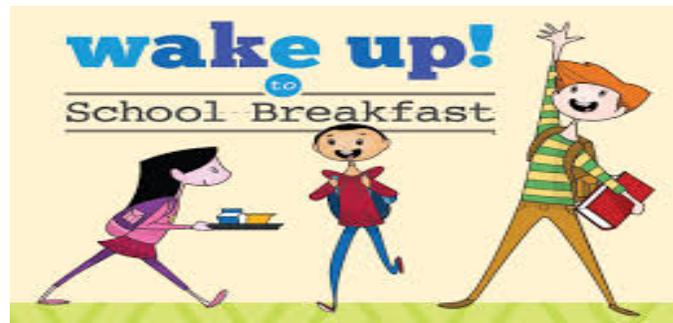


Community Service hours for 6th-8th graders are 5 hours per year.

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.



JOIN YOUR FRIENDS FOR BREAKFAST EVERYDAY! 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.

Adjusting to the New School Year

Tips for helping your child have a smooth start

By: Livia McCoy from School Family Newsletter

The first day of school can be scary. Children wonder about how everything will go—"Will my friends still like me?" "Will I fit in?" "Do I look good?" This is normal and usually goes away within a few days. For some kids, though, it doesn't subside as quickly as parents would hope. For these children, parents may need to provide a little extra support. In general, the types of problems children have with adjusting to the new school year revolve around academic, social, or emotional issues. Here's a look at each.

Academic problems may stem from the fact that your child is working with a new teacher. Last year's teacher learned that he needs structure and predictability to pay attention, but does this year's teacher know that? The expectations may be much greater this year than your child was expecting. For example, he might have forgotten some math skills over the summer, and his new teacher expects that he already knows them well. Some teachers have very active, busy classrooms, but your child works better in a quiet setting. Any one of these might be causing him to dislike going to school. The trick is to figure out what is causing his frustration and talk to his teachers about it.

Social issues may be keeping your child from adjusting to the new year. If she tells you that she doesn't have any friends, her anxiety is almost certainly rooted in social problems. Children who enjoy being by themselves or with only one friend often do not have the skills to make new friends. Experts agree that children do not need to have a lot of friends to be healthy, but they do need at least one good friend. You can help your child make new friends by role-playing how to talk to someone new. She needs to practice asking questions like "Did you go anywhere during summer vacation?" or "Where did you go to school last year?" Conversation-starters like these can help break the ice. If your child switched schools, she may be missing her friends from last year. It's important to let her get together with her old friends, but she should also be making new friends at school.

Emotional issues might keep your child from adjusting to the new school year. He might be more afraid of change than others are. If you know this ahead of time, try to take him to the school to visit before the school year starts. If he is moving from a small building to a large one, he may feel insecure. It can take several weeks to feel comfortable getting to the right place at the right time. His teachers might be able to find a friend who can help him if needed.

It is possible your child's trouble adjusting to school has nothing to do with school itself. It might be coming from home. Consider whether anything in the household is the source of stress, like a recent move or a new baby. Whatever the cause, the key to a successful year in school is communicating with your child's teacher. Teachers want to help—so ask why she thinks your child is having trouble adjusting to school, and how to best solve the problem.



Congratulations to the following girls who will be our MMS Cheer Squad for the 2017/2018 school year.

FOOTBALL/VOLLEYBALL

Andrea Copeland, Briana Rogers, Ella Dysinger,
Emilee Fincher, Emma Paramore, Hannah Ewert, Jo Correia,
Lacey Zerkel, Maddison Klassen, Madi Speirs,
Taylor Klamczynski, Tiannah McGill, Velvola Harper

BASKETBALL

A'nya Collins, Andrea Copeland, Arriana Gross,
Briana Rogers, Ella Dysinger, Emma Paramore,
Hannah Ewert, Jersey Lopez, Jo Correia, Madi Speirs,
Rhian Swanson, Taylor Buehrle



UPCOMING EVENTS



September	1	NO SCHOOL	
September	4	LABOR DAY—NO SCHOOL	
September	5	Girls Tennis @ Derby North	3:30pm
		Cross-Country @ Hutch/Prairie Hills	4:00pm
		Volleyball-7 @ Salina South	5:00pm
		Volleyball-8 @ Newton	5:00pm
September	7	Girls Tennis vs Derby	3:30pm
		Football-8 vs Newton	4:00pm
		Football-7 @ Newton	4:00pm
September	11	Volleyball-7 vs Derby & Salina South	5:00pm
		Volleyball-8 @ Salina South	5:00pm
		BOE Meeting @ Central Office	7:00pm
September	12	Cross-Country @ Goddard Classic	4:00pm
September	14	Girls Tennis @ Hutchinson	3:30pm
		Football-7 @ Derby	4:00pm
		Football-8 vs Derby	4:00pm
		Volleyball 7-8 vs Hutchinson	5:00pm
September	16	Volleyball-7B @ Salina South Trny	9:00am
		Volleyball-8B Trny @ MHS	9:00am
September	18	Girls Tennis vs Salina South	3:30pm
		Volleyball-7 vs Hutchinson & Salina Lakewood	5:00pm
		Volleyball-8 @ Salina Lakewood	5:00pm
September	19	Girls Tennis @ Maize South Inv	9:00am
September	21	Girls Tennis @ Maize South	3:30pm
		Cross-Country @ McPherson Inv	3:30pm
		Football-7 vs Derby	4:00pm
		Football-8 @ Derby	4:00pm
September	25	Girls Tennis @ Salina Lakewood	3:30pm
		Volleyball-7 @ Derby North w/Newton	5:00pm
		Volleyball-8 @ Newton w/Derby North	5:00pm
		BOE Meeting @ Central Office	7:00pm
September	26	Girls Tennis @ Hutch/Prairie Hills Inv	9:00am
		Cross-Country @ Salina Lakewood	4:00pm
September	28	Football-8 vs Salina Lakewood	2:00pm
		Girls Tennis vs Newton	3:30pm
		Football-7 @ Salina Lakewood	4:00pm