



MMS Bullpup Express Newsletter



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MMS EVENTS

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| Sunday April | 1 |  Easter | |
| Monday April | 2 | NO SCHOOL—Easter Monday Boys Tennis @ Derby North | 3:30pm |
| Tuesday April | 3 | Math State Assessments | |
| Wednesday April | 4 | Math State Assessments Computer Science Club Hendrick's Writing Club Mural Club Meeting | 3:15pm 3:15pm 3:15pm |
| Thursday April | 5 | Boys Tennis @ Salina Lkwd Trny Track & Field @ Newton | 10:00am 3:30pm |
| Friday April | 6 | Jazz Band Festival @ WSU | TBA |
| Saturday April | 7 | State Olympiad | TBA |
| Monday April | 9 | ELA State Assessment Computer Science Club Boys Tennis vs Derby BOE Meeting @ Central Office | 3:15pm 3:30pm 7:00pm |
| Tuesday April | 10 | ELA State Assessment | |
| Wednesday April | 11 | 8 th Grade WSU Visit Computer Science Club Hendrick's Writing Club Mural Club Meeting | TBA 3:15pm 3:15pm 3:15pm |
| Thursday April | 12 | Track & Field @ McPherson Inv | 2:00pm |
| Friday April | 13 | PBR Eligibility Period 10 Ends PTO Dance | 7:00pm |

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| Monday April | 16 | PBR Eligibility Period 11 Begins Computer Science Club | 3:15pm |
| Tuesday April | 17 | History State Assessment Boys Tennis @ Hutchinson | 3:30pm |
| Wednesday April | 18 | History State Assessment Spring Class Competition/Spirit Computer Science Club Hendrick's Writing Club Mural Club Meeting | 2:00pm 3:15pm 3:15pm 3:15pm |
| Thursday April | 19 | McPherson Co. Student Art Exhibit Boys Tennis @ Valley Center Trny Track & Field @ Goddard | 8:00am 9:00am 3:30pm |
| Friday April | 20 | McPherson Co. Student Art Exhibit Honor Choir to Worlds of Fun | 1:00pm TBA |
| Saturday April | 21 | McPherson Co. Student Art Exhibit Honor Choir to Worlds of Fun | 10:00am TBA |
| Sunday April | 22 | McPherson Co. Student Art Exhibit | 1:00pm |
| Monday April | 23 | Computer Science Club BOE Meeting @ Central Office | 3:15pm 7:00pm |
| Tuesday April | 24 | Boys Tennis vs Salina South Track & Field @ Circle Part. | 3:30pm 3:30pm |
| Wednesday April | 25 | Computer Science Club Hendrick's Writing Club Mural Club Meeting | 3:15pm 3:15pm 3:15pm |
| Thursday April | 26 | Track & Field @ Hays Boys Tennis @ Maize South MMS Site Council Meeting | 10:00am 3:30pm 6:00pm |
| Friday April | 27 | Pre-AP Art Field Trip | TBA |
| Monday April | 30 | Computer Science Club Boys Tennis @ Salina Lkwd Track & Field @ Goddard Part. | 3:15pm 3:30pm 3:30pm |



There have been some changes to the McPherson County Health Dept. Here is the information regarding immunization changes.

McPherson County Health Dept.
1001 N. Main
McPherson, KS
[620-241-1753](tel:620-241-1753) **IMMUNIZATIONS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY!**
Immunizations are done on Mondays and Fridays only, between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM.

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



Have questions about the MMS Redesign and what it means for your student? Go to the link provided and it will give you a good look at what is happening at MMS.
<https://sites.google.com/mcpherson.com/mmsredesign/home>



USD 418 is once again sponsoring our summer food program, which will serve breakfast and lunch for any children ages 1 thru 18. Adult meals will be available for a cost. Please watch for information in the May Newsletter or for flyers around town for more information. Plans are for three locations this year; MMS, Roosevelt Elementary & Lincoln Elementary.



Joaquin Sporleder has been notified by the National Geographic Society that he has qualified to participate in the National Geographic State Bee to be held in Abilene, Kansas on Friday, April 6, 2018. Joaquin qualified his 7th grade year and placed 3rd in the State and will be participating as an 8th grader this year.

This is the second level of the National Geographic Bee competition, which is now in its 30th year. School Bees were held in schools with fourth- through eighth-grade students throughout the state to determine each school champion. School champions then took a qualifying test, which they submitted to the National Geographic Society. The National Geographic Society has invited up to 100 of the top-scoring students in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Department of Defense Dependents Schools and U.S. territories to compete in the State Bees.

To celebrate the 30th annual National Geographic Bee, the cash prize for the top three students in each state has doubled. Each state champion will receive \$200, the *National Geographic Visual Atlas of the World, 2nd Edition* and a trip to Washington, D.C., to represent their state in the National Geographic Bee Championship to be held at National Geographic Society headquarters, May 20-23, 2018. Students that come in second place will receive \$150 and those that come in third will receive \$100. The first-place national champion will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship, a lifetime membership in the Society, including a subscription to National Geographic magazine, and an all-expenses-paid Lindblad expedition to the Galápagos Islands aboard the new *National Geographic Endeavour II*. Travel for the trip is provided by Lindblad

We are wishing Joaquin the very best as he competes in the State Geography Bee!!





PIONEER LEAGUE VOCAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

Large Groups – (25 or more students performing) – 3 different judges

MMS 7th/8th Women's Choir – I, I, I
MMS Honor's Choir – I, I, I

Small Ensembles – (24 or fewer students performing)

MMS 7th/8th Gr Mixed Ensemble – I
MMS 7th/8th Gr Men's Ensemble – I
MMS Honor's Choir Select – I

Vocal Solos –

Zoey Whorton – I
Anya Collins – I
Pierce Hamma – I
Kierstan Trost – I
Kelcie Kynaston – I
Abby Unruh – I
Emalie Somers – I
Emma Paramore – I
Madi Speirs – I
Analia Rocha – I

Yes...for the second year in a row...all I's (Superior Ratings) for every MMS Vocal Event!!! The judging is probably really easy you might say...our reply, "not a chance"...we are the only school (this year or last year) to receive all I's at this event...and we have some very good competition.

Lastly, I'm happy to report about the ratings because I know that's a common language everyone can understand in our area, but there's so much more. After we loaded the buses that morning, our students were respectful, they picked up after themselves, and despite the many distractions that were available to them they never "went there," if you know what I mean.

Miriam and I are tough on them and we have set some high expectations for them every time we perform or when we are out in public. They met those expectations ☺

We are so proud of them! They represented MMS well, their families well, and this community well! You all should be very proud of their efforts!

Nicholas & Miriam Griggs



Congratulations



Way to go, Brendan Jones! He had a 4th place finish in the State Chess Tournament. Brendan has also had several perfect games scoring 6 points in each over the year.

Other participants in the tournament were Colson Hicks and Gage Allsbury.



PIONEER LEAGUE ORCHESTRA FESTIVAL

Results from the March 7th Orchestra Festival are below. Congratulations to these students for their hard work and great ratings!

7/8 Combined Orchestra II
8th Grade High Strings Ensemble I
8th Grade Quartet I
8th Grade Trio I
7th Grade Schubert Quartet I
7th Grade Fox Quartet II
7th Grade Clark Trio II
7th Grade Brahms Trio II

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| Emilie Lange, Violin | I |
| Michael Martin, Violin | I |
| Bridget Menke, Violin | I |
| Perrin Schneider, Violin | I |
| Jordan Vanderhoof, Violin | I |
| Kail Stockham, Bass | I |



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.

Volunteer Opportunity

I wanted to formally offer a community service opportunity to McPherson High School and Middle School students.

Edinburgh Manor is a HUD subsidized property for senior citizens 55 years of age and older who are low income qualified. We are located at [120 Oak Park Drive](#) in McPherson. We have a few residents who highly enjoy gardening but it is physically too demanding for them at this time. Our once beautiful property has started to show it's age as well. We would like to offer a Community Service Day for your students to come out and lend a hand with our gardens! This could include removing weeds, grass, and rocks from existing gardens, adding mulch or grass seed, and even planting new flowers.

Saturday, April 27th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weather permitting. Students are free to come and go as their time allows. Water and snacks will be provided.

I can be contacted personally at [120 Oak Park Dr.](#) on Mondays and Fridays from 8 am to 5 pm or by email at kmoll@voaok.org.

If we could have students who are interested signed up by April 16th that would be helpful. Also, if you could share this information with the High school as I do not have a contact for them. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me!

Thank You

Kristina Moll

Community Administrator

Volunteers of America, Oklahoma | kmoll@voaok.org

[120 Oak Park Dr Apt 12 | McPherson, KS](#)

[67460](tel:67460) | www.voaok.org

Main: [620-241-1258](tel:620-241-1258) | Cell: [620-755-9135](tel:620-755-9135)



8th grade field trip

8th graders will be going to tour Wichita State University on Wednesday, April 11th. They will board the bus at 8:15 and return in time to do a group Community Service Project before the end of the day. Students will need to bring a sack lunch that day.

McPherson Co. Student Art Exhibit

The 2018 McPherson County Student Art Exhibit and Scholarship Competition will be held April 19 through April 22 at Park School Gym, 210 N. Elm. The show is open to the public on

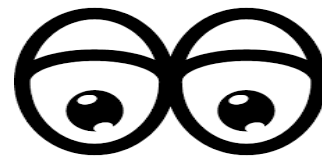
Thursday, April 19, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday, April 20, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 21, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 22, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Judging will take place Friday morning with scholarship winners announced at 2:00 p.m.



THROUGH THE EYES OF AN EIGHTH GRADER
(COMPLIMENTS OF MRS. VERNON'S PRE-AP WRITING CLASS)

APRIL ANTHOLOGIES

Connor Olson

April is a time of joy, happiness, and yes, even allergies. But, one thing that April is even more famous for is rain. Remember that one saying that says, "April showers bring May flowers." Remember that? Well, here is five fun ways to spend a rainy day inside. Warning, some of these things may be boring to some people. So, the first thing to do if it is raining is to read! Yes, I know a lot of people don't like reading, but the rain would make it easier for people that like noise when they read. The second thing to do is to make paper airplanes and fly them against people. Making a homemade paper airplane can make it look super cool with the colors and also with experimenting to see which airplane flies the best. Number three is more of something to do with friends and in a big room. It is playing the floor is lava! I love this game and it can be super fun if you play it with tons of friends and play with teams where you have to shove each other of the pillows and blankets. Number four is to make slime. Slime is super fun and super easy to make. Number five is to play your favorite sport outside with your friends. My friends and I love soccer, and it is so much fun to play in the rain. That was 5 things to do when it is raining outside.

My name is **Emi Jones**. As you may know it is track and field season. Last year when I did track I was a sprinter, but I wasn't good. This year, I'm trying throwing and so far I really like it. Long Jump has to be my favorite event though, because I always love to improve and get new PR's on it! In conclusion, I'm really excited for the season to get going and to go to meets!

Ayden Johnson

If there is one thing I know almost everybody in school would want it would be to start school later. Kids already aren't getting enough sleep at night and if school would start later that could give kids an extra 30 minutes to an hour of sleep per day which would make them more prepared for their day. With extra sleep kids would be able to focus more in class and they wouldn't be falling asleep as much in class. We would still go to school the same amount of time, but we would just start later. I think we should start school later because kids could get extra sleep so they could focus in class.

Patty Huerta

Spring is finally here! School is coming to end with about two months left. The weather is getting warmer outside and everyone is itching to go outside. Since everyone would be wanting to go outside the school days are going to seem longer. Another thing is that don't let your grades slide since the end of school is nearing to an end.



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 Kruse or Jeff Allmon at 620-241-9470.



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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May | 2 | Pioneer League Instrumental Fest. @ Hutchinson | TBA |
| | | Computer Science Club | 3:15pm |
| | | Hendrick's Writing Club | 3:15pm |
| | | Mural Club Meeting | 3:15pm |
| May | 3 | Boys Tennis vs Newton | 3:30pm |
| | | Track & Field @ Maize | 3:30pm |
| May | 4 | Pops Choir @ MMS | 6:30pm |
| May | 7 | Boys Tennis—Pioneer League Championship @ Hutch | 9:00am |
| | | Computer Science Club | 3:15pm |
| May | 8 | Track & Field Pioneer League Championship @ Newton | 2:00pm |
| | | 6 th Vocal Concert & MHS | 7:30pm |
| May | 9 | Computer Science Club | 3:15pm |
| | | Hendrick's Writing Club | 3:15pm |
| | | Mural Club Meeting | 3:15pm |
| May | 10 | PBR Eligibility Period 11 Ends | |
| | | Jazz Band @ May Fete @ MHS | 5:30pm |
| May | 11 | All School's Day— NO SCHOOL | |
| May | 13 | Mother's Day | |
| May | 14 | Computer Science Club | 3:15pm |
| | | BOE Meeting @ Central Office | 7:00pm |
| May | 15 | 8 th Grade—Field Trip to Topeka | TBA |
| | | 6 – 8 Band @ MHS | 6:30pm |
| May | 16 | Computer Science Club | 3:15pm |
| | | Hendrick's Writing Club | 3:15pm |
| | | Mural Club Meeting | 3:15pm |
| May | 17 | 7 th & 8 th Vocal & Honors Choir @ MHS | 6:30pm |
| May | 18 | Grade Level PBR—Full or Half Day Off | TBA |
| May | 21 | Personal ½ day off—if earned | TBA |
| | | 8 th grade Recognition Practice | 2:00pm |
| | | 6 – 8 Orchestra Concert @ MHS | 6:30pm |
| May | 22 | 8 th Grade Recognition @ MHS | 6:00pm |
| May | 23 | Last Day of School—Early Dismissal | 12:30pm |
| May | 28 | Memorial Day | |
| May | 29 | BOE Meeting @ Central Office | 7:00pm |