



MMS Bullpup Express Newsletter



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MMS EVENTS

Saturday April	1		
Monday April	3	Boys Tennis vs Derby North	3:30pm
Tuesday April	4	6-7-8 Math State Assessments PTO Meeting 7 & 8 Vocal Concert	5:30pm 6:30pm
Wednesday April	5	Boys Tennis @ Salina Trny	10:00am
Thursday April	6	6-7-8 Math State Assessments Track & Field @ Newton Quad	3:30pm
Friday April	7	Stuco Dance	6:00pm
Sunday April	9	Palm Sunday	
Monday April	10	Boys Tennis @ Derby BOE Meeting @ Central Office	3:30pm 7:00pm
Tuesday April	11	ASPIRE Testing	
Wednesday April	12	ASPIRE Testing	
Thursday April	13	Maundy Thursday 6 th grade to Zoo/Museum of WorldTreasures	8:10am
Friday April	14	Good Friday—NO SCHOOL	

Sunday April	16		
Monday April	17	Easter Monday—NO SCHOOL	
Tuesday April	18	ELA State Assessment Boys Tennis @ Hutchinson	3:30pm
Wednesday April	19	Pioneer League Vocal Festival	TBA
Thursday April	20	ELA State Assessment Boys Tennis @ Valley Center Track & Field @ Goddard for Kilmer Classic	9:00am 3:30pm
Friday April	21	Honors Choir to WOF	TBA
Saturday April	22	Honors Choir to WOF MHS Cheer Tryouts	TBA TBA
Monday April	24	8 th Grade Science State Assessment 7 & 8 Orchestra Concert BOE Meeting @ Central Office	6:30pm 7:00pm
Tuesday April	25	Track & Field @ Circle Partic. Boys Tennis @ Salina South held at Oakdale Park Hi-Stepper Tryout Practice @ MHS Aux. Gym	3:30pm 5:00pm 6:00-8:00pm
Wednesday April	26	Pioneer League Band/Orchestra Festival @ Newton	TBA
Thursday April	27	6 th Grade to McPherson College Tour (8:30-11:30 Group 1; 12:00-2:30 Group 2) Track & Field @ Hays Inv. Boys Tennis vs Maize South	10:00am 3:30pm
Friday April	28	Pops Concert	6:30pm
Saturday April	29	Hi-Stepper Tryouts	9:00am



CONGRATULATIONS

MMS was recently notified that Joaquin Sporleder, 7th grader, son of Shannon and Christina Sporleder scored high enough to qualify for the STATE Competition for the National Geographic Geography bee! Best of Luck at the state competition, which will be held at the Eisenhower Center on Friday, March 31, 2017. This is the second level of the National Geographic Bee competition, which is now in its 29th year. School Bees were held in schools with fourth through eighth grade students throughout the state to determine each school champion. Schools champions then took a qualifying test, which they submitted to the National Geographic Society and they will compete in their state bee.

Best of luck to Joaquin in this next level of competition!!

THE CAPRICIOUS PEARLS

Job well done by the cast and crew of the MMS play. And an extra thank you to Arriana Gross for filling in on the matinee production due to an ill cast member. Thank you also to Mr. Allmon and Mr. Tyler for their leadership in the play production.



MHS

2017 – 2018 Hi-Stepper Tryouts

Parent Meeting: April 25, 5:30 pm, Auxiliary Gym

at MHS

Practices: April 25 & 27, 6p – 8p, Auxiliary Gym at

MHS

Tryouts: April 29, 9:00 am, Auxiliary Gym at

MHS



MHS CHEER TRYOUTS

Tryouts for MHS Cheer will be held April 22nd. Please watch for more information in the MMS Office or you may contact Raeann Southern at McPherson High School.

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

Rain, Rain

“Rain, rain, go away! Come again some other day!” The old rain song never seems to work in April, but it doesn’t stop us from singing it. April gives us many traditions in Kansas. We have songs and sayings that commemorate the almost constant rain. Another song goes, “It’s raining, it’s pouring, the old man is snoring. He went to bed with a bump on his head and didn’t get up in the morning.” The song’s a bit macabre, but I’ve always enjoyed singing it ever since I could remember the words. It rains really hard in April, so hard, in fact, that streets flood near lakes and rivers, and it’s not uncommon for all the extra water to be either frozen or gone by the next morning. There’s also an old idiom that says it’s “Raining cats and dogs.” If you live in a state that has rain, you know it by heart. I just hope no one decides to do a rain dance; we sure don’t need any in April.

~Chyenne Grant~

April

April is the month full of pastel greens, pinks, and blues. Nice green grass growing, flowers blooming, skies without a cloud in sight. It’s one of the most beautiful months, if you ask me. Not to mention Easter is in April. Everyone loves Easter, right? I mean you get to see your family, go easter egg hunting, and eat all the candy you can. All in all, April is such a lovely month, filled with beautiful colors and people.

~Adriana Garcia~

BLOOMING SPRING

March 20th, the beginning of a blossoming spring that blooms vibrant hues along the paths of our dewy gardens. Moist pink, wiggling noses of plump rabbits lunge across the tender blades of grass of our front lawns, trembling their puffy ivory tails beneath the dazzling beams of sunlight. Gently, their cracked toe beans scuttle against mounds of newly planted soil, burying beneath jumbles of ruffled up snowball buses. Nevertheless, children gaze out of their windows with eagerness gyrating against their strumming hearts for the upcoming holiday fumbling their way. Laced chocolate, woven baskets, plastic glittering eggs nestled beneath protruding tree limbs and spewing treats that trickle out from their popping clasp, many giddy kids glide their bodies outside to have cheerful emotions passionately burst their adrenaline rush to gallop amongst their open front lawns. Despite the abnormal weather changes, majority of America’s population is thrilled with the event of giant rabbits and chirping chicks fluffing their creamy feathers.

~Trinity Schultheiss~

APRIL

April is the month when the weather is not unbelievably hot or extremely cold. It’s the time when you can keep your windows open, and let the cool morning breeze inside along with the sounds of birds chirping . . . Just be aware of April Fools Day! “Believe nothing, and trust nobody” is always a good rule to follow on that day. Even though the beginning of April could have a rocky start with the harsh jokes and pranks, the peaceful sounds and beautiful weather make up for it throughout the month. It’s always good to take advantage of the nice weather, because we will soon miss it when it’s gone.

~Trinity Webster~

Wonderful Time of Year

April is a wonderful time of the year. It’s when all life starts to come back. Animals start to come out of hibernation. Beautiful flowers start to bloom everywhere, covering the ground like a soft blanket. After all the cold weather you have had to endure, the sun starts to shine. You finally get to play outside without a jacket! Although there may be some downsides to spring, I believe it is an amazing time to show Mother Nature at its finest.

~Leedya Jahoo~

Flower Blooms

April is the time when the flowers bloom and it gets warmer. Personally, it’s my favorite time of the year. I love to see the flowers bloom and watch the grass turn green. I also love the summertime, because July is the month of my birthday, but spring is perfect because it’s not too cold, but not too warm either. My favorite thing to do in spring is either play basketball outside, or go for a walk. Spring is when I am always joyful and ready to get outside and be active!

~Sophie Blevins



Because the most essential school supply is food

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 Kathy Button, Jeff Allmon, or Joan Schieferecke at 620-241-9470.



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.

MAC ADVANTAGE SUMMER REGISTRATION MEETING AND YOUTH TENNIS CLINIC

Join us for a summer of tennis fun! Try out tennis for free!

SUNDAY, APRIL 2ND @ McPherson College Gym Conference Room

Summer Registration Meeting for Parents, Tennis Clinic for kids

2:00 – 3:00 Players currently 4 years old through Grade 4

3:00 – 4:30 Middle & High School—currently in Grades 5-11

MMS & MHS Boys currently playing tennis may not participate in the clinic per KSHSAA Regulations

Registration forms available at the website:
MACADVANTAGETENNIS.WIX.COM/HOME



UPCOMING EVENTS

May	1	Boys Tennis vs Salina Lakewood Track & Field @ Goddard Eisen.	3:30pm 3:30pm
May	2	PTO Meeting	5:30pm
May	3	8 th Grade College Visit @ WSU	TBA
May	4	Boys Tennis @ Newton Track & Field @ Maize Inv. 6 th Grade Vocal Concert	3:30pm 3:30pm 6:30pm
May	8	Boys Tennis @ Pioneer League Tournament @ MHS 6 – 8 Jazz Band Concert	9:00am 7:00pm
May	9	Track & Field at Pioneer League Meet @ Salina	2:00pm
May	11	Jazz Band—May Fete @ MHS	5:30pm
May	12	NO SCHOOL—All School’s Day	
May	14	Mother’s Day	
May	16	Grade 5 Band Night 5 – 8 Orchestra Concert	6:30pm 7:00pm
May	18	7 – 8 Concert & Honors Choir	6:30pm
May	24	8 th Grade Recognition	9:00am
May	29	Last Day of School—Early Dismiss	12:30pm
May	30	Memorial Day	
May	30	Summer Food Program Begins @ MMS & LES Both locations will be serving breakfast & lunch Please watch for more information coming your way	

