



MMS Bullpup Express Newsletter



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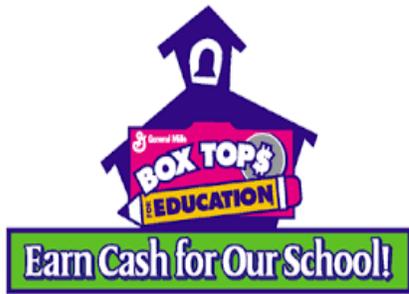
MMS EVENTS



Monday January	1		
Tuesday January	2	NO SCHOOL	
Wednesday January	3	BACK TO SCHOOL Mural Club Meeting	3:15pm
Thursday January	4		
Friday January	5	AR Winners to Opera House	TBA
Monday January	8	Computer Science Club Boys BB-7 vs Salina South (B/A) Girls BB-7 @ Salina South (A/B) Girls BB-8 @ Salina South (B/A) Boys BB-8 vs Salina South (B/A) BOE Meeting @ Central Office	3:15pm 3:30pm 5:00pm 5:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm
Tuesday January	9	Pioneer League Spelling Bee @ Salina Lakewood	3:30pm
Wednesday January	10	Winter Sports/Activities Pictures Computer Science Club Mural Club Meeting	3:15pm 3:15pm
Thursday January	11	Girls BB-7 vs Newton (B/A) Boys BB-7 @ Newton (A/B) Boys BB-8 @ Newton (B/A) Girls BB-8 vs Newton (B/A)	3:30pm 5:00pm 5:00pm 6:00pm
Friday January	12		
Monday January	15	NO SCHOOL	
Tuesday January	16		



Wednesday January	17	Computer Science Club Mural Club Meeting	3:15pm 3:15pm
Thursday January	18	Girls BB-8 vs Derby (B/A) Boys BB-7 @ Derby (A/B) Boys BB-8 @ Derby (B/A) Girls BB-7 vs Derby (A)	4:00pm 5:00pm 5:00pm 5:15pm
Friday January	19	Model UN @ WSU	TBA
Saturday January	20	Boys BB-8(B) @ Maize South Trny Girls BB-8(B) @ Maize South Trny	TBA TBA
Monday January	22	Computer Science Club Boys BB-7 vs Andover (B/A) Girls BB-7 @ Andover (A/B) Girls BB-8 @ Andover (B/A) Boys BB-8 vs Andover (B/A) BOE Meeting @ Central Office	3:15pm 3:30pm 5:00pm 5:00pm 6:00pm 7:00pm
Tuesday January	23	Wrestling @ Goddard Eisenhower	4:30pm
Wednesday January	24	Computer Science Club Mural Club Meeting	3:15pm 3:15pm
Thursday January	25	Girls BB-7 vs Valley Center (B/A) Boys BB-7 @ Valley Center (A/B) Boys BB-8 @ Valley Center (B/A) Girls BB-8 vs Valley Center (B/A)	4:00pm 5:00pm 5:00pm 6:00pm
Friday January	26	PBR Eligibility Period 7 Ends	
Saturday January	27	Wrestling @ Valley Center "A" Inv.	9:00am
Monday January	29	PBR Eligibility Period 8 Begins Computer Science Club Boys BB-7 vs Maize (B/A) Girls BB-7 @ Maize (A/B) Girls BB-8 @ Maize (B/A) Boys BB-8 vs Maize (B/A)	3:15pm 3:30pm 5:00pm 5:00pm 6:00pm
Tuesday January	30	Wrestling @ Maize South	4:30pm
Wednesday January	31	Winter PBR Class Competition & Spirit Assembly Computer Science Club Mural Club Meeting	2:00pm 3:15pm 3:15pm



The holidays and yummy food go hand in hand. As you are baking and buying this season, please remember to clip those Box Top labels and send them with your student to turn in to his or her core teacher. The winning core gets to have a pizza party sponsored by PTO. And we all win by raising money for the MMS PTO which serves the educational needs of our students! Deadline for Box Tops will be at the end of January. Thanks in advance!

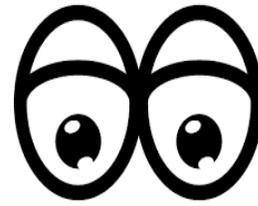


Community Service hours for 6th-8th graders are 5 hours per year.

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.



THROUGH THE EYES OF AN EIGHTH GRADER

(COMPLIMENTS OF MRS. VERNON'S PRE-AP WRITING CLASS)

Changes

Life as we know it changes by the day. Whatever happens within that day can change our future. As eighth graders, we must do everything in our power to better ourselves. That could be getting good grades or becoming great at a sport. I for one have always leaned more toward grades. Although lately I have realized the importance of becoming physically fit. I now know I will live a more comfortable life because I'm healthy. You're supposed to enjoy life too, not just live it. I have a job at the age of 14 and can drive. I love working because it makes me realize what I will have to do down the road, (the bonus is I get paid). I better understand what's ahead, and that allows me to prepare for it. My parents used to tell me, "You don't know the value of a dollar." Honestly no I didn't, not until I realized how fast money goes. I thankfully don't have to pay bills yet. I just have to save all my money for a vehicle. Knowing all of the life skills needed early on, will better my future. I hope one day I will accomplish something great. That said, I will have to try my hardest now, and not later.

~Stephen Adams~

So far, so good

My eighth grade year has been spectacular so far. However, there have been some flaws along the way. I could have prevented a lot of them, but I was lazy. In my literature class I had many missing assignments because I thought I couldn't do them good enough to get a good grade on them. I now have a plan that helps me get things done on time, and I feel like I don't have as much stress on me. After school I look at what things I have to get done, and if I need somewhere to do things without getting distracted, I stay at the school for tutorial where it's quiet. Then after I complete my assignments I go home and read for 45 minutes. I do this every night now and then I don't have to worry about reading 200 pages a night and getting books done for my next deadline. If you are in the same situation missing assignment deadlines, I recommend you try taking this approach. Don't say "oh, I'll get it done later" and then when the next day comes you don't have your homework done and you are getting bad grades. Just stay on schedule with your assignments so that you have time for other activities other than homework.

~Jhordan Brown~

Through the Eyes of an Eighth Grader (cont'd)

Snow

I really do not understand why Kansas doesn't get any snow. We have gone so long without it, isn't it about time we get some? We get through the cold winter months and yet there is still no snow. The weathermen always tell us that since it has been a really hot summer that it is going to be a cold winter, and they are but there is never any snow. Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Nebraska, Iowa, and Missouri will get snow, but we just sit here in the middle of it hoping that it will come our way. I really think that the satellites in space somehow stop the snow from coming towards us. All I want is one day during the winter where we get enough snow that it makes it really go outside because there is so much, and we have to stay inside wearing our pajamas and drinking hot chocolate. The last time I can remember us getting a big snow was about 2009 and my sister was about one year old and we went outside and built tunnels and snowmen with the snow. We had an amazing time, but ever since there has been hardly any snow. We have gotten plenty of ice, which is way more dangerous than snow because it may be hard to see while, and at least in snow you can have some traction for gripping the road or sidewalk. Ice is not what we are asking for. We want really white, flaky, shiny, cold, snow. I can't wait for the day that the weather finally decides that it is time to let out the cold beautiful snow.

~Abigail Paulsen~

Ahhhhh, Weekends

I really need to keep up with schoolwork, but I can't stop thinking of the weekends that I get to hang out with my friends. My name is Cameron Lange and this is most of the time what is on my mind. I won't go to deep in because that's my business. I have final tests coming and so is Christmas break. I like Christmas and all, but I don't really get into it as much as I used to. My favorite part though is the eggnog. Oh and if this might go in the papers.....does anyone that is reading this want kittens? We have 2 baby kittens living out on my friend's farm right now, and we would like to give them homes. I can't give my phone number for privacy reasons but if you can please try to figure out how to contact me. Any ways I know I'm boring, but I hope you enjoyed.

~Cameron Lange~

A Big Deal

In my eyes I see 8th grade as a big deal. In our middle school it goes from 6th-8th. This means that we're now the top dogs and have to set good examples for those who are younger. In 6th grade I was very nervous because I had eight classes! It's weird coming from staying in one room for eight hours than changing every hour. It's a huge adjustment but a great one. So far I've really enjoyed middle school. By the end of the year I'll be ready to go to the high school and start a new chapter in my life.

~Peyton Howard~

Basketball

When I hear of McPherson, I think of basketball. We have always been known for basketball. We always have the best talent and always make it to state. I love basketball. I'm so glad I get to grow up in a town where basketball is so big. I bet our parents hate playing us because they know how good McPherson is. My mom went to high school here and they were good when she went here. So we never lose talent.

~Cameron Pelzel~

8th Grade

Being an 8th grader means getting more responsibility and more homework. It will pay off in the future which I am thankful for. I remember in 6th grade that I couldn't even open my own locker, I still can't even open my locker.

~Marissa Pearcy~

8th grade truth

Every day we look forward to the end of school or a weekend, but we need to learn what others look forward to. I believe that people should put other needs in front of theirs, because we all look forward to what we want when people look forward to their meal, or waking up and just being alive. So through the ending of this 8th grade year for some of us we need to think of others, because those other people are the people that make us who we are.

~Madi Spigars~



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.**



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
 Kim Krase or Jeff Allmon at 620-241-9470.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

February	1	6 – 12 Band Concert @ MHS	7:30pm
February	2	PTO Dance	7:00pm to 9:00pm
February	3	Boys BB-7 Pioneer Qtrfns @ Hutch MS7	TBA
		Boys BB-8 Pioneer Qtrfns @ Hutch MS8	TBA
		Girls BB-7 Pioneer Qtrfns @ MHS	TBA
		Girls BB-8 Pioneer Qtrfns @ MHS	TBA
		Wrestling “B” Trny @ Goddard	8:00am
February	5	Computer Science Club	3:15pm
		Boys BB-7 Pioneer Semi @ Hutch MS7	TBA
		Boys BB-8 Pioneer Semi @ Hutch MS8	TBA
		Girls BB-7 Pioneer Semi @ MHS	TBA
		Girls BB-8 Pioneer Semi @ MHS	TBA
February	7	Spring Pictures	
		Computer Science Club	3:15pm
		Mural Club Meeting	3:15pm
February	8	Wrestling @ Derby Quad	4:30pm
		Boys BB-7 Pioneer Final @ Hutch MS7	TBA
		Boys BB-8 Pioneer Finals @ Hutch MS8	TBA
		Girls BB-7 Pioneer Finals @ MHS	5:00pm
		Girls BB-8 Pioneer Finals @ MHS	6:15pm
February	10	Wrestling vs McPherson Girls Inv	9:00am
February	12	Computer Science Club	3:15pm
		Pops Choir Valentine Concert/FUMC	6:30pm
		BOE Meeting @ Central Office	7:00pm
February	14	Ash Wednesday/Valentine’s Day	
		Computer Science Club	3:15pm
		Mural Club Meeting	3:15pm
February	15	Wrestling @ MMS Tri	4:30pm
February	16	PBR Eligibility Period 8 Ends	
February	19	PBR Eligibility Period 9 Begins	
		NO SCHOOL—President’s Day	
		Computer Science Club	3:15pm
February	21	Computer Science Club	3:15pm
		Mural Club Meeting	3:15pm
February	22	PBR Attendance @ Wrestling Meet	2:00pm
		Wrestling vs Derby/Valley Center	2:00pm
February	23	Play @ MMS	7:00pm
February	26	Computer Science Club	3:15pm
		BOE Meeting @ Central Office	7:00pm
February	27	Wrestling @ Salina South Tri	4:30pm
February	28	Gifted to Wichita	
		Computer Science Club	3:15pm
		Mural Club Meeting	3:15pm