



# MMS Bullpup Express Newsletter



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## JUNE MMS EVENTS

Monday June	5	BOE Meeting @ Central Office	7:00pm
Sunday June	18	Father's Day	
Monday June	26	Girls Basketball Camp BOE Meeting @ Central Office	9:00 – 11:00am 7:00pm
Tuesday June	27	Girls Basketball Camp	9:00 – 11:00am
Wednesday June	28	Girls Basketball Camp	9:00 – 11:00am
Thursday June	29	Girls Basketball Camp	9:00 – 11:00am
Friday June	30	Girls Basketball Camp	9:00 – 11:00am

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**AND**

Monday – Friday at Lincoln Elementary School at the same times. **Kids 1 to 18 eat FREE at both locations**



## JULY

Tuesday July	4		
Monday July	10	BOE Meeting @ Central Office	7:00pm
Monday July	24	BOE Meeting @ Central Office	7:00pm

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## August

Saturday August	5	District-wide Enrollment	TBA
Monday August	14	Fall Sport's Practice BOE Meeting @ Central Office	7:00pm
Tuesday August	15	First Day of School--early dismiss	12:30pm
Wednesday August	23	MMS Student Pictures	
Monday August	28	BOE Meeting @ Central Office	7:00pm
Tuesday August	29	Volleyball vs Goddard	5:00pm
Wednesday August	30	Girls Tennis vs Valley Center Cross Country @ Clearwater Inv. FB-7 vs Salina South FB-8 @ Salina South Volleyball @ Andover	3:30pm 3:45pm 4:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm

# Congratulations!

## OMEGA Award Honorees

The McPherson Chamber of Commerce established the OMEGA Award to recognize McPherson County 8<sup>th</sup> graders for making a difference by their attitude and actions, their leadership qualities and service to their community. A special OMEGA Award recognition took place Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> during ASD May Fete. The OMEGA award coincides with the 1914 origins of All Schools Day, which was to celebrate eighth grade graduates.

We will honor these MMS 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who have shown compassion to peers in challenging situations or courageously overcome struggles to help others. These are your neighborhood teenagers who have pitched in to help and the young volunteers who graciously share time and talents to help and organization or church community.

The 2017 OMEGA—Outstanding McPherson County Eighth Grade Award honorees from MMS are:

Rhys Vanderhoof, Alex Fagan, Brycen Labertew, Wyatt Eisenbarth, Landon Vogts, Matthew Powers, Jacie Myers, Lillia Diggs and Autumn Muehler.



## MMS CITIZENSHIP AWARD

Congratulations to our KSHSAA Citizenship Award winners, Brycen Labertew and Lillia Diggs.

Our runners-up were EJ Hein, Landon Vogts, Autumn Muehler and Katie Berg.

Each year the KSHSAA Citizenship Award is given to a deserving boy and girl based on a number of criteria.

- Show respect to the flag, the National Anthem and the Constitution;
- Respect both public and private property.
- Demonstrate responsibilities in school and in the community.
- Work to build school pride through active participation in projects.
- Display good sportsmanship whether as a participant or spectator.
- Are friendly towards new students and encourage them to become involved in school activities.
- Show reverence, concern and respect for the well being of others.



The Summer Food Program for kids 1 to 18 will be back this summer with two locations:

### McPherson Middle School

May 30<sup>th</sup> to July 20<sup>th</sup>

Monday thru Thursday

and

### Lincoln Elementary School

May 30<sup>th</sup> to July 21<sup>st</sup>

Monday thru Friday

Breakfast will be served at both locations from

8:00 to 9:00

Lunch will be served at both locations from

11:30 to 1:00

Transportation will again be available for youth needing a ride to and from these locations

Remember kids eat FREE

Adult breakfast: \$2.50

Adult Lunch: \$4.00



## 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). If immunizations are not up to date at the beginning of the school year your student may be expelled. Have a terrific summer!!

All unused medication will need to be picked up by and adult, by the end of the day on Wednesday, May 24th. Any medication not picked up will be disposed of.



Congratulations to Breanna Schnelle who will be joining the Hi-Steppers team next year at MHS.



Well done to our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls track teams who both took first place in our Pioneer League Division I Finals and to our 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys who finished 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys as they received 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Way to go PUPS!!!



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)

#### SUMMER

IT'S ALMOST HERE! Summer is almost here! The time for snow cones, the pool, friends, and warm weather. It is almost here, I can't believe it! I don't know what I would do if I didn't have summer. I would have nothing to look forward to at the end of the day. Everyday when I wake up I remind myself that everyday I go to school, it's one day closer to the best time of the year. It's hard to believe that we only have one more quarter left of school already, this year flew by fast. I'm not complaining though. This year I am working for a local snow cone shack that is over by park school and the Lutheran Church, so that's another reason to look forward to summer! (Mostly because I get free snow cones.) One of my favorite things about summer is that I get to be with my friends a lot, and I mean A LOT. I love how in summer most of the time I don't even know what day of the week it is let alone the actual date, because it doesn't matter when it's summer! All that matters in summer is if you get to see your friend or not, or if you picked the right snow cone flavor, and when the pool opens. I'm just happy it's finally here. Don't get me wrong school is okay, but SUMMER IS ALMOST HERE!  
~Belle Alexander~

#### One of the Most Amazing Words

Summer... One of the most amazing words in the world. To me personally it means sunshine, sunburns, chlorine, ice cream and so much more. I have always liked summer because we're out of school and so we can't be assigned homework, and we can spend the whole day doing whatever adventures that we want. It also means that the pool is open so we can swim, and to me swimming is life, and because I am on the swim team I spend almost the entire day at the pool, from seven to nine in the morning and then coming back later for fun. Summer also means ice cream, and lots of it at that. (I could probably spend the whole day naming off the names of all the great flavors.) Summer also means that we are able to take the time that was spent at school, with family and friends. We are also able to go and visit our more extended family because school is out. So in general summer is one of the most amazing times of the year. (For me at least.)

~Rhys Vanderhoof~

#### SUMMER VACATION

Most eighth graders are probably thinking, "YAY!!!!!! SCHOOL IS OUT AND WE ARE FINALLY HIGH SCHOOLERS!!!!!!" I am with them on that. This school year has been difficult and long, and I'm ready to do some stuff besides homework. I have already signed up for several camps and activities. There is a cross country camp in Colorado that I will be attending. I hope that I will have fun running as well as learn new techniques for my races. I am also going to Camp Horizon where I will learn how to do many things, as well as be a more active Christian. Soccer camps are another thing on my agenda this summer. I think that I am doing three soccer camps. I love playing sports during the summer and hope that I have a lot of fun doing the things that I love. Have a great and fun filled summer!

~Cody Achilles~

### **SUMMER STRESS**

Summer for an eighth grade student can be extremely stress relieving or even more stressful than when they were in school. For some people it means going to the pool or camps and hanging out with friends in the amazing warm weather. For others it's worrying about next year in high school and melting because it's too hot outside. I plan on spending my summer by going to my church camp and hanging out with my best friends. I'll try not to worry about next year so I can focus on an amazing summer of 2017.

~Sage Koelling~

### **SCHOOL'S OUT**

When school is out, and I don't have school I'm usually swimming or relaxing. I like to watch Netflix plus eat all the snow cones I can eat. Swimming is one thing that I get most excited for because I can just float or have fun with my friends. Most of the summer I am with my friends hanging out doing random things that mean nothing. During the week I have job which basically I watch a little girl for a few days and take her to the pool and to go and eat places. I am usually busy most of the time, but I have lots of fun with everyone and make lots of memories.

My birthday is during the summer, and I get to go and swim and do whatever on that special day. I get to sleep in all day and do whatever I want that involves swimming or sleeping. I love to tan all day with my friends, and we end up getting really burnt. I eat a lot during the summer because I am just at home doing nothing with all the food calling my name. Summer time is the best thing during the whole year because it is fun and you can relax.

~Keelyn Lackey~



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**

June	5	BOE Meeting	7:00pm
June	18	Father's Day	
June	26	Girls BB Camp	TBA
		BOE Meeting	7:00pm
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