

The Official Newsletter of
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State Assessment Time

As many of our parents know, the state assessments are part of the yearly report card the state uses to determine how well our schools are doing in educating our students. For the past few years, MMS earned excellent scores in reading, math, science and social studies. Although the recognition for doing well has changed, our entire staff, along with the students, has been working very hard to continue doing the best we can.

8th grade students will be participating in a National Assessment on Thursday, February 23rd. All students will participate in the reading and math assessments beginning in March. At the end of the month, 8th grade students will take the science assessment.

We appreciate all the support parents at home have given our students. The biggest support we can receive is the emphasis of how important it is for students to do their best. Rest, breakfast, and positive attitudes are all very big factors during our testing dates. Two of the benefits for individual students for doing well: class placement and elective choices for next year. We have a reward planned for all students who do their best!



RAD Hosting All-School Dance

All students, who are in good standing, including 6th grade, are invited to attend the spring dance hosted by MMS RAD (Responsible and Drug-free) Club. The dance will be Friday, February 24th from 7:00 – 9:00. Students will need their student ID and \$5 at the door (Some of the proceeds will go to “Pennies for Patients.”). Doors close at 7:30. Once students are in the building they must stay at the dance. If a student needs to leave early, parents must visit with one of the Administrators.

Spring Parent-Teacher Conferences

The dates and times for MMS Spring Conferences are as follows: **Monday, March 13th and Tuesday, March 14th 4:00 - 7:30.** **On Friday, March 17th, school is not in session with conference times 7:30am – 3:00pm.** Advisement teachers will be inviting parents to come to conferences to review the student’s transcript and to have the 2017-2018 pre-enrollment forms. Parents will also have the opportunity to visit with all of their child’s teachers. This is an important grading period for middle school students. The last quarter grade card determines eligibility for fall activities both at the high school and middle school. We hope to see lots of parents at conferences. The MMS staff plans to show all the great work our students have done. (More details about conferences will be sent home soon.)

Students of the Month

January- SELF-DISCIPLINE

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| 6A Lauren Young | 6B Payten Greenwell |
| 7A Michaela Anderson | 7B Shaylee Riggs |
| 8A Natasha Braun | 8B Canon Smith |

Your Character Counts!!

February’s Theme: INTEGRITY

Integrity is having the inner strength to be truthful, trustworthy, and honest in all things. Integrity is acting justly and honorably.



What's happening in February?

| Day | Event | Place | Time |
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| 2 | Spring Casual Pictures (all-school fund raiser) | | |
| 4 | Wrestling "B" | at Derby | 9:00 |
| 4,6 | Pioneer League Basketball Tournament | Girls at El Dorado Boys at Wellington | |
| 9 | Wrestling | HOME | 4:00 |
| 13 – 16 | Final Sales for 2016-2017 MMS Yearbook | | |
| 13 – 24 | "Pennies for Patients" fundraiser to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society | | |
| 16 | Wrestling | HOME | 4:00 |
| 17 | Teacher In-Service | NO SCHOOL | |
| 20 | President's Day Holiday | NO SCHOOL | |
| 22 | Last day for BOXTOPS !!! | | |
| 23 | Wrestling @ Clearwater | | |
| 24 | RAD Dance (6 th graders invited) | | 7:00 – 9:00 |
| 27 | Site Council | | 5:30 |
| | 7 th /8 th grade Track Parent Meeting | | 6:00 |
| 28 | Wrestling @ Haysville | | 4:00 |



Please No Valentine's Day Deliveries:

We are asking again this year for no Valentine's Day deliveries. This becomes an overwhelming interruption of the school day. Relatives and friends should have flowers, cookies and candy delivered to students' homes. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

MHS HOMECOMING

Feb. 6 – 10 all USD 263 students are invited to show their school spirit by participating in themes from Disney movies. The expectations for MMS students are to be compliant with dress code during this week.

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| Monday - "Sleeping Beauty" | long pajama pants |
| Tuesday - "the Incredibles" | superhero shirt |
| Wednesday - "Inside Out" | mismatched socks and clothes |
| Thursday - "Monster U" | college team shirt |
| Friday - Green and White | accessories welcome |

A note from the school nurse:

Illnesses: We have been seeing many illnesses throughout our district including, respiratory infections, stomach viruses, strep throat and Influenza A. It is important to keep your children home when they are not feeling well to reduce the spread of illnesses. Per school policy students must be free from vomiting/diarrhea for 24 hours before returning to school. Students should also be "fever free" for 24 hours without the aid of medication. A fever is considered anything over 100.0 degrees. Always remembering to cover coughs and proper hand washing is the best way to reduce the spread of infection.

REMINDERS:

Absences: Please remember to call the office when students are late or absent. In accordance with board policy, notes from appointments or memorials from funerals are needed to exempt students from making up time after school. Make-up time will be assigned when students have missed over 49 hours of school without notes and/or memorial.

Homework requests: Parents/guardians are asked to request homework through the office by 9:00am. If a student has been ill and has stayed home all day, please do not send/bring them to school to get their homework. Assignments may be picked up in the office after 2:45pm and before 4:00pm.



Helpful websites for you and your student:

www.usd263.com: district/ middle school web site: grades, attendance and assignments

www.webwisekids.org: internet safety and tips

LAST CHANCE!!!!

February 13 – 17 is the last chance to buy the 2016-2017 MMS Yearbook \$35! Don't miss out!!

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| Superintendent | Dr. Brad Rahe |
| MMS Principal | Mrs. Traci Becker |
| Assist. Prin./AD | Mrs. Heidi Perkins |
| Counselor | Mrs. Kelly Ball |