

The Official Newsletter of  
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# Cat News



## It's State Assessment Time Again

One week after students return from Spring Break, all 6<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> students will be required to take the Math and Reading Assessments. 8th grade students are required to take the Science Assessment which will take place in April.

Our students realize how important these tests are not only for the school, but for themselves as well. The individual results of the assessments help the staff determine the best placement for math and English, remedial labs and/or other academic support classes for next year. Your child's teachers have worked very hard preparing students to do their best. The teachers have also assisted with helping students take personal pride and ownership by setting achievement goals for themselves.

As a parent or guardian, you can continue to help as well. Please encourage healthy meals, lots of rest, eating breakfast, and doing their best! All testing will take place in the morning. If there is any way to avoid appointments during test time, it would be greatly appreciated. To make up any of the tests that are missed due to absences, students will have to miss class time.

Watch for information from your child about celebrating their success on State Assessments. All students who worked hard and tried their best will be rewarded with a special afternoon of fun!

### Spring Break

March 20<sup>th</sup> – March 24<sup>th</sup>



## "Pennies for Patients!"

Campaign was another Huge Success!

Thank you to all families for contributing to the 2017 "Pennies for Patients" Campaign through the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. From 2008 to this year, MMS has raised over \$32,500. Students collected money in their Advisement classes, paid for chances to guess the number of Red Hots in a jar, or to wear a hat, they bought cookies and suckers which sold at lunch. Students set their goal at \$3000. As of this newsletter we have collected around \$2,500. Donations are still coming in from others in our community!

The campaign kicked off with a representative from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society who spoke to students on how it helps local families with this life threatening illness. The campaign was sponsored and organized here through the MMS Sevenettes along with their sponsor, Mrs. Ashley Fenn.

The top three classes who had collected the most from each grade will be rewarded with a catered lunch from the Olive Garden. The top three runners-up will be rewarded with lunch from Pizza Hut

- 8th grade            1st place Mr Beckwith,  
                             2nd place Mr Sweet
- 7th grade            1st place Ms Gilbert,  
                             2nd place Mrs Fitz
- 6th grade            1st place Mrs LeClair,  
                             2nd place Mrs Hilgers

Way to go Mulvane for your compassion for local families!!

## Students of the Month

Character Counts Theme for  
February: Integrity

- 8A White: Abigail Thornton    8B Green: Chloe Waltrip
- 7ATop Dawgz: Lance Heckart    7B-Cats: Hailey Garnica
- 6A: Tess Hargrove                6B: Eden Conrad

Character Counts Theme for March:

"Perseverance"

## What's happening in March?

Day	Event	Place	Time
2	SPRING CHOIR CONCERT @ MHS		7:00PM
4	League Wrestling @ Clearwater		9:00AM
7	Math Relays @ Ark City		3:30PM
10	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter		
13	Conferences	4:00 – 7:30PM	
14	Conferences Freshmen Parent Meeting	4:00 – 7:30PM 7:00PM	
17	Conferences (School is not in Session)	7:30AM – 3:00PM	
20 – 24	SPRING BREAK		
27 – 31	Cheer Camp and Try-outs		
30	Track Pictures		

## Parent Teacher Conferences

**March 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>**

In order to make sure the conferences are productive, we ask that parents and students attend. Parent-teacher conferences provide an excellent communication opportunity and give the student a chance to share their work and grades with you. Having your student with you during the conference allows them to do this. For this reason, if at all possible, we ask that other children not attend. **Conferences provide your child with the opportunity to communicate their successes with you in the school environment.**

Pre-enrollment is taking place now. Parents are encouraged to look for the pre-enrollment forms students have. The counselor will be available to answer questions during conferences.



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

## How to Help When You Don't Know How?

Let's face it, helping kids with their math and science homework can be tricky. Who of us remembers everything we did in school? Plus, these days, what kids are learning and doing is different from what we did. Figuring out how to help your kids can be downright frustrating!

And yet, research strongly suggests that parental involvement in education has an enormous impact on student learning. First, don't panic. Second, don't give up. And third, take a look at some of the materials available online at:

[www.enc.org/focus/howtohelp/](http://www.enc.org/focus/howtohelp/)

[www.usd263.com](http://www.usd263.com)

## Athletics/Activities Information

**Outside Competition:** The Kansas State High School Activities Association (KSHSAA) has very specific rules concerning students who participate in sports away from school. If your student is planning to participate in an outside team, it is important that the coaches and students follow KSHSAA rules to stay eligible for interschool athletics.

*"From the first Tuesday following Labor Day through the last Friday preceding Memorial Day, no more than three basketball players, four volleyball players, from the same school squad may practice or participate together on the same outside team. Participation by more than three squad members on the same team shall make them ineligible for the remainder of the school year."*



Here is a friendly reminder that MMS students are helping the environment and raising funds for their school through recycling. Please donate all of your aluminum cans and pop tops. MMS is also collecting **Coke Rewards**, **Box Tops for Education**, and **Labels for Education**. There are collection boxes at MMS for all of these items