

MCJH News

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Home of the Huskies

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MCJH News is a newsletter from Mifflin County Junior High School. Its purpose is to keep parents/guardians informed about events and activities occurring at the junior high each month. For further information, please visit our website at <http://www.mcjdk12.org/mcjh/> or contact the main office at 717-248-5441.

Upcoming Dates 2019



- April 9 - Report Cards Distributed
- April 15 through April 17 - English Language Arts PSSA - Grade 8 Students
- April 18 - School in Session - Make-up Day #4
- April 19 - Good Friday - No School for Students
- April 22 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students
- April 22 through April 26 – Makerspace Supply Drop Off from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the MCSD Maintenance Building, 103 Green Ave, Lewistown
- April 24 and 25 - Math PSSA - Grade 8 Students
- April 25 - Take Your Child to Work Day
- April 30 and May 1- Science PSSA - Grade 8 Students
- May 13 and 14 - Algebra Keystone - Algebra I Students Only
- May 15 - Art Show from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- May 15 - Husky Club All Sport Recognition Night at 6 p.m. in MCHS auditorium
- May 16 and 17 - Biology Keystone - Biology Students Only
- May 18 - Run with the PACK Glow Run at 8:00 p.m. at Kish Park
- May 21 - Choir Concert 7:30 p.m. in MCHS auditorium
- May 24 - Spring Fling 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the cafeteria
- May 27 - Memorial Day - No School for Students
- June 4 - Last Day of School for Students - Dismissal at 12:30 p.m.
- June 5 - Designated Make-up Day

***For a more detailed calendar of events at MCJH, please log onto the MCJH website.**

2019 PSSA Testing Dates

- April 15, 16 and 17 English Language Arts PSSA
- April 24 and 25 Math PSSA
- April 30 and May 1 Science PSSA
- Make-up sessions will be scheduled within the PSSA testing window as needed

It's the time of year when we will be starting our Grade 8 state mandated assessments in English Language Arts, Math and Science. Parents and/or guardians are an important partner in ensuring that all students are successful. Therefore, please consider the following as your 8th grade student prepares for the PSSAs:

Preparing for Testing

- Note test dates on your home calendar and schedule appointments on non-testing days.

Preparing for Testing Day

- See that your child is rested and eats breakfast.
- See that your child arrives at school on time and is relaxed.
- Encourage your child to do the best work possible.
- Do not send your child to school if illness is apparent.

2019 Keystone Testing Dates

- May 13 and 14 Algebra Keystones - Algebra I Students Only
- May 16 and 17 Biology Keystones - Biology Students Only
- Make-up sessions will be scheduled within the Keystone testing window as needed

Thanks for Generosity

Thanks to the efforts of the entire Mifflin County Junior High School, we are pleased to announce that we raised \$5,960.50 for Mr. Aultz's family through the schoolwide Butter Braids fundraiser.

PBIS Glow Run

Come down to Kish Park in Lewistown on Saturday, May 18th at 8:00 p.m. for the Run with the PACK Glow Run! Cost is \$40 per team before May 1st. After that, the cost will increase to \$60. The race is a 4-mile relay of four people, and rewards will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams. Forms will be located in the main office at MCJH, on the school website, and in other schools throughout the district. Proceeds benefit the MCJH PBIS program and the MCS D Homelessness Pantry.

Before and After School Help

MCJH offers a variety of before and after school labs to help students:

- **Computer Lab** - Each day a computer lab is available for student use and is monitored by one of our computer teachers from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. and from 3:15 to 4:00 p.m. Students do not need a pass to complete and/or print any subject area work:
 - **Before School from 7:30-8:00 a.m.**
 - Tuesday Room 156 Mrs. Weber
 - Wednesday Room 160 Mrs. Fry
 - Thursday Room 158 Mrs. Wagner
 - Friday Room 156 Mrs. Weber
 - **After School from 3:15-4:00 p.m.**
 - Monday Room 103 Mrs. Matthews
 - Tuesday Room 103 Mrs. Matthews
 - Wednesday Room 160 Mrs. Fry
 - Thursday Room 158 Mrs. Wagner
- **Math Labs** - There are two math labs available: Get More Math and Math lab for homework help and tutoring.
 - **Get More Math lab** is open each morning at 7:30 in room 125 on Monday and in room 122 Tuesday through Friday. Students do not need a pass and may go to the lab upon arrival.
 - **Math lab** is open after school from 3:15 to 4:00 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in room 124. Students do not need a pass and they can receive help/tutoring for any math class.
- **Test Lab** - Students may make up tests Tuesday and Friday mornings in room 203 from 7:15 to 8:00. Students must have a pass from their teacher and have made prior arrangements with their subject area teacher so that the test lab monitor has the materials necessary for testing.

Family Access

Family Access is an excellent resource to keep up to date on your student's academic progress and we encourage you to access it regularly. If you need log-in information, please call Mrs. Goss, the guidance secretary, at 717-248-5441 extension 7506 for assistance.

Athletic News

- **Score Results on Twitter** - Follow MC Athletics on Twitter @MCHuskySports.
- **The Husky Club All Sports Recognition Night** will be May 15th at 6 p.m. in the MCHS auditorium. All athletes and their parents/guardians are welcome.

Art Club



For our Spring Teacher Art Night this year, students will be teaching staff members how to safely cut small pieces of glass and layer them to make unique designs. These pieces will then be fused in our kiln to create small works of art that can be hung or used as coasters. This is an image of the students' final pieces after being fused together.

The upcoming MCJH Art Show will be held on Wednesday, May 15th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The show will host the artwork of a wide variety of students from all of the art classes offered this year. Work will be displayed in the front hallways near the office.

Makerspace Update & Supply Drive

The makerspace will offer many new opportunities for our students starting next fall. This space, which will be housed in the library, will offer a creative, hands-on learning environment for students. As a staff, we are constantly trying to foster students' problem solving and collaboration skills, and the new makerspace area will provide students the chance to do just that. At the junior high, we are fortunate enough to have a courtyard space, complete with a gazebo and pond, attached to our library, and part of our mission is to renovate it into a usable outdoor learning space. With your donations of gardening tools, adhesives, Legos, Magna-Tiles, etc., we are hoping to include students in the renovation project. We can't think of a better way to encourage problem solving skills and collaboration than by giving students ownership of this project and letting them get their hands dirty!

Spanish Club

In March, the Spanish Club met to watch the movie *En el Tiempo de las Mariposas*, or *In the Time of the Butterflies*. The movie is inspired by the true story of the three Mirabal sisters who were murdered in 1960 for their part in an underground plot to overthrow the government during the time of the Trujillo dictatorship in the Dominican Republic. It was originally a book by Julia Alvarez and was adapted to film in 2001. For more information on the film, visit <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0263467/>. In addition, we were able to raise \$560 for families in need in Central America through the Pulsera Project sales!

MC Travel Club

All students, parents, and staff are invited to become a part of MC Travel Club. The club is off to a great start with over 20 8th graders signed up to raise funds to travel to Paris in 2023. If any other students are interested, contact Mrs. Croisette at dlc11@mcsdk12.org. Future trips include 2021 - Spain and Italy; 2022 - Whale Watching in Maine; 2023 - Paris. International travel allows students to expand their world knowledge and become better world citizens. Have an idea for a trip? Email or drop in to Room 150!

STEM: Robotics Club

If your child has an interest in STEM, Engineering, or Robotics, he or she may be interested in joining the Robotics Club. This club meets once or twice a month, usually on a Wednesday. So far this year, students have built R2-D2 droids using kits and have designed an obstacle course for them to navigate. We are now working with Little Bits to create a variety of things that buzz, rotate, record sound, and play music.

Yearbook

Students can order a yearbook at www.jostens.com. There are currently 100 yearbooks available for sale; once the books are sold, we will not be able to order more. Order yours now before you miss out on a year of memories!

Box Tops and Giant A+ Rewards

Our school participates in:

- **Box Tops for Education** - For this school year, we collected just over \$250 in Box Tops money. We will use the earnings for PSSA incentive prizes to hand out daily during testing days. Please continue to send in any unexpired Box Tops you may have with your child because we will do one final submission at the end of the school year. Box Tops may be turned into the main office, your child's 1st period teacher, or to Mrs. Adamire in Room 131. Thank you for your support!
- **Giant A+ Rewards**
 - Register your Giant Bonus Card at www.giantfoodstores.com/aplus and select Savings & Rewards. Follow the prompts to create your online account. You'll need your 11-digit Bonus Card number and the School ID# 40319. More information is located on the MCJH website <http://www.mcjdk12.org/mcjh/>
 - We are grateful to the 143 families who have registered their Bonus Cards, earning our school \$1,053.68 thus far!

Spring Fling

The third Annual Spring Fling Dance is Friday, May 24 from 6:30-9:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. This is a semi-formal event; however, no one will be turned away from the door. The dance is only open to current 8th and 9th grade Mifflin County students. Admission is \$5 at the door the day of the dance. No advance tickets will be sold.

Drop Off/Pick Up

With Spring sports in full swing, please abide by the drop off/pick up procedures at MCJH:

- During school hours (after 8:10 a.m.) students should be dropped off and/or picked up at the front office. If a student has already submitted an excuse for an early dismissal, a parent/guardian does not have to come into the building to pick up his or her student. Students are able to sign themselves in and out with an excuse signed by a parent/guardian.
- Before and after school, students should be dropped off and/or picked up at the gym circle in the upper parking lot. **Students should not be picked up at the tennis courts behind the building.**

Run with the PACK

Life is like a camera
Focus on what's important
Capture the good times
Develop from the negatives
And if things don't work out
Take another shot
~Unknown



The students and staff would like to thank the following businesses and groups for their continued support of our Run with the PACK program's goals of creating a positive school atmosphere and helping students to be responsible, act safely, have character, and make a difference: Lewistown Dairy Queen; Impress Design and Print; Central PA Dock and Door, LLC; Majik Rent-to-Own; Houtz Chiropractic; Ferguson Valley Storage; the Husky Club; MCSD Athletic Director, Tish Maclay; and the Juniata Valley Striders.