

# MCMS NEWSLETTER

## February

### Mifflin County Middle School

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Office Hours: 7:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Dear Parent/Guardians,

Happy Valentine's Day! Read on to find out more in regard to Girls on the Run, Husky Choral Festival, Club News, Student Volunteers, STEM, Husky of the Month, and much more!

**Yearbook orders** are being taken online. Books cost \$30.00 (A \$1.00 processing fee will be added). To order visit: <https://www.balfour.com/pennsylvania/lewistown/mifflin-county-middle-school>. To guarantee you get a book, orders should be placed by March 1st. If you have no way to order online, email Ms. Reese at [ldr24@mcSDK12.org](mailto:ldr24@mcSDK12.org).

### Girls on the Run!

**Team:** MCMS Heart and Sole

**Practices:** T/Th 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Program Start:** Tuesday, March 22, 2022

**Contact:** Mrs. Kauffman [sak27@mcSDK12.org](mailto:sak27@mcSDK12.org)

**5K Celebration:** Saturday, May 21, 2022



#### Why It Matters:

Social isolation and stressors related to COVID-19 have undoubtedly affected girls. Girls on the Run will provide a safe and interactive space for girls to connect with each other, learn valuable skills such as how to cope when things get difficult and practice positivity, and most importantly, have fun!

**Financial Assistance is available for families!**



### Upcoming Events

**February 3, 2022**

Report Cards Issued

**February 14, 2022**

Valentine's Day

**Wear Pink or Red!**

**February 21, 2022 -**

Presidents' Day -

No School for Students

Unlike other programs, Girls on the Run combines both social-emotional learning and physical activity.



#### The program fee includes:

- + 16 interactive lessons led by trained Girls on the Run coaches
- + An engaging program journal for girls to connect with lesson themes
- + An official Girls on the Run t-shirt
- + An end-of-season medal
- + A safe space where girls can connect, grow and learn with peers
- + GOTR Cinch Sack
- + A celebratory end-of-season event
- + Friendships, fun and lessons to last a lifetime!

## Ski Club

- So far we have had a great ski season! Conditions have been good and the weather has been mostly cooperative.
- Because we had to cancel our last trip to Tussey Mountain, the last trip will be **Thursday, February 10th** (2/10/2022).
- For more information about Ski Club (further announcements, and information) you can visit the [MCMS Ski Club Webpage](#)
- You can sign up for **REMIND** text messages from the MCMS Ski Club by simply texting **938b78 TO: 81010**



## Husky Choral Festival

Mifflin County Middle School's 6th and 7th grade choirs will have the opportunity to participate in the second ever Husky Choral Festival at Mifflin County High School on Tuesday, March 8th, at 7 pm. All choir members from 6th through 12th grade will come together to sing for this event. The event is free and will take place in the Mifflin County High School auditorium. All are welcome!

If the concert would have to be cancelled for any reason, the make-up date is the following Tuesday, March 15th, at 7 pm.



## Science Club News

We received the results from the United States Crystal Growing Competition:

**Wyatt Simonetti's** crystal came in 7<sup>th</sup> place in quality for k-8 crystals, earning a picture in the Top Ten Circle on the uscgc website.

**Callen Harman and Luke Sauer's** crystal earned an honorable mention and came in 15<sup>th</sup> place overall in the k-8 category.

**Eli Frank's** crystal earned an honorable mention and the 25<sup>th</sup> place "coolest" crystal

Full results can be seen at:

<https://www.uscrystalgrowingcompetition.org/us-cgc-winners>

## MCMS Student Volunteers

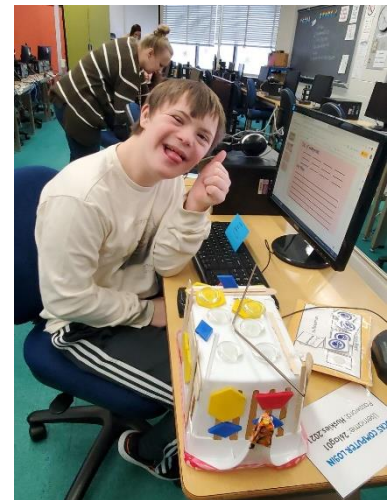
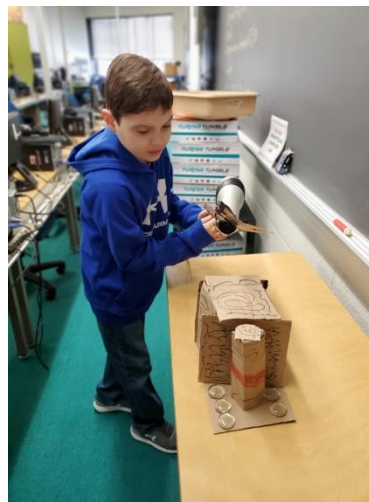
In January, a number of MCMS Family & Consumer Science students volunteered to sew bibs for newborns. This was done in coordination with SUMMIT Early Learning, which plans to distribute the bibs to new mothers, along with their program information, to WIC and the OB/GYN at Geisinger in Lewistown. SUMMIT is a child development agency that offers Head Start and Pre-K Counts programs to qualifying families.

Students who volunteered to sew bibs were Liliana Ortiz, Blake Miller, Phoebe Burkett, Haven Tate, Miley McNitt and Maddison Winters. Spring semester FCS students will also have an opportunity to use their newly learned sewing skills to volunteer for this cause.



## Stem Challenge

Computer students completed a 3 Little Pigs STEM challenge. They had to design a "house" that could withstand being blown over. The structure could not move or have anything fly off of it. Students used the school Makerspace to build their designs. They then had to assess what worked and didn't work with their structure to plan improvements.



## From the Nurse



As your child prepares for their middle school years, please note the following PA Department of Health school health requirements:

**6th Grade Vaccinations and Physical Examination:** The school nurse will accept a completed physical examination with the student's healthcare provider from up to one year prior to the first day of school this year or at any time during the sixth-grade year. A copy of the child's immunization record must be completed and turned in with the physical. Prior to the 2022-2023 school year, every student entering seventh grade must have a TDAP and an MCV (meningococcal) vaccination. These vaccines are a state requirement and failure to either turn in proof of vaccination or an exemption due to moral or religious belief can result in the student being excluded from school until proof of the vaccine or appointment to get one is turned in. Students may request physical examination forms in the school nurse's office or they can be downloaded and printed from the district's webpage.

**7th Grade Dental:** The school nurse will accept a dental form dated from up to one year prior to the school start date or anytime during their seventh-grade year. It is a state requirement that every student in 7th grade must have a dental exam. Dental forms can be picked up in the nurse's office or downloaded from the district's webpage.

## JANUARY HUSKY OF THE MONTH

**6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: AVA NEFF, DAESHAWN REEVES, JOSH GATES, LUCAS SHAWVER, AND MICHAELA WEAVER**

**7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE: ALLIE PADGETT, BROOKE WRAY, JACK SUYDAM, MADISON IMES, AND WYATT KAUFFMAN**

♥ *Happy Valentines Day* ♥