

MCMS NEWSLETTER October 2023

Mifflin County Middle School

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Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 10, 2023
Lockdown Drill

Wednesday, October 18 - Monday, October 23, 2023
Vision, Hearing, Scoliosis, Height, Weight Screenings

Friday, October 20, 2023
Act 80 Day - No School for Students

Monday, October 30, 2023
End of First Marking Period

Tuesday, October 31, 2023
Picture Retake Day

Monday, October 30 - Friday, November 3, 2023
Red Ribbon Week

Dear MCMS parents/guardians,

Happy Fall! In this edition of the MCMS monthly newsletter, you will find information regarding Red Ribbon Week, the debut of the MCMS student section at Mitchell Field, the Weis4School program, Morning Meetings, bus expectations, yearbook presale, and other middle school news.

Early Bird Study Program

Mifflin County Middle School offers an early morning study program called Early Bird. At Early Bird, students can receive help with homework, study for tests, work on class projects, and generally receive extra support with their studies.

This program is offered in the library every morning from 7:30 - 8:00 a.m. **Students should come directly to the library to sign in the logbook.** If a student needs to go to his or her locker to get materials, an Early Bird facilitator will sign a pass.

Entering Absence Excuses Online

When students are absent from school, parents have the option of submitting written excuses to the office or entering excuses online via Skyward Family Access. Instructions for how to submit excuses online can be found [at this link](#), or on the MCSD website by clicking on Students/Parents→Tech Tutorials→Family Access.

NOTE: Online excuses are only accepted for absences. Excuses for early dismissals or tardiness are NOT accepted online. Please continue to submit written excuses to the office for tardiness to school or early dismissal. Excuses may also be emailed to Mr. Strawser at ljs36@mcSDK12.org or Mrs. Macknair at jsm33@mcSDK12.org.

PBIS Raffles

PBIS Raffles have officially begun! Students may spend their points on the PBIS Rewards app to purchase entries for chances to win each raffle drawing. Drawings will be held weekly and will feature a variety of prizes donated by area businesses.

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Be ResPonsible
Act Safely
Have Character
Make a Difference

School Bus Expectations

We've been receiving a number of referrals from drivers of our students not acting safely on the bus. Please communicate with your student expectations for the bus.

Bus riding is a privilege, not a right. Cooperation with the bus driver and fellow students will result in a safe journey for all passengers. Failure to comply with rules may result in losing the privilege of riding school buses.



On The Bus:

1. Keep hands and feet inside the bus and out of the aisle at all times.
2. Assist in keeping the bus safe and sanitary at all times.
3. Do not shout or talk in an excessively loud manner.
4. Treat bus equipment with respect - never tamper with the bus or equipment.
5. Do not leave books, lunches, or other articles on the bus.
6. Do not throw anything out of the bus windows.
7. Do not throw anything inside of the bus.
8. Do not engage in horseplay, fighting, or any other behavior that may distract the driver.
9. Be courteous to fellow students and the bus driver.
10. Do not put anything in the aisle at any time.
11. Follow the bus driver's rules regarding cell phones and electronic devices. Whether or not these devices are permitted on the bus is at the discretion of the driver.

Safety Drill

On Tuesday, October 10 at 8:30 a.m., MCMS will be conducting a lockdown drill. The purpose of a school lockdown drill is to protect the children and adults in the building from a potential emergency such as the presence of a school shooter. As with fire drills and other safety programs, the hope is to acclimate students and teachers to a procedure that they will be able to follow quickly, effectively and safely.



Morning Meetings & Status Checks

What are Morning Meetings?

Every morning, during first period, teachers facilitate Morning Meetings with their classes. The topics discussed range from light-hearted preferences like favorite candy bars to more substantial subjects such as coping skills. Students have the option to actively participate or choose to observe.

Why do we do Morning Meetings?

The overarching goal of these meetings is to foster stronger bonds between the staff and students, ultimately cultivating a greater sense of community within the school environment.

What is a Status Check?

In addition to Morning Meetings, students will be utilizing the PBIS app to complete a "Status Check." This tool serves as a means for students to monitor their own mental well-being and assess their readiness to engage in learning. If a student consistently indicates feelings of anger, sadness, or stress, the School Counselor will arrange a meeting with him or her and, if necessary, reach out to a parent or guardian.

The staff at MCMS encourages all students to embrace this opportunity.

Yearbook Presale

The yearbook store is open! Yearbooks are now on sale online. The cost will be discounted until December 31, 2023, and cost \$25. The price will increase to \$30 starting January 1, 2024. Order your book today and receive the discounted rate. A \$1 processing fee will apply. This is an online only discount, so no money should be sent to school. To order, visit [this link](#) or use the QR code. If you have any questions, you can email Ms. Reese at ldr24@mcsdk12.org.



MCMS will observe Red Ribbon Week during the week of October 30 - November 3.

The 2023 RRW Theme is:
Be Kind to Your Mind: Live Drug Free

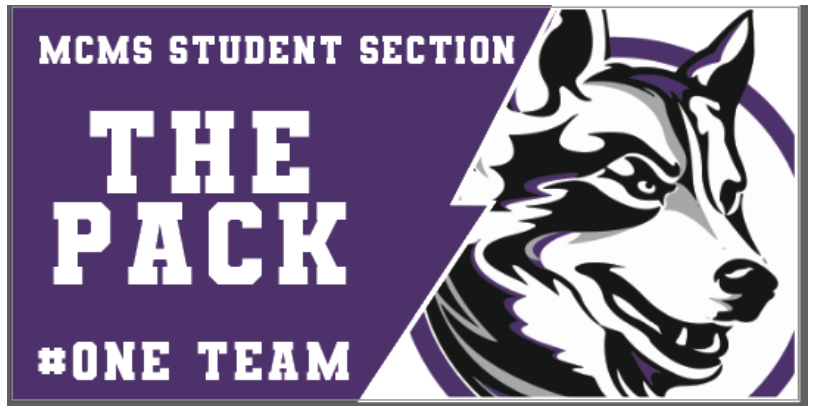
During RRW, students will have the opportunity to answer questions about drug and alcohol abuse prevention during Morning Meetings. Correct answers will be put into a basket, and a drawing will be held for small prizes at the end of the week.

We will also hold a RRW Spirit Week! Spirit day themes will be announced later in October.



Announcing the New MCMS Student Section!

On Friday, September 22, the Mifflin County Middle School Student Section, **The Pack**, made its debut at Mitchell Field. The MCMS Student Section is located at the goalposts beside The Dawg Pound Student Section. Students at MCMS submitted student section names and then voted on the top six names with “The Pack” receiving the most votes. Special thanks to Athletic Director Tish Maclay and the athletic department for supporting the creation of the MCMS Student Section. If attending an athletic event at Mitchell Field, students are encouraged to sit in the Student Section to cheer the Huskies.



Athletic News

- Winter Sports Registration opens October 1st and the deadline to register is November 13th. The 1st day of winter sports practices is November 17th. Please see [the athletics website](#) for more information.
- Senior Citizen, Veteran and Active Military passes from last year are valid for the 23-24 sports season. Passes can be picked up at the MCHS main office for anyone that qualifies. Passes MUST be presented for free admission.
- Tickets for all Mifflin County Home Varsity Football games and Volleyball matches can be purchased online [at this link](#).
- Get the most up-to-date athletic information on our athletic website and by following ArbiterLive!
- Check out our MC Athletics' Facebook page and follow us on Twitter @MCHuskySports for the most up-to-date information regarding MC Athletics.
- Many sponsorship opportunities are available to support your MC Huskies! Please contact the athletic office for more information.

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big league dreams.**

Geisinger

Geisinger is the official sports medicine and orthopedics provider of the Mifflin County Huskies. Geisinger supports the big dreams of Mifflin County athletics, and whether your dreams include playing in the pros, hiking, or just getting back on your feet, our doctors and healthcare professionals are here for you every step of the way. Learn more at [Geisinger.org/bigdreams](https://www.geisinger.org/bigdreams).

Classroom Spotlight: Mrs. Wozniak's Art Room

Mrs. Wozniak's art students have been exploring the elements and principles of art and design through 2-Dimensional and 3-Dimensional works! Students have been exploring and creating illustrated recipes, emphasizing drawing and painting as well as cardboard furniture sculptures. We have many talented artists!



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