

# MCMS NEWSLETTER

## December 2023

### Mifflin County Middle School

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



### Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, December 5, 2023**  
MCMS Band Concert - 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023**  
MCMS Choir Concert - 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, December 22, 2023 -  
Tuesday, January 2, 2024**  
Christmas Vacation

### Winter Concerts

On December 5, the MCMS Band Concert will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the MCMS auditorium. On December 12, the 6th and 7th grade choirs will be offering their winter concert. This will also take place at 7:00 p.m. in the MCMS auditorium. Come join us for two evenings of great music!



### Yearbook Presale

The yearbook store is open! Yearbooks are now on sale online. The cost will be discounted until December 31, 2023, and cost is \$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](mailto:ldr24@mcSDK12.org).



### Follow MCMS on Social Media!

MCMS is on Facebook and Instagram! Follow us to keep up with the latest Husky happenings!



### Giving Tree

Throughout the holiday season, the MCMS Giving Tree will be in the lobby. Staff and students may bring in donations of hats, scarves, gloves/mittens, socks, and any other warm, cozy items for kids in need. Donations may be brought to the nurse's office or Ms. Elsesser's room to be hung on the tree.

# MCMS Student Council News

## Tally Your Turkeys



We are proud to announce that the MCMS student body raised **\$4,133** in our annual Tally Your Turkey fundraiser to benefit the Salvation Army! We are so proud of our students and want to thank everyone who contributed their support to this worthwhile cause.

The total amount raised was revealed during our annual TYT assembly. During the assembly, students and staff participated in several fun relays (see pictures below). Ms. Fosselman's and Mrs. Haines's classes brought in the largest donations this year, so they had the honor of recording a Christmas carol which will be broadcast on MERF radio 97.3 FM throughout the holiday season!



## Reminders from the Nurse

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Physical Examinations:** The school nurse will accept a completed physical examination 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.

**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.

All physical/dental forms can be picked up in the main office or downloaded from the district website.

## Athletic News

- Meet the Huskies for Winter Sports will take place on January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the MCHS Auditorium.
- 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 <https://events.ticketspicket.com/agency/e76d4bd5-9868-4b08-878a-9472b4410179>
- Get the most up-to-date athletic information on our athletic website and by following ArbiterLive!
- Check out our MC Athletics' Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MiffcoAthletics>, 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.

We support  
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).

## MCMS Ski Club Announcement

- All money and order forms are due December 6<sup>th</sup>. We're hoping the badges and meal cards will be here to distribute before Christmas break.
- You can sign up for **REMIND** text messages from the MCMS Ski Club by simply texting **@h47gk3 TO: 81010**
- Trips to Tussey this year will be on the following Thursdays
  - 01/11/2024
  - 01/18/2024
  - 01/25/2024
  - 02/01/2024
- For more information about Ski Club you can visit the [MCMS Ski Club Webpage](#).

## November Huskies of the Month

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Bronn Zook

Caleb Sheeler

Kendall Mowery

Olivia Bay

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Faith Garland

Carys Morgan

Cohen Leister

Maddux Bagrosky



## November Leaders of the Pack

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Ryder Miller

Jake Augst

Amara Deckman

Juiliona Ritter

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Addison Westover

Jayda Thomas

Mason Stewart

Kai Kelley





# MAKE A DIFFERENCE DRIVE

To help the local community during the holidays, Mifflin County Middle School will be collecting the following items from **December 1st to December 20th.**

- Canned meats (i.e. tuna)
- Canned veggies and fruits
- Canned soups, baked beans, Ramen®, & raviolis
- Knorr noodles, mac & cheese, and boxed potatoes
- Jellies and peanut butter
- Cereals and oatmeal
- Mustard & ketchup
- Pasta sauces



All donations will be given to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard

Every donation - PBIS points!

## 12 DAYS OF PBIS

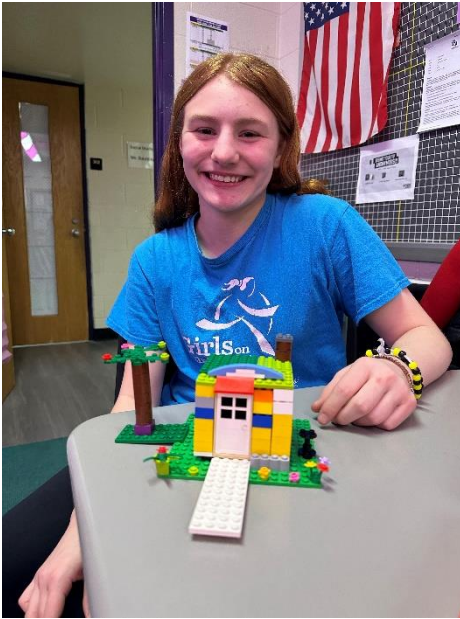
| DECEMBER  |  |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  |
|   |  |   | 7<br>RUDOLPH DAY<br>WEAR AS MUCH RED AS YOU CAN!           | 8<br>SOCKIN' AROUND THE CHRISTMAS TREE<br>WEAR A PAIR OF FUN HOLIDAY SOCKS!<br> |
| 11<br>Candy Cane Day<br>DRESS IN RED AND WHITE LIKE A CANDY CANE. | 12<br>SANTA'S WORKSHOP<br>WEAR A SANTA HAT                       | 13<br>100% THAT GRINCH<br>WEAR AS MUCH GREEN AS YOU CAN!          | 14<br>DISNEY ON ICE<br>DRESS IN DISNEY GEAR                | 15<br>WINTER WONDERLAND<br>WEAR BLUE, WHITE, AND SILVER!<br>                    |
| 18<br>Snowed In<br>WEAR A BEANIE AND GLOVES                       | 19<br>Flannel Day<br>COZY UP AND WEAR YOUR FAVORITE FLANNEL!<br> | 20<br>SWEATER WEATHER<br>WEAR AN UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER OR SHIRT! | 21<br>HOLIDAY GLOW UP<br>DRESS IN SHINY AND BRIGHT CLOTHES | 22<br>HOLIDAY BREAK!<br>  |

## MCMS Classroom Spotlights

### Mrs. Weaver - Reset Day Lego Creations

On Friday, November 17, students at MCMS participated in a “Reset Day.” This was a day for students and staff to wipe the slate clean, break up the monotony, boost motivation, and build connections with one another. Teachers throughout the building implemented a variety of fun learning activities for Reset Day.

Mrs. Weaver had her students creating Lego masterpieces. Check out the photos of some of the creations below!



### Mr. Wriglesworth - DNA Origami Model

Students in Mr. Wriglesworth’s 7<sup>th</sup> grade science classes recently created origami models of DNA. For extra credit, students were told that if they submitted a picture of their DNA in a cool or interesting place - even hanging on their Christmas tree - they could have a few bonus points. One student, Easton Stonerook, went above and beyond and toted his DNA model out to Illinois where he snapped a pic with his Illinois buck!



# Attendance Tips

Research shows that missing **just two days a month of school** (excused or unexcused) has a significantly negative impact on a student's academic performance.

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Students should miss no more than 9 days of school each year to stay engaged, successful and on track to graduation.
- Frequent absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.
- Missing 10%, or 2 days a month, over the course of the school year, can affect a student's academic success.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

### Make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your children maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and non-urgent related medical appointments during the school day.
- Keep your student healthy, and if you are concerned about Covid-19, call your school for advice.
- If your children must stay home because they are sick, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

### Help your teen stay engaged

- Find out if your children feel engaged by their classes, and feel safe from bullies and other threats.
- Make sure your teens are not missing class because of challenges with behavioral issues or school discipline policies. If any of these are problems, contact the school and work with them to find a solution.
- Monitor your teen's academic progress and seek help from teachers or tutors when necessary. Make sure teachers know how to contact you.
- Stay on top of your child's social contacts. Peer pressure can lead to skipping school, while students without many friends can feel isolated.
- Encourage your child to join meaningful after-school activities, including sports and clubs.
- Notice and support your students if they are showing signs of anxiety.

### Communicate with the school

- Know the school's attendance policy – incentives and penalties.
- Check on your child's attendance to be sure absences are not adding up.
- Seek help from school staff, other parents, or community agencies if you need support.

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