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MIFFLIN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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OFFICE HOURS:
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

DEAR MCMS PARENTS/GUARDIANS,

Happy New Year! Read on to find news about Ski Club, Student Council activities, Career Week, the PBIS "Make a Difference" food drive, athletics, and more. Page 3 features an important update about the MCMS Makerspace, and page 6 showcases Lego robotics projects completed by MCMS students.

UNSAFE ROADS DUE TO WINTER WEATHER

If the Mifflin County School District is in session and a parent/guardian determines that the roads are "unsafe" to travel due to poor weather conditions, the parent/guardian is permitted to have the student(s) remain at home for the day. To be granted an excused absence, the parent/guardian would need to submit an excuse to the school stating the roads are "unsafe."

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, January 12, 2024

Glow Dance (6:30-8:30 p.m.)

Monday, January 15, 2024

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
No School

Friday, January 19, 2024

Second Marking Period Ends

Friday, January 26, 2024

Act 80 Day
No School for Students

Monday, January 29 –

Friday, February 2, 2024
Book Fair in Library

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

Report Cards Issued

SKI CLUB NEWS

IT'S SKI SEASON! Our first trip to Tussey Mountain will be on January 11th, 2024. Subsequent trips are as follows (all are Thursday nights):

- 1/18/2024
- 1/25/2024
- 2/01/2024



For more information about Ski Club (further announcements and info), visit the [MCMS Ski Club Webpage](#). You can sign up for **REMIND** text messages from the MCMS Ski Club by simply texting **@h47gk3 TO: 81010**. **THINK SNOW!!!**



GLOW DANCE

Student council will be having a glow dance on January 12, 2024, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the MCMS cafeteria. The cost will be \$2.00. Each student will get a glow item upon entrance to the dance. There will be additional glow items for purchase. Our concession stand will also be open. Dress is casual.

CAREER WEEK 2024

During the week of January 16-19, MCMS will be holding "Career Week." Sixth and seventh grade students will participate in a career lesson, using the Xello app. The school counselors will provide instruction, and the computer teachers will facilitate the lesson in their computer classes during the corresponding six day cycle. The career lessons will consist of an interest inventory and career exploration, which aligns with the Pennsylvania Academic Standards for Career Education and Work. To supplement this, our Morning Meetings will reflect Career topics and we will have the following theme days:

Tuesday: Dress for Success — dress for the career you want

Wednesday: Run Towards the Future — wear sweatpants/jogging attire

Thursday: Don't Hide from Success — wear camo

Friday: Oh the Places You'll Go! — wear a shirt with college/technical school/military/business logo



MCMS MAKERSPACE UPDATE

We are currently in the process of updating the Makerspace at MCMS. In order to have a space that is as useful as possible, we are in need of several items to be donated. If you are able, we would be so thankful of any donation that you are willing to provide. Monetary donations will also be appreciated. Donations may be sent in with students, and they should be brought to room 206 or 209.



The items that we are in need of are:

- Old games (even if there are missing pieces)
- Rubber bands
- Legos, K'NEX, Magna-Tiles, other building toys, etc.
- Styrofoam cups various sizes, plastic solo style cups, plastic spoons, forks, knives
- Wood: extra wood piece, strangely shaped wood, large wooden craft sticks
- Duct tape, electrical tape, masking tape, painters tape
- PVC pipe and connectors
- Wires, pipe cleaners/chenille sticks, wikki stix
- Motorized toothbrushes - usually sold at Dollar Tree
- Cleaning supplies (paper towels, sponges, soap, Clorox wipes, etc.)
- Office supplies: Expo markers, scissors, glue, tape, construction paper, pencils, rulers, batteries
- Toys: Legos, building toys, science kits, broken toys, action figures, animal figurines
- Household items: Styrofoam cups/plates, foil, wax paper, coffee filters, toothpicks, straws, cereal/soda boxes, silverware, plates, cups, bowls,
- Packaging materials such as bubble wrap
- Cardboard (old boxes, toilet paper rolls, wrapping paper, etc.)
- Old tools – screwdrivers, hammers, electric tools
- Screws, washers, nuts, bolts, nails
- Paper towel tubes, popsicle sticks, paint stir sticks, buttons, origami paper
- Flashlights
- Any green items: gloves, straws, string, yarn, cups, (we will use these for green screen)
- Storage containers: plastic tubs, pullout drawers
- Plastic bags: gallon size, quart size, sandwich size
- All kinds of glue and glue guns
- Old computers
- Any items you feel could be helpful in creating student projects

ATHLETIC NEWS

- Meet the Huskies for Winter Sports will take place on January 15th 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 Basketball games and Wrestling 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.



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).

REMINDERS FROM THE NURSE

6th 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.

PBIS “MAKE A DIFFERENCE” FOOD DRIVE

Throughout the month of December, the MCMS PBIS Core Team sponsored a “Make a Difference” Food Drive to benefit Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard in Lewistown.

In total, our students collected nearly 250 canned goods that were picked up by a representative from Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard! These goods will help to provide meals for local families all through the year!



SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER

Just before the holiday break, MCMS Student Council members joined the life skills class to go caroling around the school and spread some holiday cheer!



CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT: COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

Sixth and seventh grade students in Ms. Reese's, Mr. Yerger's, and Mr. Whited's Computer Technology classes recently participated in LEGO Robotics Education courses. The LEGO Robotics course engages students in hands-on investigations of STEAM concepts integrating literacy, math, computer science/coding, and social-emotional skills. Students were able to learn how to design, program and control fully functional models and robots that carry out life-like automated tasks.

The 6th grade students completed a Super Cleanup Project where they made robotic arm grabbers. After building 2 different models and testing them on a variety of objects, they then drew conclusions as to which one was best to pick up each object. The 7th grade students completed the Break Dance lesson. Students used iPads to program various sensors and motors to add variables to their dancing robots, such as alternating speed/rhythm and audio music to make the robot dance in a realistic motion. Below are a few snapshots of the awesome projects created by our MCMS students!

