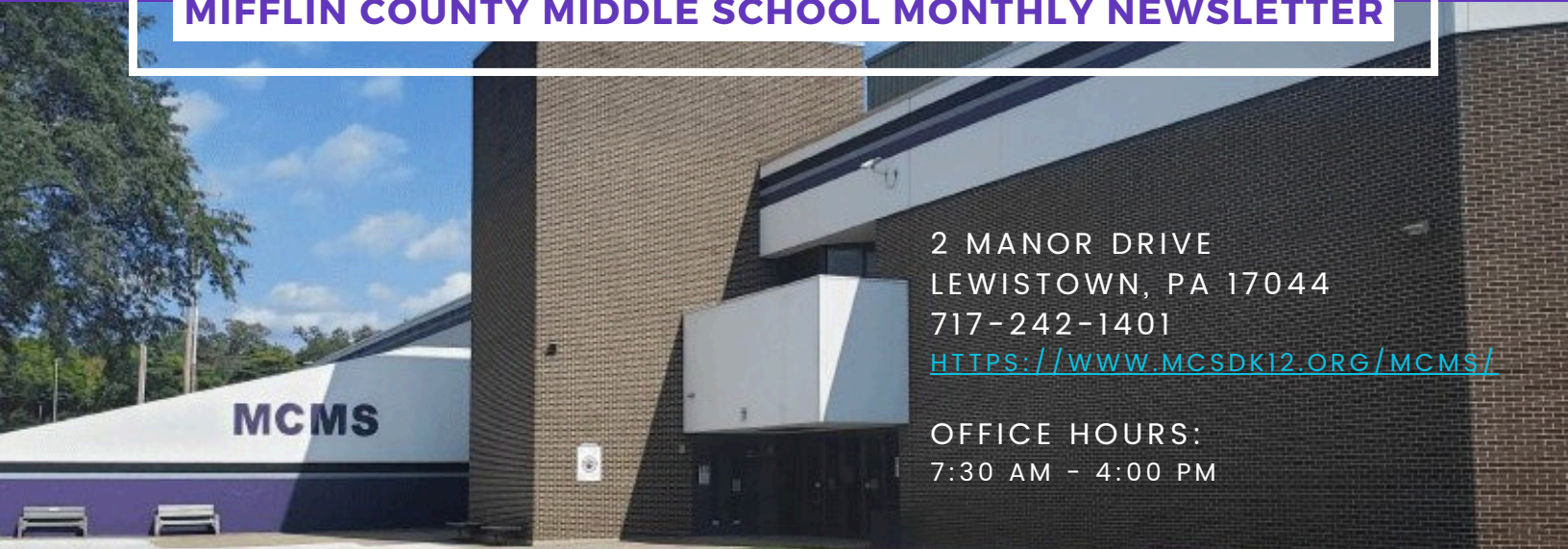


PACK POST

MIFFLIN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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DEAR MCMS PARENTS/GUARDIANS,

It's hard to believe that we're down to the final marking period of the school year! In this edition of the Pack Post, you'll find info about PSSA testing, a new HSA raffle, upcoming concerts, and other Husky happenings.

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY

"Take Your Child to Work Day" will be observed on Thursday, April 23, 2026. In order for students who miss school to participate in "Take Your Child to Work Day" to receive an excused absence, parents/guardians must submit a consent form to the school office by Wednesday, April 22, 2026. Consent forms are available in the MCMS office or [at this link](#). Students who participate in "Take Your Child to Work Day" will not be eligible for perfect attendance.

FOLLOW MCMS ONLINE AND ON SOCIAL MEDIA:



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, April 3, 2026

Good Friday

No School for Students

Monday, April 6, 2026

School in Session

Snow Make-up Day for January 27

Report Card Distribution

Monday, April 20, 2026 -

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

ELA PSSA Testing

Thursday, April 23, 2026

ELA PSSA Make-Up Testing

Monday, April 27, 2026 -

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

Math PSSA Testing

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

Math PSSA Make-Up Testing

NEW MCMS HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who has supported our MCMS HSA raffles and fundraisers — we truly appreciate your generosity! The HSA helps support our students through PBIS incentives and activities. Be sure to check the MCMS Facebook page for updates and information on upcoming raffles and ways to get involved.



PRIZE: A Family 4-Pack Pass to the Rec Park Pool and 4 beach towels - perfect for making sunny day memories! Only **50 chances available**. Entries are **\$15 each**. Once all chances are sold, a winner will be drawn and one lucky winner will enjoy poolside fun with the whole family, so don't wait!

Every ticket purchased helps support MCMS HSA and the amazing programs we bring to our students and school community.

BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKET HERE CLICK TO PURCHASE →

<https://square.link/u/422Wmhaw>

Pickup: Winner can collect the prize at the Middle School office during school hours.

PBIS PARENT SURVEY

We value your voice! MCMS is asking all families to take a few minutes to complete our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) Parent Survey. Your feedback helps us better understand what's working, identify areas for growth, and continue creating a positive, supportive environment for all students.

The survey is quick, confidential, and incredibly important to our school's ongoing improvement efforts. Follow [this link](#) to complete the survey. Thank you for partnering with us to make MCMS the best it can be!



PSSA TESTING BEGINS ON APRIL 20

It's the time of year when we will be completing our state mandated assessments in English Language Arts and Math beginning on **April 20**. Parents and/or guardians are an important partner in ensuring that all students are successful. Therefore, please consider the following as your 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.



TESTING DATES FOR 2025-2026

PSSA testing dates are below. Please try to avoid scheduling appointments during these days. Thank you!

PSSA		
ELA	April 20, 21, and 22	April 23 Make-up
Math	April 27 and 28	April 29 Make-up

CONCERT SEASON IS COMING UP!

With the change of the seasons and the beginning of the fourth marking period, it's time to get ready for spring concert season at MCMS. Students are working very hard on difficult concert repertoire to entertain the community in the month of May. Here is a list of concerts our MCMS students are participating in next month:

May 5: MCMS Choirs: 7:00 p.m. in the MCMS Auditorium

May 8: PMEA District 4 6th Grade Band Fest: 7:00 p.m. at Huntingdon Area High School

May 12: MCMS Instrumental Ensembles: 7:00 p.m. in the MCMS Auditorium

May 15: MCSD Jazz Festival: 7:00 p.m. in the MCHS Auditorium



JUNIOR HIGH HONORS BAND RETURNS WITH A BANG!

MCMS hosted the grand return of the Junior High Honors Band on Tuesday, March 24, 2026. This year, over 80 seventh, eighth and ninth graders from Mifflin and Juniata County joined together for a day of rehearsals that culminated with an evening concert. MCMS was well represented by the following 19 students:

Cadence Diehl-Flute

Cloe Frankhouser-Flute

Sawyer Chambers-Clarinet

Jazlyn Garcia-Garcia-Clarinet

Nevaeh Hammill-Clarinet

Emma Peachey-Clarinet

Ansley Wyland-Bass Clarinet

Sophie Kise-Alto Saxophone

Evelynn Parkes-Alto Saxophone

Nolan Wade-Alto Saxophone

Jonas Kochenderfer-Tenor Saxophone

Airalynn Alexander-Baritone Saxophone

Scarlett Daer-Trumpet

Abbi Snyder-Trumpet

Audrey Shinskie-French Horn

Rose Miller-Trombone

Isaac Coldren-Baritone

AJ Dean-Percussion

Gracen Heckendorn-Percussion



CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT: MS. ELSESSER'S ART CLASS

Students in Ms. Elsesser's art classes have been hard at work exploring the human form through both drawing and sculpture. As a foundation for their latest project, students practiced sketching a variety of human figures using adjustable wooden mannequins, incorporating both pencil and charcoal to develop their shading and detail techniques.

Building on those skills, students then collaborated in groups to create impressive tape sculptures of the human figure. This hands-on project has sparked creativity, teamwork, and plenty of excitement. Students are having a blast bringing their artwork to life!



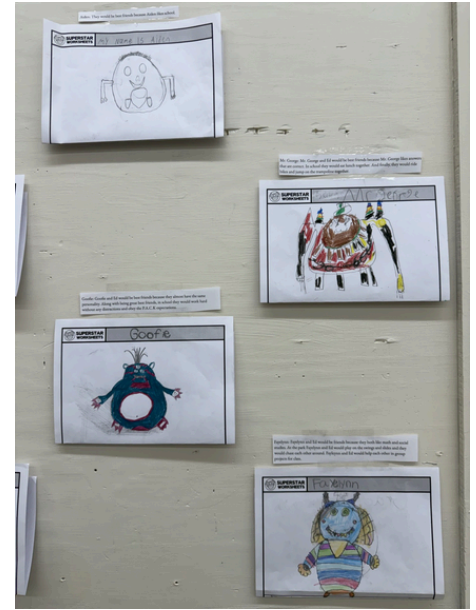
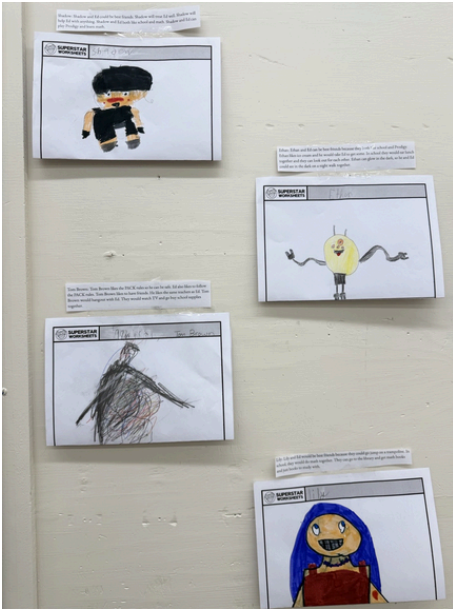
CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT: MS. REESE'S COMPUTER CLASS

Students in Ms. Reese's 1st period computer classes created Microbit micropets. Students used the Makerspace to create an animal, item, or robot. They then coded Microbit LED lights to show happy, sad, and scared emotions. They attached the Microbits to their creations and used the buttons to change the reactions.



CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT: MRS. ZERBY'S MATH CLASS

Students in Mrs. Zerby's class recently welcomed a new class mascot: Ed, the Prodigy Monster, who represents the math platform Prodigy that students use regularly in class. To help Ed feel at home, students designed their own original monsters and wrote about why their creation should become Ed's new friend. Their drawings and writing were then displayed on a gallery wall, where classmates viewed the work and voted for their top three favorites. To keep the voting fair, each entry was displayed anonymously, with student names placed on the back.



CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT: MR. WRIGLESWORTH'S SCIENCE CLASS

Students in Mr. Wriglesworth's science classes recently took part in an engaging, hands-on frog dissection lab. This experience provided students with the opportunity to explore anatomy in a real-world context, deepening their understanding of body systems and how they function together.



CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT: MRS. HARTMAN'S SCIENCE CLASS

Students in Mrs. Hartman's science classes have been exploring the building blocks of rocks: minerals! They learned how to identify key features such as crystal structure and even grew their own crystals to see how they form. To wrap up the unit, students cracked open geodes and examined the crystal formations inside while discovering the conditions that create these natural wonders.



HUSKIES OF THE MONTH: MARCH

Congratulations to the March Huskies of the Month! These students were nominated and voted on by their teachers. HOTM is a program to recognize students with strong work ethic, good grades, no discipline referrals, and positive character. In other words, HOTM honors students who try their best every day!



March Huskies of the Month, from left, Oliver Hartzler (7th grade), Micah Mathews (6th grade), Cadence Diehl (7th grade), Skylar McCullough (6th grade), Jakobe Colbert (7th grade), Kaleb Swineford (6th grade), Leah Savitts (7th grade), and Leylah Clinger (6th grade).

LEADERS OF THE PACK: MARCH

Congratulations to the March Leaders of the Pack! These students were nominated and voted on by their teachers. Leaders of the Pack are students who model PACK expectations and positive character traits. The third marking period's character trait was **respect**.



March Leaders of the Pack, from left, Reagan Walters (7th grade), Lucie Byler (7th grade), Jace Wagner (6th grade), Brooks Druckenmiller (7th grade), Layla Gray (6th grade), and Lucy Breon (6th grade). Maxwell Smith (7th grade) and Gabriel Stidfole (7th grade) were absent for the photo.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	What is a Meal? Students must choose at least 3 of the 5 components available for the school lunch price. - Choice of Whole Grain - Choice of Protein - Choice of Vegetable - Choice of Fruit - Choice of Milk -A minimum ½ cup serving of fruit or vegetable must accompany a reimbursable lunch. Choice of Vegetable May Include: Hot vegetable, leafy salad, composed bean salad, seasonal fresh vegetables Choice of Fruit May Include: Seasonal fresh fruits, canned fruit in light syrup, 100% fruit juice Choice of Milk May Include: White, Chocolate or Strawberry Alternatives May Include: Fresh Entree Salad of the Week Weekly Cold Cut Sandwiches & Wraps
Alternatives: Week 1: PBJ Week 2: Grilled Chicken Week 3: Turkey Cheese Wrap Week 4: Deli Ham Week 5: PBJ		1 Asian Chicken over Rice Garden Salad with Goldfish Crackers & Dinner Roll (V) FEATURED VEGGIES Steamed Broccoli Carrot Sticks 2	2 Pasta w/ Meat Sauce Breadstick Garden Salad with Goldfish Crackers & Dinner Roll (V) FEATURED VEGGIES Peas Caesar Side Salad 3	3 No School Good Friday	
6 Chicken Nuggets with Roll Chef Salad with Dinner Roll FEATURED VEGGIES Tater Tots Baked Beans 4	7 Soft Tacos Chef Salad with Dinner Roll FEATURED VEGGIES Corn Lettuce & Tomato 5	8 Cheeseburger on a Bun Chef Salad with Dinner Roll FEATURED VEGGIES Glazed Carrots Oven Fries 6	9 Corn Dog Chef Salad with Dinner Roll FEATURED VEGGIES Tots Side Salad 1	10 Cheese Pizza Chef Salad with Dinner Roll FEATURED VEGGIES Steamed Broccoli Celery 2	
13 Sloppy Joe on Brioche Roll FEATURED VEGGIES Oven Fries Peas 3	14 Walking Taco with Pretzel Stick FEATURED VEGGIES Corn Lettuce & Tomato 4	15 Cheesesteak on a Roll FEATURED VEGGIES Tater Tots Carrots 5	16 Chicken Alfredo with Garlic Breadstick FEATURED VEGGIES Steamed Broccoli Celery Sticks 6	17 Fiestada Pizza FEATURED VEGGIES Cherry Tomatoes Cucumber Slices 1	
20 Cheeseburger on a Bun Garden Salad with Goldfish Crackers & Dinner Roll (V) FEATURED VEGGIES Steamed Broccoli Oven Fries 2	21 Nachos Grande Garden Salad with Goldfish Crackers & Dinner Roll (V) FEATURED VEGGIES Corn Black Beans 3	22 French Toast Sticks with Sausage Patties Garden Salad with Goldfish Crackers & Dinner Roll (V) FEATURED VEGGIES Tri Patty Taters Pepper Strips 4	23 Macaroni & Cheese (V) Garden Salad with Goldfish Crackers & Dinner Roll (V) FEATURED VEGGIES Cherry Tomatoes Peas 5	24 Cheese Pizza (V) Garden Salad with Goldfish Crackers & Dinner Roll (V) FEATURED VEGGIES Green Beans Baby Carrots 6	
27 Popcorn Chicken with Roll Chef Salad with Dinner Roll FEATURED VEGGIES Mashed Potatoes Steamed Broccoli 1	28 Cheese Quesadilla Chef Salad with Dinner Roll FEATURED VEGGIES Corn Lettuce & Tomato 2	29 Sausage Egg & Cheese Sandwich Chef Salad with Dinner Roll FEATURED VEGGIES Hash Brown Cucumber Slices 3	30 Chicken Patty on a Bun Chef Salad with Dinner Roll FEATURED VEGGIES Green Beans Side Salad 4		
Your Team Bob DuFour--Food Service Director 717-248-0148 ext. 2514 ma1134@metzcorp.com or rd02@mcsdk12.org					
Meal Prices Student Lunch \$3.10 Reduced Lunch \$.40					



Menu subject to change due to product availability. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



MCMS ACADEMIC HELP 2025-2026

Need help with homework and studying?

Check out Early Bird or the Husky Homework Huddle!

Both of these programs are available for homework help all year long!



Before School Early Bird	Monday through Friday Library Mr. Hetrick and Mrs. Haines	7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
After School Husky Homework Huddle	Tuesday and Thursday Room 203 Mr. McKelvey	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

ATHLETIC NEWS

- May 18 in the MCHS Auditorium will be our **collegiate/military recognition night** for all athletes continuing their athletic/military careers. We will begin at 6:00 p.m.
- **The Husky Club All-Sports Recognition Night** will be May 19 in the MCHS Auditorium beginning at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.
- Senior Citizen, Active Military, and Veteran Free Athletic Passes can be obtained at the MCHS Main Office. All passes are good for life.
- **MCS D students will receive free admission to all MCS D HOME events for the 2025-2026 school year!**
- 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.

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).



FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE



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 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.

Students may request physical examination forms in the school nurse's office, or they can be downloaded and printed from the district's webpage (Student/Parents > Nurses > Forms & Policies > Private Physician Physical Form).

Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medication Forms: Over-the-Counter Medication forms must be completed and signed by a parent/guardian in order for students to receive medication from the school nurse. If your child has not submitted the Over-the-Counter Medication form to the Nurse's Office, your child will not receive medication at school. Forms were sent home in the First Day Packet and are also available in the nurse's office.

MCSD Medication Policy Reminder: As a friendly reminder, students are NOT permitted to carry any medications on their person during school hours. This includes cough drops, medicated creams, eye drops or anything used for medicinal purposes. The only medications students may carry with a physician's order are epi-pens, diabetic supplies, or inhalers. Parents and guardians must deliver medications to the school nurse in the original prescription bottles or packaging along with the MCSD prescription medication form completed by the prescribing physician.

Please call Nurse Staub at **717-248-1401 ext. 6509** or email at jj20@mcsdk12.org if your child needs to take any medication at school.

Parents/guardians may drop off medications to the nurse's office during regular school hours, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please call or email the MCMS school nurse throughout the school year if your student has a change in his or her health status and needs any additional support or assistance during school hours. Please also keep in mind, morning meds should be given at home.

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.

SECONDARY STUDENT HANDBOOK

At Mifflin County Middle School, we strive to create a safe, respectful, and engaging learning environment for all students. To support this goal, we ask that families review the Student Handbook for Secondary Education, which outlines important policies, expectations, and guidelines. The handbook can be found [at this link](#). We encourage parents and guardians to read through the handbook with their student to ensure everyone is familiar with school rules, attendance policies, and behavior expectations. Please note that as policy updates occur, there may be changes to the Student Handbook.

COMPLAINT PROCEDURES - MCSD POLICY 906

Mifflin County Middle School is committed to maintaining a positive and responsive school environment. If you have a concern or complaint about Board policy and procedures, programs, personnel, operations or facilities, concerns should be addressed directly with the teacher, staff member or administrator involved. Many issues can be resolved through open and respectful communication. More information on complaint procedures is provided in Policy 906 of [the MCSD Policy Manual](#).

REVIEW OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS - MCSD POLICY 105.1

Mifflin County School District School Board Policy 105.1 requires annual notification to parents/guardians and students that parents/guardians and students have an opportunity to review instructional materials and have access to information about the curriculum, including academic standards to be achieved, instructional materials and assessment techniques. Requests to review instructional materials and access information about the curriculum, including academic standards to be achieved, instructional materials and assessment techniques should be made by submitting a written request to the building principal.

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES - MCSD POLICY 110

The building principal will be responsible to ensure that no student in the school is denied participation in any school program for financial reasons and that the privacy of each student is protected. The principal will use the guidelines of the free and reduced price lunch program to determine the ability of students to provide necessary school supplies. Parents/Guardians must complete the Application For Instructional Supplies and submit required documentation when requesting free instructional supplies for students. Please contact the principal for more information and to request the application.

MCSD POLICY AND SCHOOL BOARD INFORMATION

Please visit the Mifflin County School District website for information regarding Board Policies, Agendas, and Minutes. Information on this site also includes the current school board members and school board meeting dates. Please visit the following link <https://www.mcsdk12.org/school-board/>.