



# MMS Bullpup Express Newsletter



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September

## MMS EVENTS

Saturday  
September 1 VB-8 A & B Clay Center Trny 9:00am

Monday  
September 3 **Labor Day—NO SCHOOL**

Tuesday  
September 4 Scholar's Bowl Tryouts before school 7:30am  
Girls Tennis @ Hutch 3:30pm  
X-Country @ Hutch/Prairie Hills Inv. 4:00pm  
VB-7 @ Hutch 5:00pm  
VB-8 @ Newton 5:00pm  
PTO Meeting 5:30pm

Wednesday  
September 5 Scholar's Bowl Tryouts before school 7:30am  
**Early Dismissal—Staff Development** 12:30pm

Thursday  
September 6 Scholar's Bowl Tryouts before school 7:30am  
FB-7 vs Newton 4:00pm  
FB-8 @ Newton 5:00pm  
VB-7 vs Abilene & Salina Lkwd 5:00pm  
VB-8 @ Salina Lkwd 5:00pm

Friday  
September 7 Dance—hosted by MMS Choir 6:30-8:30pm

Saturday  
September 8 X-Country @ Emporia 8:00am  
VB - 7 A & B @ Chapman Trny 9:00am

Monday  
September 10 VB-8 @ Emporia 3:30pm  
VB-7 @ Newton 5:00pm  
BOE Meeting @ Central Office 7:00pm

Tuesday  
September 11 Girls Tennis vs Salina Lkwd 3:30pm  
X-Country @ Goddard Classic 4:00pm

Wednesday  
September 12

Thursday  
September 13 FB-8 @ Salina Lkwd 4:00pm  
FB-7 vs Salina Lkwd 4:00pm  
VB vs Newton 5:00pm

Friday  
September 14

Monday  
September 17 Girls Tennis @ Maize South Inv. 9:00am  
VB-8 @ Great Bend 4:00pm

Tuesday  
September 18 Girls Tennis @ Newton 3:30pm  
X-Country @ Rolling Acres 3:30pm

Wednesday  
September 19

Thursday  
September 20 FB-7 vs Maize 4:00pm  
FB-8 @ Maize—KT Woodman Stad. 5:00pm  
VB-8 @ Salina South 4:30pm  
VB-7 vs Hutch & Salina South 5:00pm

Friday  
September 21 Class Competition/Spirit Assembly

Monday  
September 24 KMEA Performance/Parent Mtg. 5:30 – 7:00pm  
BOE Meeting @ Central Office 7:00pm

Tuesday  
September 25 Girls Tennis @ Hutch Trny 9:00am  
X-Country @ Salina Inv. 4:00pm

Wednesday  
September 26 School Picture Retakes

Thursday  
September 27 PBR--FB-8 vs Salina South 2:30pm  
FB-7 @ Salina South 4:00pm  
VB-8 @ Salina South 4:30pm  
VB-7 vs Hutch & Salina South 5:00pm

Friday  
September 28



**Johanna Niehage** is a 7<sup>th</sup> grade Science/Keyboarding and Computer Science instructor at MMS and was previously an instructional aide. This is her third year at MMS and her ninth year of teaching. She lives south of McPherson. Her husband is a farmer and they have two adult children, Julie Niehage of Scott City and Kurtis (wife Samantha) of Elyria. Most weekends when they are not farming you can find her and her husband Kent at a local square dance.

**Keri Duree** is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science instructor. She is originally from southwest Kansas and has lived and worked in McPherson County for 15 years. After a successful career in the oil industry, she recently completed a degree in education through Fort Hays State University. She enjoys outdoor activities and spending time with loved ones.

**SkyeLyn Ellsworth** is a 7<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies instructor. She was born and raised in Highland, UT and attended BYU. She graduated with a BS in Social Studies Teaching and minors in Political Science and ESOL. She's spent some time living in the Seattle, Washington area. She taught 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade social studies in Utah for 1 ½ years. She was married in January and her husband took a job at Pfizer, bringing them to Kansas. She spent the second half of last year subbing in the McPherson School District and fell in love with the students teachers, and district. She is very excited to be a part of McPherson Middle School. She loves chocolate, boating, soccer, Mexican food, dogs and baby llamas.

**Bryan Courtney** is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science instructor. He was born and raised in Lansing, KS. He participated in many extracurricular activities in school with favorites being choir, musicals, bowling, golf and math competitions. He graduated from KSU but is a life-long KU fan. Outside of school he enjoys reading, golfing, bowling, lifting weights, video games, and eating lots of food. He is going to miss having a local Chipotle but is beyond excited to have a Braum's in town. He is excited to meet all of the staff and students at MMS.

**Christina Esau-Whitmer** is our new PAWS instructor. Ms. Whitmer graduated from Emporia State University and began teaching in Chenoa, IL from 1991-1996. She returned to Kansas to be near family and began teaching in Wichita, Kansas.

Ms. Whitmer has two daughters, Jordie, who will be a senior at MHS and Logie who will be in 6<sup>th</sup> grade at MMS. Ms. Whitmer is honored to return to McPherson and to have the opportunity to begin working with students at MMS.

**Melissa Bradshaw** is our new Art instructor. Mrs. Bradshaw is a McPherson native, her family moved to McPherson in 1993. Both of her parents are in education and her brother studied art as well and works as an animator. Mrs. Bradshaw graduated from KSU with an emphasis on printmaking and leadership studies. She also played volleyball while in college. She began teaching elementary art for all five public schools in Great Bend in 2010 and worked there until 2018.

Mrs. Bradshaw has a husband, Samuel, who is also a McPherson native and works at the refinery. They have two dogs, and one cat. Mrs. Bradshaw is so excited to be back in McPherson and can be a Bullpup again! She coached varsity volleyball in Great Bend for the past seven seasons and will be coaching the JV volleyball team at MHS this fall. She is also the club director for the Kansas Volleyball Club, overseeing many teams across the state including the McPherson Pups traveling organization.

**Ann Timesch** is our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies instructor. She has recently moved from Emporia and is excited to join MMS. After graduating from Arkansas City High School, she attended Emporia State University. During her student teaching, she was able to experience first hand the effectiveness of Capturing Kids' Hearts, and is thrilled to continue to be a part of a district that supports such a meaningful program.



1. ALL 7th-12 graders are required to have the Tdap booster shot. Please send record of this, and any other immunizations to the school. Students may be excluded from school if their immunizations are not up to date.
2. If your student will be taking medication at school forms may be found at [www.mcpherson.com](http://www.mcpherson.com), under Parents/Students section, school health and information forms.

You are also always welcome to call me at 620-241-9450 or email me at [tami.malm@mcpherson.com](mailto:tami.malm@mcpherson.com).



## MMS HONORS CHOIR 2018-2019

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WILL BE MEMBERS OF THE MMS HONORS CHOIR:

HOLDEN ALLSBURY	CARSEN BERGER
KELCY BERGSTROM	ELLIE BURNS
ALEXA CASEBEER	MYAH DAVIS
COURTNEY DELANEY	DIPI DHANANJEYAN
KINLEY DIETRICH	ALEXIS DUKES
REANNA EILRICH	BENTLEY ERBERT
KYLIE GOLDEN	JORDYN HANCOCK
ADDIE HARLIN	NETHMI HEWAWITHARANA
KINLYN HOLM	KYARA HORN
ELLIE HARDGRAVE	RENAE HENDRICKS
ASPYN HOLM	COURTNEY HUBER
ASA KEOUGH	KELCIE KYNASTON
TYLA LANG	KAIDEN MCVICKER
SEAN MEYERS	TAEALYN NAYLOR
OWEN NEIGHBORS	LAUREN NEWCOM
TREYTON PELNAR	EMILEE PERKINS
STELLA ROBINSON	LAUREN ROGERS
LILLY ROBINSON	JOSLYN RILEY
CLAIRE SCHMIDT	JAYCE SCHRINER
JORDAN SEARS	JENTRY SEARS
RAJ SHAH	SAVANNAH SOUDER
EMMA STEIN	KEANNA SULLIVAN
LACI TURNER	JAYDEN WERTH



### Summer is a great time to work on those Community Service Hours

Community Service hours for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders are 5 hours per year.

Some community service ideas for students could be:

- \*yard work for an elderly neighbor
- \*volunteering for different activities: at church, church dinners, bible school volunteer, etc.
- \*helping out at a daycare babysitting
- \*volunteering at the Humane Society or other agencies
- \*picking up trash in the afternoon

Students will need to have some sort of adult supervision to vouch for their hours. This can be their parent if their parents participate in their community service or are their witness.

Otherwise, they will enter their supervisor's name, such as a pastor, someone they volunteered to babysit for, their neighbor, etc. Also, summer hours prior to the school year until May will count.



Have questions about the MMS Redesign and what it means for your student? Go to the link provided and it will give you a good look at what is happening at MMS.

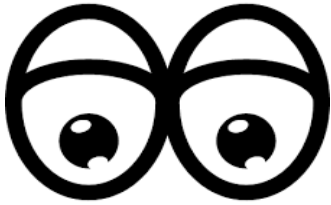
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JOIN YOUR FRIENDS FOR BREAKFAST BREAKFAST IS A GREAT WAY TO BEGIN EACH DAY. BREAKFAST IS AVAILABLE 20 MINUTES BEFORE THE START OF THE SCHOOL DAY. BREAKFAST IS FREE TO STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR FREE MEALS. BREAKFAST IS \$.30 TO STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR REDUCED MEALS BREAKFAST IS \$1.80 FOR ALL K - 12 STUDENTS THERE ARE SEVERAL OPTIONS ON THE MENU ITEMS DAILY

**BREAKFAST IS 7:50 TO 8:10 A.M. EACH MORNING**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION, PLEASE CALL BILL FROESE AT 620-241-9490.**



**THROUGH THE EYES OF AN EIGHTH GRADER**  
(COMPLIMENTS OF MRS. VERNON'S PRE-AP WRITING CLASS)

Library

The library should have better, harder books. Especially Speaker for the Dead and Ender's Exile and Xenocide and what not. 8<sup>th</sup> graders don't want some boring book dedicated to something they're not interested in, they want it given to them in an interesting book that gets you invested in the problems in the book that are solved by what they're interested in. Speaker for the Dead is ridiculously philosophical for an 8<sup>th</sup> grader, but gets you emotionally invested in the philosophy instead of having you read through boring accounts of philosophers like Plato (except for Thales). Science fiction books often show you technology and then, once you see it's relevance, it explains the science (theoretical or not) behind it. For instance, what if I told you that nearly endless power could come from black holes by surrounding it by, of all things, a *mirror*? Kurzgesagt—In a Nutshell did a great video on it, so go find out.

~Sean Myers~

My Life

Hello my name is Gavin Roth and I'm going to tell you about my life, I wake up and eat breakfast, then I get ready for school... not a huge fan of homework!!!! Then I go to football practice, which is fun. I always wanted to play football and in seventh grade, was my first year football at McPherson middle school. I play tailback, sometimes wide receiver, and cornerback. Football is a big part of my life, I also like going fishing, I like catching catfish. I love hanging out with friends and family I like playing football with my friends.... I love FORTNITE. Fortnite is my favorite game beside Madden NFL.

~Gavin Roth~

8<sup>th</sup> grade and sports

8<sup>th</sup> grade is nothing like 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> it's more difficult but also gives you lots of responsibility and you have to be an example to kids younger than you. It is a lot easier than I am making it sound. In 8<sup>th</sup> grade I do track and play basketball let me tell you track is a blast definitely recommended but basketball has been my sport since day one. I love it! But in middle school sports though it's not as important as like college or high school it still matters because you have to put in an effort and work for your team. In track I put the effort in and I worked hard and finished with 8 medals in my first year and got 1st in league for shot-put 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls.

~Alexis Dukes~

Moving

We are moving into a new house and we just finished painting the bathroom and are halfway done with the Living Room. I am going to miss our old house because of the way the house is laid-out, but I'll like our new house because we won't have to leave at seven o'clock in the morning to get to school. The thing I am going to miss the most is our horribly nice landlords about their seven miniature horses and their two donkeys.

~Dalton Weir~

Summer

Over this summer I went to Kansas City to go to a place called Top Golf. I also went to a Royals game. Then the next day we woke up early and drove to Branson Missouri. We stayed there for a week. Then with my great-grandma, grandma, and my uncle we all drove 18 hours to Boise Idaho to visit family. I got to do a river float and I got to see the blue turf of the Boise Broncos. Then on the way back we went to Salt Lake City Utah to see the Great Salt Lake and we drove across the Great Salt Lake and drove around on Antelope Island. Antelope Island is an island that has a whole bunch of animals you can see. Then we drove home.

~Zane Morris~

Favorites

Everyone has a favorite thing to do after school. What I like to do is sports if your wondering what kind of sports I like to play I like to do track and cheer. What I like to do for track is running, discuss and long jump, I also like to do cheer, My favorite thing to do is flips.

~Mckenzie Fors~

My Truck

When I bring my truck into town from Topeka I'm going to have to put in a head unit so I can have a radio inside it. It is going to cost a lot of money for gas too so I am getting a job as soon as possible. My truck is all white and it is a 1949 Ford. My grandpa made my brother and me a truck. Mine used to have a wood bed but because of the rain it didn't work out. So now it is a normal bed. I can't wait to drive the truck around town.

~Chase Shetler~

Not ready for school

Well, school is back in session, and I was not ready. It's funny, during the summer all I could think about was going back to school and how excited I was to have something to do, and now that I'm here I just want to turn back time and spend one more day doing whatever I want without having to do anything. I love school, don't get me wrong, but I forgot just exactly what it entails. Work, people, and a whole lot of chaos. Now it's the beginning of the year, and I'm already counting down the days until winter break.

~Macyn Ward~

Music

Music is not just words on a piece of paper it's a story. That someone has lived and is brave enough to tell in their own word or in this case sing. Each person who writes it not about how popular it is but how important it is to that someone. We all have a song that is equivalent to our lives that we live. Whether it's sad, happy, maybe or just bad it's ours. My song well lets just say it's a roller coaster.

~Lillith Cherry~

The Best Grade

8<sup>th</sup> grade is the best grade out of the middle school because you get to help people that are in lower grades. I get to help the 6<sup>th</sup> graders with their lockers and their homework. You get to play sports when you are in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and have fun with friends. I am an outside person, like go ride my bike with friends and run around town to have if you like to run. My favorite class in school is art because you get to make things that you like to make with friends. I have friends that will come over to my house and play with me on games. All my friends help me with my homework.

~Dakota Brown~





Food 4 Kids is a Kid-Friendly School-based Program—because the most essential school supply is food. Food 4 Kids was established for students who are food insecure and who are not getting sufficient food outside of school on a regular basis. The Food Bank provides food and supplies to Food 4 Kids schools in Kansas, which are operated in partnership with community schools. The Food 4 Kids program allows participating schools to receive food and backpacks from the Kansas Food Bank at no cost so that we can provide food to chronically hungry children.

**FOOD 4 KIDS FOODBAGS CONTAIN:** Different foods designed to provide nutrition and calories for chronically hungry school children on weekends. Kid friendly foods that require no preparation. Kids can just “open and eat”.

**FOR EXAMPLE:** Peanut Butter (12-ounce jar) and a sleeve of crackers—Beans and franks (pop-top can)—Beef Jerky (1 ounce)—Cereal (1-ounce bowl or box)—Fruit cups (peaches, applesauce, etc.)—Raisins (snack-size boxes)—Pudding cups—Juice boxes (apple, orange, or other juice)—Milk (aseptic pack boxes that do not require refrigeration)—Cereal bars or granola bars

**Please see your school counselor to sign up for Food 4 Kids at your school!! At MMS, please call Kim Krase or Jeff Allmon at 620-241-9470.**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

October	2	FB-7 @ Junction City	3:30pm
		Girls Tennis vs Salina South	3:30pm
		X-Country @ Newton	3:30pm
		FB-8 vs Junction City	4:00pm
		PTO Meeting	5:30pm
October	3	<b>Early Dismissal</b> —Staff Development	12:30pm
October	4	VB vs Hutchinson	5:00pm
October	8	Columbus Day	
		VB @ Salina Lkwd	5:00pm
		BOE Meeting @ Central Office	7:00pm
October	9	Girls Tennis @ PL Trny @ Salina So.	10:00am
		X-Country @ PL Inv @ Hutchinson	4:00pm
October	11	FB-8 vs Hutchinson	4:00pm
		FB-7 @ Hutchinson	5:00pm
October	16	7 <sup>th</sup> grade to Cheyenne Bottoms	TBA
		7 & 8 Band Concert	6:00pm
October	18	7 & 8 Orchestra/Vocal Concert	6:00pm
October	19	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
October	22	Parent/Teacher Conferences	3:30-8:00pm
		BOE Meeting @ Central Office	7:00pm
October	23	Parent/Teacher Conferences	3:30-8:00pm
		Scholar's Bowl @ Augusta	3:30pm
October	25	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
October	26	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
October	29	Scholar's Bowl @ EIDorado	3:30pm
October	31	Halloween	

