



# MMS Bullpup Express Newsletter



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## MMS EVENTS

Thursday November 1	Scholar's Bowl @ MMS	3:30pm
Friday November 2		
Saturday November 3	Wrestling @ Valley Center	9:00am
Sunday November 4		
Monday November 5		
Tuesday November 6	Vision Screenings PTO Meeting	5:30pm
Wednesday November 7	7 <sup>th</sup> grade—Career Day @ HCC Early Dismissal—Staff Dev.	Tentative 12:30pm
Thursday November 8	Scholar's Bowl @ Clearwater	4:00pm
Friday November 9		
Saturday November 10	Honors Music Festival @ Newton	9:30am
Sunday November 11		
Monday November 12	Veteran's Day Observed BOE Meeting @ Central Office	7:00pm

Tuesday November 13	Hearing Screenings Scholar's Bowl @ Hutchinson Wrestling @ Salina South Boys BB @ Hesston MS Girls BB vs Hesston	4:00pm 4:30pm 5:00pm 5:00pm
Wednesday November 14		
Thursday November 15	Scholar's Bowl @ PL Trny @ Salina So Girls BB vs Salina South Boys BB @ Salina South	3:30pm 4:00pm 5:00pm
Friday November 16	Western KS Orchestra Festival	
Saturday November 17	Wrestling @ Salina So Inv. Girls BB-7 A/B Trny @ Clay Center	9:00am 9:00am
Monday November 19	Girls BB-7 @ Hays Girls BB-8 vs Hays	3:30pm 4:00pm
Tuesday November 20	8 <sup>th</sup> grade CTE Trip to MHS Wrestling vs Newton/Hutch	TBA 4:30pm
Wednesday November 21	<b>NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break</b>	
Thursday November 22		
Friday November 23	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
Monday November 26	BOE Meeting @ Central Office	7:00pm
Tuesday November 27	Girls BB-7 @ Manhattan Eisenhower Girls BB-8 vs Manhattan Eisenhower Wrestling @ Hutchinson	3:30pm 4:00pm 4:30pm
Wednesday November 28		
Thursday November 29	Boys BB vs Hutchison Girls BB @ Hutchinson	4:00pm 5:00pm
Friday November 30		

## 7<sup>th</sup> grade Career Education Day

7th graders will be attending Career Education Day Expo in Hutchinson on November 7th, our early release day. It is sponsored by ESSDACK and will have many interactive booths set up to introduce students to different career and college opportunities in the state of Kansas. They will be back in time for 7th hour/lunch.



We will be doing Vision Screenings on November 6 and Hearing Screenings on November 13. Flu shots are recommended for students and now is the time to get them! You are also always welcome to call me at 620-241-9450 or email me at: [tami.malm@mcperson.com](mailto:tami.malm@mcperson.com).



### **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.



## 8<sup>th</sup> grade CTE Field Trip @ MHS

8th graders will be touring the high school CTE classes the morning of November 20th. They will be back in time for lunch.



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.

<https://sites.google.com/mcpherson.com/mmsredesign/home>



### **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.

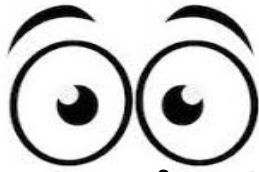
BREAKFAST IS FREE TO STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR FREE MEALS. BREAKFAST IS \$.30 TO STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR REDUCED MEALS

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 QUESTIONS,**

**PLEASE CALL BILL FROESE AT 620-241-9490.**



## Through the Eyes of an Eighth Grader (Compliments of Mrs. Vernon's ELA class)

### Thanksgiving

I like Thanksgiving because it is close to my birthday. It is one of my favorite holidays because I get to eat a lot of food and see my family. Also I get to cook food for everyone whenever I want to. This holiday is special to me because I don't have to buy anything, I get to eat a lot, try new food, and just get to hangout with whomever I want to hang out with. I forgot that we play games on thanksgiving outside cause we don't do that a lot anymore as a family.

~Joe Brawner~

### New Kid

*As my first year as an 8th grader, I was scared at the beginning of the year because I was new and didn't know anybody, but on my first day I made friends. After a month being here, I got kind of used to it but each day I was still scared because I never knew what might happen, I didn't know if I was going to fail a test or lose a friend, but luckily the second one never happened (losing a friend) but I did fail a test but got to retake it. Even though it's the end of the nine weeks I'm still scared because I don't like not knowing what's going to happen the next day or isn't but I guess that's what makes it interesting. And yes I did make friends and I didn't lose any of them, it was scary going up and saying hi not knowing if they would like me or not but they did luckily. But keeping your grades up is important to if you want to play sports or do extra curricular activities.*

~Isabell Jones~

### NOVEMBER

November is one of my favorite months because my birthday is November 11th. It's very special to me because my great grandpa's birthday was also November 11th. November 11th also happens to be Veterans Day, a holiday we use to celebrate all the Veterans who fought in the war for our freedom. Thanksgiving is another holiday I enjoy celebrating in November because it reminds us to be thankful for all that we have. Also, it's fall which is one of my favorite seasons because there are pretty colored leaves everywhere and it gets closer to Christmas.

~Kyla Lang~

**Food 4 Kids**  
nourishing our future

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.**



## November Fun Facts

Although the month of November is the last full month of autumn in the northern hemisphere, many parts of the country are beginning to experience colder temperatures and even snow during this month. The days grow shorter now, especially once most of the U.S. "falls forward" by one hour, exiting Daylight Saving Time on the second Sunday of November. Here are some more fun facts about the 11th month of the year.

November was the ninth month of the [ancient Roman calendar](#) and has retained its name from the Latin *novem*, meaning "nine." In Finland, they call November *marraskuu*, which translates as "the month of the dead." It is one of four months with a length of 30 days on the Gregorian, or modern, calendar.

In the United States and Canada, November is also known as National Beard Month or No Shave Month (also known as "[No-Shave November](#)") as a way to raise cancer awareness. Australians have a similar month where they grow a mustache instead of a full beard.

- **All Saints Day** is a Christian festival held on November 1 that celebrates the lives of all saints, known and unknown. In Mexico and throughout many Hispanic communities in the U.S., November 1 is also known as the **Day of the Dead**, a time for families to remember and honor loved ones who have passed away. **All Soul's Day**, in which Christians essentially do the same, is celebrated the following day, November 2.
- **Veteran's Day**, when we honor those who have served in the United States Armed Forces, falls annually on November 11. It also coincides with Armistice Day and Remembrance Day, which mark the end of World War I.
- **Thanksgiving**, perhaps the most popular of all American holidays after Christmas, is celebrated each year on the third Thursday of November. Not only do Americans have the chance on this day to gather with friends and family over a sumptuous meal but they also get to enjoy a rare four-day weekend (with the Friday afterward, known as [Black Friday](#), marking the traditional start of the Christmas shopping season).
- National Men Make Dinner Day: the first Thursday in November (some of us think this should be every Thursday, year-round, but what do we know)
- National Sandwich Day: November 3, which is also National Housewife Day (we're detecting a theme here)
- World Diabetes Day: November 14
- International Tolerance Day: November 16
- International Evolution Day: November 24, in celebration of Charles Darwin's publication of "On the Origin of Species" in 1859, and otherwise known as All Our Uncles Are Monkeys Day (no, seriously)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

December	1	Wrestling @ Goddard "B" Trny	9:00am
December	3	Girls BB vs Newton Boys BB @ Newton	4:00pm 5:00pm
December	4	PTO Meeting @ MMS	5:30pm
December	5	Early Dismissal	12:30pm
December	10	BOE Meeting Boys BB vs Hutch Girls BB @ Hutch	12:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm
December	11	Winter Band Concert Wrestling @ Salina South 5 - 12 Orchestra Concert @ MHS	6:30pm 4:30pm 6:30pm
December	13	Boys BB vs Newton	4:00pm
December	17	Girls BB @ Newton Boys BB vs Salina South Girls BB @ Salina South Winter Vocal Concert	5:00pm 4:00pm 5:00pm 6:00pm
December	18	Wrestling @ Hutchinson	4:30pm
December	19	Pops/Jazz Holiday Concert	2:30pm
December	21	<b>NO SCHOOL—Christmas Break Begins</b>	
December	24	Christmas Eve	
December	25	Christmas	
December	31	New Year's Eve	
January	1	New Year's Day	
January	2	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
January	3	Return to School Girls BB vs Sunrise Christian Boys BB vs Sunrise Christian	4:00pm 5:15pm

