



MMS Bullpup Express Newsletter




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MMS EVENTS

Tuesday January	1		Happy New Year
Wednesday January	2	NO SCHOOL	
Thursday January	3	BACK TO SCHOOL	
		Girls BB-8A vs Sunrise Christian	4:00pm
		Boys BB-7A vs Sunrise Christian	5:15pm
		Boys BB—8A vs Sunrise Christian	
Friday January	4		
Monday January	7		
Tuesday January	8	Dental Screenings	
		Pioneer League Spelling Bee	3:30pm
		@ Salina South	
		PTO Meeting	5:30pm
Wednesday January	9	Winter Sports/Activity Pictures	
		Early Dismissal	12:30pm
Thursday January	10	Girls BB-7 & 8 vs Hutchinson	4:00pm
		Boys BB-8 @ Hutchinson MS 8	5:00pm
		Boys BB-7 @ Hutchinson MS 7	5:00pm
Friday January	11		
Monday January	14	Girls BB – 7 & 8 vs Salina Lkwd	4:00pm
		Boys BB @ Salina Lkwd	5:00pm
		BOE Meeting @ Central Office	7:00pm
Tuesday January	15		

Wednesday January	16		
Thursday January	17	Boys BB-7 @ Fort Riley	4:00pm
		Boys BB-8 vs Fort Riley	4:00pm
Friday January	18	Class Competition/Spirit Assembly	TBA



Monday January	21	NO SCHOOL	
Tuesday January	22		
Wednesday January	23		
Thursday January	24	Boys BB vs Salina Lkwd	4:00pm
		Girls BB @ Salina Lkwd	4:00pm
Friday January	25		
Monday January	28	Boys BB-8 @ Hays	3:30pm
		Boys BB-7 vs Hays	4:00pm
		BOE Meeting @ Central Office	7:00pm
Tuesday January	29		
Wednesday January	30		
Thursday January	31		



Dental screening forms will be coming home soon, and will need to be returned by December 18! Screenings are scheduled for Jan. 8, 2019. Every student will be screened UNLESS they have returned the opt out form, signed by a parent.

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@mcpherson.com



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

Community Service hours for 6th-8th 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.

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



Congratulations to our MMS 7th and 8th graders who have been selected
To the KCDA Treble All-State Honor Choir

Kelcy Bertstrom - 8th grade
Mallory Holmes - 8th grade

Tyle Lang - 8th grade
Lauren Newcom - 7th grade

Joslynn Riley - 8th grade
Keanna Sullivan - 7th grade

The MMS Honors Choir was also selected to perform at our All-State KMEA Convention on Saturday, February 23rd.

This will be a HUGE weekend for McPherson as many high school students will also be involved in the State final group and All-State Honor Choir.



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

Favorite Shows

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, those are the days I have all my favorite shows. Monday, there is Arrow and DC's Legends of Tomorrow, which is about a lot of people from like Arrow and Flash come together and fix time. Tuesday, there is The Flash because why not. Wednesday, there is Riverdale, and Riverdale is based of the Archie comics but it is a little bit darker than the actual comics. Then there is Thursday, my favorite show of them all, Supernatural. Supernatural is a show about two brothers and an angel who go fight paranormal things and stuff like that. Beware, most of these shows are not for little kids either because they would have nightmares or just possibly say a curse word, you never know. So, I recommend to watch these shows because they are great and amazing.

~ Hannah Erickson~

Teachers' birthdays

Think about your birthday. What happens during the school day, do people tell you happy birthday? Well, think about the teachers, we should be able to celebrate the teachers on their birthday. We the students should be able to celebrate the teachers. We should bring them treats and put decorations in their room when they are not there. So we should really appreciate and make the teachers feel special on their birthday. I really think it will make a teachers day. Just giving them a compliment will make their days, also giving them a smile so they will really like having the treats and more and more smiles.

~Sayge Salmans~

NEW YEAR

As a student, there are many holidays I like, however, I enjoy New Year's Day the most. A new year means a new set of people to get to know and learn with. It also allows for fresh grades and challenges to face in school.

~Dylan Wilson~

WILDCAT FAN

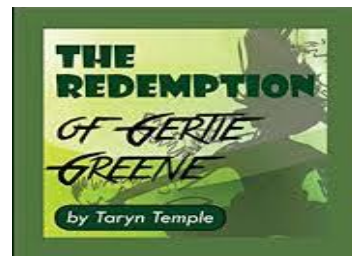
I love going to KSU football games. They're probably one of my favorite things to do on the weekends. I just love cheering on the Wildcats for the win with my friends. Even if we lose the game it is still fun going. One thing I love doing is going to my friends car and play catch with a football on the grass, then we would go back and watch the rest of the football game. It's always fun until we have to go home.

~Joshua Bocox~

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

In the eyes of an 8th grade girl, I see a lot of bad things happening. I see these things happening not only to my friends but to all the girls and boys in this school. It is not acceptable for people to be bullied because they can't afford new clothes or new shoes. Honestly I think that we need to treat each other with respect and gratitude. The majority of middle school students feel like outcasts if they don't fit in with everyone else. People should treat each other better in order to make others happy but I promise it will make you feel good on the inside also. We can only hope that everyone is kind to each other, everyone has a bad day every once in a while. Everyone deserves respect and kindness, please be kind and respectful to everyone even if you are upset.

~Samantha Phillips~



THIS YEAR THE MMS PLAY WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 7TH SO MARK THOSE CALENDARS. THE TITLE OF THE PLAY WILL BE "THE REDEMPTION OF GERTIE GREENE". There will be a matinee performance as well as an evening performance. Check the February Newsletter for times.

New student Gertie Greene is a bully. Gossip spreads like wildfire that she attacks kids in the bathroom, knocks down football players, and gets suspended all the time. Even teachers are afraid of her. Everyone's talking about it so it must be true. But is she really a terrifying monster?

In *The Redemption of Gertie Greene* by Taryn Temple, the truth comes out in the most unexpected ways. Is Gertie really what everyone calls her: a freak, strange, stupid, clumsy, and mean? Or can Mrs. Fillmore's quirky drama students see past the scuttlebutt to discover the real person behind the rumors? As they separate fact from fiction, Gertie and her fellow drama students bring to light the transforming power of kindness, and the importance of standing up for people who can't defend themselves.



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.



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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

February	2	Boys BB – 7 @ Fort Riley Trny	9:00am
February	5	PTO Meeting	5:30pm
February	6	Spring Pictures	
		Early Dismissal—Staff Dev.	12:30pm
February	7	MMS Play	2:20pm
		“The Redemption of Gertie Green”	7:00pm
February	11	7 th Grade HCC Trip	TBA
		BOE Meeting @ Central Office	7:00pm
February	12	7 th Grade HCC Trip	TBA
		Pops Choir Valentine’s Concert	6:30pm
February	14	Valentine’s Day	
February	15	8 th Grade Enrollment for MHS Info. for class	
February	18	President’s Day	
		8 th Grade Enrollment	TBA
		Parent/Student Info. Night @ MHS	
February	19	7 & 8 Vocal Concert	6:00pm
February	20	Pioneer League Choir Festival @ KWU	TBA
February	22	8th Grade Enrollment for MHS	
		School Dance hosted by StuCo	6:30pm
February	23	KMEA Vocal/Jazz Performance	TBA
February	25	BOE Meeting @ Central Office	7:00pm
February	28	7 th & 8 th Vocal Concert	6:00pm

