

🐾 MVMS 🐾 PAWS NEWS

THANK YOU FOR SHOWING YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!

Thank you to the students and staff who participated in the Student Government Spirit Days. Also, thank you to the members who organized this fun activity!



THANK YOU FROM MVP & MVMS!

Congratulations to the top 3 students who sold the most Calendar Raffle tickets!! A huge shout out to Kennadi Becht who sold a total of 49 raffle tickets!!!!!!!!!!!!

The first place student received a \$150 Amazon gift card. The second place student received a \$100 Amazon gift card. The third place student received a \$50 Amazon gift card.

A graphic with a dark red background and colorful fireworks. The text 'AND THE WINNERS ARE...' is written in white and red. Below the graphic, the text 'Top 3 Student Calendar Raffle Winners' is written in white. The names of the winners are listed below: 'First Place: Kennadi Becht', 'Second Place: Zoe Fournier', and 'Third Place: Brendon Neal'.

MVMS ADMIN

Principal: [Ms. Jessica Milligan](#)
Assistant Principal: [Ms. Brandy Williams](#)
Dean of Students: [Mr. William Demers](#)
Special Education Facilitator: [Ms. Lindsay Phillips](#)
Curriculum Coordinator: [Mr. Joshua Lewis](#)

SCHOOL DAY TIMES

Drop Off Begins: 8:00
School Day begins: 8:25
School Day ends: 3:10

School Website: [MVMS Home](#)

MVMS SCHOOL COUNSELORS

5th Grade: [Ms. Ryanne Roy](#)
6th Grade: [Ms. Erin Sakolosky](#)
7th Grade: [Ms. Jessica Jordan](#)
8th Grade: [Ms. Rachel Nault](#)



On January 11th, MVMS held the annual all School Spelling Bee. There were 18 students, grades 5-8, who completed to be the representative from MVMS at the State Spelling Bee. Congratulations to our winner: Lillian! We wish her luck in the next round.

Parent Pick Up Reminder

Families arriving for pick up prior to 2:30 p.m. should park in the main parking lot and wait for their student(s). Parking in the main lot prior to 2:30 not only avoids blocking the fire lane in the front of the building, but also leaves the driveway clear for those families that need to dismiss their student prior to 3:10.

MVMS staff are on duty to supervise students at the parent pick-up area until 3:40 p.m.

Families can arrive at MVMS anytime between 3:10 p.m. and 3:40 p.m.



School Supply Refresh

As we prepare for winter break, many teachers have noticed students are running low on pencils! Please check with your student to see if they need a school supply refresh for the new year.

Donations of tissues and Clorox wipes are always appreciated by our classroom teachers.

Office of the **PRINCIPAL**

Dear MVMS Community,

Happy New Year! I hope our MVMS students and families had a fun and relaxing break. Our staff and students returned ready and eager to teach and learn last week.

With the winter months upon us, I wanted to share a reminder with families of what weather-related impacts to our school day could look like. In a weather emergency, Superintendent Balke may choose to implement a Distance Learning Day. On these occasions, students will participate in learning activities from home utilizing the Schoology platform. It is important to mention that each school in the district has a distinctive plan for Distance Learning Days, carefully crafted to meet the specific developmental needs of its student population.

Also, for your planning purposes, Superintendent Balke has designated January 23, 2024, as a Distance Learning Day. This decision is a result of several schools within the SAU being used for voting during the NH Primary Election.

On distance learning days, teachers will offer office hours to provide support for our students. Students are given the choice of both morning and an afternoon timestamp to attend for each subject if they need help/enrichment/reteaching, etc. Office hours are optional for students.

A few important points:

- Classwork will be posted by teachers in Schoology.
- Office hours will be hosted through the Microsoft Teams platform and links to each office hour will be posted in Schoology.
- School Counselors and administrators will be available via email for students and families.
- Enrichment activities will be available in the library media center's course in Schoology.

Our character development theme for January is gratitude. Gratitude is defined as the quality of being thankful for where you are and what you have. I am grateful to be part of this kind and generous community.

I encourage you to talk with your students about their classroom discussions and talk about gratitude with your family.

Sincerely,

Jessica Milligan

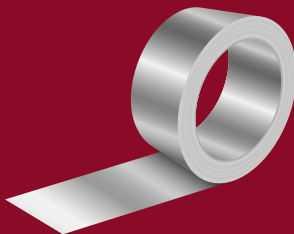
Principal



MVP Incentive

Ms. Milligan volunteered to get duct taped to the wall as a reward for students who sold MVP December Raffle Tickets.

Thank you MVP and Ms. Milligan!



Time	Subject/Activity
8:30-9:00	Math
9:00-9:30	Social Studies
9:30-10:00	Science
10:00-10:30	Language Arts
10:30-11:00	Unified Arts/Special Education
11:00-11:30	World Language/Music /Literacy/
11:30-12:00	Math
12:00-12:30	Social Studies
12:30-1:00	Science
1:00-1:30	Language Arts
1:30-2:00	Unified Arts
2:00-2:30	World Language/Music/Literacy
2:30-3:00	Special Education

General Remote Day Schedule



➤➤➤ SCHOOL NURSE UPDATE

As we go into the winter months, please be aware we are continuing to see an increase in illness at school. Strep throat, Influenza, and COVID-19 are still occurring with regular frequency as are other respiratory and gastrointestinal illnesses. If your child presents with any potential symptoms such as cough, congestion, sore throat, headache, fever, extreme fatigue, diarrhea, or vomiting, please keep them home and call the MVMS nurses for guidance. Students should not be coming to school within 24 hours of any episode of vomiting or diarrhea and must be fever free off any medication for 24 hours before returning to school. The absence of a fever does not rule out contagious illnesses and if you suspect Strep throat, Influenza, or COVID-19, please call your child's PCP or access Urgent Care for an evaluation. Home testing for COVID-19 is still recommended for any COVID-19 symptoms and especially if there has been a known contact. If your child tests positive for COVID-19, keep them home and contact the MVMS nurses for guidance. The MVMS nurses serve as a resource for families as they navigate these and other illnesses, please call us with any questions or concerns, we are happy to help.

Sara Matatall RN & Susan Potvin RN 660-5623 or 660-5615

➤➤➤ 5TH GRADE ART

Our 5th grade students created crayons in art using a variety of techniques.



➤➤➤ BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

Are you looking for a rewarding opportunity? Become a School Bus Driver for Community Transportation and be a crucial part of our students' journey to success!

- Paid Training Provided-No experience required!
- Competitive Pay
- Flexible Hours
- Safe and Supportive Environment

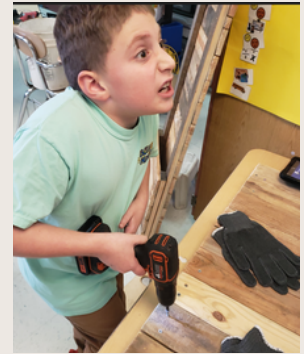
Requirements:

- Valid Driver's License
- Clean Driving Record

Apply through [this link!](#)

Flex Making a Raised Bed:

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Date	Upcoming Events
January 11	MVMS Spelling Bee!
January 15	No School: MLK Day
January 23	Remote Learning Day



Main Office: 603-497-8288



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➤➤➤ LIBERTY HOUSE FUNDRAISER

It is that time of year when team 8-2 fundraises for the Veterans of Liberty House. This has been a proud event for many years at MVMS. Money collected over January and February will be donated to the veterans living at Liberty House in Manchester. You are able to read all about this organization at www.LibertyHouseNH.Org. For a long time, this organization has "provided a safe, supportive, substance-free housing community for American veterans transitioning out of homelessness. More than 200 veterans have been helped since their opening in 2004." Liberty House also operates a food pantry and clothing closet for residents and to those in the community as well. It is a "non-profit" and greatly depends on the generosity of the community, like our wonderful MVMS community.

Team 8-2 will be collecting for Liberty House throughout January and February. We ask that if you are able to donate, please send monies/checks in with your student. Money goes a LONG way for these veterans as \$1 translates to \$20 in the food pantry/kitchens. Our best fundraiser in recent years raised \$1700 for the veterans. We are hoping to push past that number this year.

Mr. & Mrs. Nelson have begun the fundraiser by donating \$100! Please know any amount helps. There are many ways to donate. We thank you in advance for ANY donations that will give back to our veterans in need!

Happy New Year. Let's make it a happy one for them as well!
Mrs. Nelson & Team 8-2



Student Government is a student led organization that promotes leadership skills and encourages students to give back to the Goffstown community. The advisors include Mrs. Leonard from team 6-3, Miss McNichols from team 5-2, and Mr. Lacasse from team 7-1. We operate at MVMS monthly after school from 3:15-4:15 in Miss McNichols' Room 106. Students will contribute to school-wide activities and play a role in showing PAWS Pride to the other students at school. As a student government member, it is your voice that represents your grade level and raises awareness of information shared at our meetings. Some activities we have planned include canned food drives, school dances, kindness day activities, spirit weeks, talent show, and more! We meet the third Tuesday of every month! The dates are as follows: 1/16, 2/20, 3/19, 4/16, 5/21. The June meeting will be scheduled at a later date. We look forward to having you join!

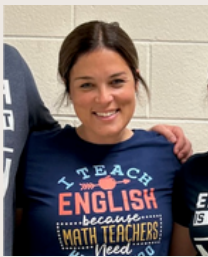


Paws Pride Theme

Respect - Community - Responsibility - Pride

PBIS Theme of the Month: January

Each month the MVMS community focuses on a specific aspect of character development. January's theme is gratitude. Gratitude is described as focusing on what's good in our lives and being thankful for the things we have. MVMS is grateful for all our amazing staff members, students, and our entire school community.



MVMS Teacher Spotlight

Ms. Emily D'Agostino has worked at MVMS for 11 years as a 6th Grade English/Language Arts Teachers. She loves spending time with her family and her pup, Jax. She is a pitching instructor for softball and loves being part of the softball community in Goffstown.

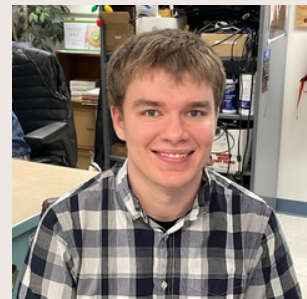
Fun fact: Ms. D'Agostino is ambidextrous.

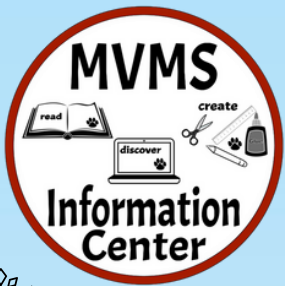


Meet a member of the MVMS Technical Support Team

Mr. Connor Forsythe has been a member of the SAU 19 technical support team for 6 years. Mr. Forsythe delights in playing video games, Dungeon and Dragons, and completing Escape Rooms. He loves spending time with his cat, Doka, and 3D printing. He has skydived and loves being at the lake with his family.

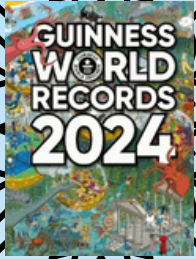
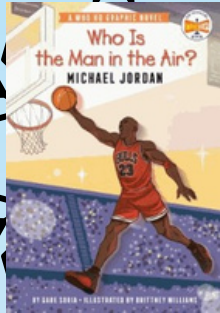
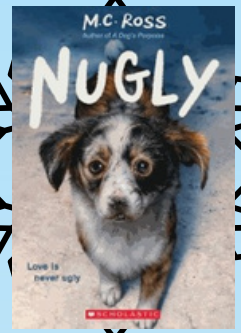
Fun Fact: Mr. Forsythe is a Recognized Escape Room Record Holder in the New England area.





January 2024

New Books



* New Year *

* New Goals *

Happy 2024! Do you have goals for the new year? We have quite a few goal sheets available in the library to help you stay on track. Stop by and pick a few out or go to our Schoology course to make a digital copy!

Book Fair Thank You

We had our Book Fair in December. It was a SUCCESS! Thank you to all who supported the fair. A special thank you to MVP for helping us with the "Give the Gift of Reading" event during the holiday concerts!

"12 New Chapters, 365 New Chances." 2024

I want to start... I want to improve... I want to try...

Name: _____

2024

"12 New Chapters": Four short term goals I would like to accomplish in 2024 are...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

12 BOOK CHALLENGE
12 Months to Read 12 Books Recommended by 12 Friends!

Recommended by:

Not recommended by:

Not recommended by:





***Have you heard about
the Goffstown Network's
Weekend Food Bags for Kids?***

The **Goffstown Network** operates a food pantry to serve families who struggle to keep up with the ever-increasing financial demands to put food on the table. The Weekend Food Bag Program serves children within SAU #19.

Volunteers meet weekly to pack and deliver to schools a variety of child-friendly foods to augment weekend meals.

Kiddos who participate receive these bags at school before each Friday's dismissal.

If you wish for your child(ren) to participate in this program, just fill out the form below and return it to your school office by **Friday, September 8th**. The first bag delivery will be on Friday, September 15th.

Child's Name: _____ School: _____ Grade: _____

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Special Program Opportunity! HORSE POWERED READING®



JOIN US
Monday, January 15th - 1:00 - 2:30pm

UpReach
153 Paige Hill Road, Goffstown, NH

To participate in
Horse Powered Reading activities
centered on the life of
Martin Luther King

No cost to participants
Space is Limited, Register Today!

What is Horse Powered Reading?

An innovative, experiential and fun approach for youth ages 8 and up, to effectively build and strengthen reading skills.

Horse Powered Reading integrates social emotional learning with academics to improve literacy. Connecting with horses reinforces basic skills, effectively motivates learners, and encourages learning retention in a non-traditional, and supportive environment. Horses are natural teachers. Each have a distinct personality, along with defined social roles within their herds, allowing students to identify, relate to, and connect with them. Horses help participants reflect on how we approach relationships, learning, and challenges.

Why Horses?

HORSES HELP TO MAKE BUILDING READING SKILLS FUN
Each session is tailored to individual needs and the content for each session varies depending upon the skills being addressed. Horse Powered Reading offers students the opportunity to externalize reading challenges to explore and practice new skills and solutions in an emotionally safe and supportive environment.

HORSES HELP TO BUILD CONNECTION!
The horses are honest and present and respond openly without pretense. During Horse Powered Reading, the horse 'becomes the book' - the metaphor for connecting with the text, or content of the book. Horses offer immediate feedback for experiential learning to take place.

Space is Limited! To Register For MLK Day Horse Powered Reading, visit: <https://bit.ly/MLKDayHPR> - or Use QR Code:



Questions?
Call Kristen at 603.497.2343



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Welcome to a new school year from the Board of
MOUNTAIN VIEW PARTNERSHIP (MVP)
your PTO at MVMS.

MVP organizes events, fundraisers and offers financial and volunteer support for our students, school and staff!

1. Our **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** is now online! Scan the QR code below or go to <https://mums-membership-drive.cheddarup.com> to pay your \$10 dues and enroll in our MVP School Directory. Membership is a simple way to support our students and staff.

2. Our **SUPPORT DRIVE** is designed to assist MVP in providing additional support and activities for MVMS.

3. We meet the first Monday of each month at 6pm @ MVMS. You can contact us at MVPgoffstown@gmail.com.

**Join MVP and join our
Student Directory!**



MVP Support



**Any amount is
appreciated!**

Thank you so much for supporting our students and staff!



Reserve Your Mountain View Middle School Yearbook Today!

Don't miss out on the BEST yearbook yet.
Copies are selling fast – secure yours by 1/19/24



ORDER NOW
[Jostensyearbooks.com](https://jostensyearbooks.com)

Eighth Grade Parent(s),

Looking for a creative way to tell your child, "I love you and I'm proud of you"?



Place a recognition ad in the yearbook.

A recognition ad is always a great idea. In the future, seeing your message will bring a smile as students remember your love and support during these important years. It's easy to create a recognition ad. Just send us your favorite baby photo and compose your message. **You must have your son/daughter's name on the back of the picture. Please supply a self-addressed stamped envelope if you would like the photo returned in June 2024. If you wish to send in a digital photo, please email it to Ms. Sinclair at virginia.sinclair@sau19.org with your child's name in the subject line. Please remember to send in the below form and money as well in an envelope.**

We will try to keep the ad a secret until the yearbook is distributed. If your son or daughter is on the yearbook staff this may not be possible.

Reserve a space for your recognition ad today. Like the yearbook, your message will be a permanent memory.

Thank you!

Sincerely,
The Yearbook Staff

RECOGNITION AD ORDER FORM-- MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY!

Student name _____ Team _____

Parent name _____ Phone _____

Cost \$14.00 (Checks made out to MVMS – Yearbook).

Message: **Limit 35 words or less!**

Check here if you are emailing a digital file: _____

Signature _____ Check # _____

MUST BE RETURNED TO MS. SINCLAIR, ROOM 120 BY DECEMBER 14TH



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WINTER CLINICS

SUNDAYS @ Goffstown High School Gymnasium

Beginning January 7th

Dates: 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 2/4, 2/11, 2/25, 3/3, 3/10, 3/24

\$15 per session: or SAVE \$ by signing up in advance for all 9 sessions @ \$100 and receive a FREE personalized T-shirt!

Register and pre-pay at www.goffstownsoftball.com

Or pay at the door the day of the clinic (cash, check, venmo accepted).

8:30 - 9:45 Girls 10 & Under

9:45 - 10 :30 Pitching & Catching (any age)

10:30 - 11:45 Girls 11 & Older



Cost covers
Fundamentals &
Pitching/Catching session.
(catching gear available)

Please follow us at
Goffstown Youth Softball League
on Facebook



Winter Wonderland Dance

7th and 8th Graders at MVMS

Friday, January 26th, 2024

Mountain View Middle School Hilltop Cafe

6:00-8:00 PM

Ticket Sales in homeroom \$5 during the week of 1/22-1/25

