

PAWS News

December 1, 2022
Respect, Responsibility, Community, & Pride

Office of the Principal

Dear MVMS Community,

Last month we officially welcomed the holiday season at MVMS. MVMS students and staff took part in the Annual Canned Food Drive. Our students and families donated a total of 1,886 non-perishable items for the Goffstown Network Food Pantry. We are grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity. MVMS teams also had a great time during the drive competing against each other to be the team and grade with the highest number of donations.

On Saturday, December 10th, our music department will host our annual Winter Concert. We are looking forward to performances by members of the MVMS band, orchestra, and chorus. We are so proud of the efforts of each of our musicians and thankful for the guidance of our music teachers.

Winter weather has finally arrived, and I want to take a moment to remind all students/parents to please make sure your student is prepared with proper winter attire when coming to school each day. All students will be outdoors at some point during the day for arrival, dismissal, or recess; and some of our physical education classes will take place outdoors as well. Please remind your student to bring a coat, gloves, and a hat!

Best Regards, Jessica Milligan Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	
December 2	No School: Teacher Workshop Day
December 5	Principal's Coffee Hour & MVP Meeting
December 5-9	Scholastic Book Fair!
December 8 & 9	Theatre Performance: Princess Who?
December 10	Winter Music Concert
December 12	5 th & 6 th Grade Movie Night

MVMS ADMINISTRATORS

Mrs. Jessica Milligan Principal

Ms. Brandy Williams Assistant Principal
Mr. Lyle Hamel Curriculum Coordinator
Ms. Kim Rivers Special Education Facilitator

Mr. Josh Lewis Dean of Students



Principal Coffee Hour

What?: Principal Coffee Hour When?:December 5th from 5-6 PM Where?: MVMS Media Center

The Principal Coffee Hour is an opportunity to meet Mrs. Milligan and discuss school events and activities, school day procedures, PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) rollouts, ideas for parent involvement, etc. Following this event, there will be a MVP meeting.



Save the Date: The Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be here at MVMS starting Monday, December 5th through December 9th. We will be open before and during school hours (7:45am - 3:45pm) in the MVMS Information Center. We will also be having a parent night on Monday, December 5th from 6pm-7pm. This fair will be a great chance to purchase some new books to read over the holiday break and maybe even purchase a gift for someone else during this holiday season. We hope to see you at the Book Fair!

Cornerstone and Dream Keeper Award Nomination Forms

The Cornerstone Award recognizes a staff or community member working within our schools who has demonstrated outstanding achievements in support of student learning and particularly whose service has been truly outstanding to the overall educational climate of the school district and who exhibits commitment, good human relations skills, loyalty, dedication and good organizational and work habits.

The Dream Keeper Award is presented in recognition of people or organizations that truly have gone the extra mile to make the Goffstown dream of providing a superior education a reality. This may include such things as acts of heroism, academic achievements, serving on national/regional boards, publishing or presenting and/or significant contributions to the district in service.

The Dream Keeper and Cornerstone Award Nomination Forms are available on the Goffstown website.

Turkey Trot

Congratulations to all of our Turkey Trot participants! We had amazing weather for the race and are so thankful for all of the runners, walkers, and volunteers who made this a great event!

5th Grade

1st place:

- Nolan Glejzer
- Lily Gordon

2nd place:

- Mason Crouse
- Ellie MacInnis

3rd place:

- Luke Vachon
- Grace Benson

6th Grade

1st place:

- Harper Huddy
- Brycen Dubois

2nd place:

- Ava Burke
- Andrew Parnell

3rd place:

- Lenorah Camire
- Owen Labrie

7th Grade

1st place:

- Jude Elechko
- Sophie Biscardi

2nd place:

- Aidan Curtin
- Lila Curtin

3rd place:

- Cole Nault
- Kate Scott

8th Grade

1st place:

- Calleigh Quinn
- Aiden Mustafic

2nd place:

- Gwen Annis
- Willem Pierce

3rd place:

- Madalyn Nats
- Dylan Pelletier



Music Concert Schedule

Please join us as we gather to hear our MVMS musicians on December 10th at our Winter Concert. Below is the schedule of student arrivals and performance times for band, orchestra/strings, and chorus

9:00 All students in grades 5-8 who are in Band arrive 9:30 5-8 Band performs

10:30 All students in grades 5-8 who are 5-8 Orchestra/Strings arrive 11:00 5-8 Orchestra/Strings perform

12:30 5-8 All students in grades 5-8 who are Chorus arrive 1:00 5-8 Chorus performs

School Calendar

The school calendar is posted on the **SAU** website.

Purchase your 2023 Yearbook TODAY!

MVMS Yearbooks are now available to purchase online. Please click HERE to buy your 2022-2023 yearbook!

8th Grade Baby Photos

We have been receiving questions about submitting digital "8th Grade Baby Ad" submissions. If you have a digital photo, please forward your quality digital image to Ms. Sinclair at virginia.sinclair@sau19.org. Please include your child's first and last name in the subject of the email so we know exactly who the photo belongs to. You will still need to the message addressed to your 8th grader, and the \$14 check or cash for the photo to be included in this year's yearbook.

PBIS Theme of the Month – December

Each month the MVMS community focuses on a specific aspect of character development. December's theme is honesty. Honesty is defined as free from fraud and trickery. Our teachers and students have been discussing what honesty looks like in the classroom, hallways, and Hilltop to ensure MVMS is a respectful place.

Honesty is the fastest way to prevent a mistake from turning into a failure. -James Altucher

The Late Bus

The Late Buses picks students up from MVMS at 5:00. Students must sign up in the front office by 1:00 to ride the late bus each day. Please click on the following link to check out the routes: Late Bus Route

Information Center

The MVMS information center is open for students to access resources before and after school. The library is open before school starting at 7:45 and will remain open at the end of the school day until 4:45, Monday-Thursday. The information center will close at 3:10 on Friday. Students dropped off at 7:45 or picked up after 3:15 from the library need to enter and exit through the front lobby doors.

Student Government

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, Ms. McNichols from team 5-2 and Mr. Lacasse from team 7-1! We meet at MVMS monthly after school from 3:15-4:15 in Mrs. Leonard's room 216. Students will contribute to school-wide activities and play their role in showing PAWS pride to the other students at the middle school. As a student government member, it is your voice that represents your grade level and raise awareness of what is being said. Some activities we have planned include: canned food drives, fundraisers, school dances, kindness day activities, spirit weeks, etc. We meet the second Wednesday of every month! The dates are as follows: 12/14, 1/18, 2/15, 3/15, 4/12 and 5/17. Some dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances. We look forward to having you join us!

Update from Food Service Department

- SAU 19 Food & Nutrition Information
- Sign Up for Titan: https://family.titank12.com/
- Breakfast and lunch will not be free for all students this year.
- Online payments for food service are now working! It is credit card only and there is a fee of \$2.60 per transaction. The fee is charged by the bank, not the school district. The link to the online payment is this: https://family.titank12.com/
- Please complete a free and reduced meal price application now: <u>Free & Reduced Application</u>
- Anyone can complete an application. Paper applications can be requested from your school or from the food service director at megan.bizzarro@sau19.org
 - Other benefits for filling out the application include: Discounted camp fees, College application and Admission Test Fee Waivers, and the district can receive more state funds to offset the local tax rate

Paraprofessional Job Opportunity

MVMS is seeking paraprofessionals for the 2022-2023 school year. The job predominantly consists of supporting small groups of students or individual students in Grades 5 through 8 throughout their day. If interested, please contact our main office at 603-497-8288 or apply through our <u>district employment</u> <u>opportunities</u>.

Reporting an Absence

Parents and guardians should call (603) 497-8288, when prompted press 2 to report a student absence. Parents and guardians should be prepared to record their name, their student's name, and the name of their student's teacher(s). A note from a parents and guardians should be presented to the homeroom teacher upon return to school.

Emergency Release

The Goffstown School District uses a district wide notification system called School Messenger. This system allows more effective communication with parents should an emergency issue arise. This includes school cancelations, delays or early dismissals due to poor weather or building emergencies such as loss of heat, water pressure or electricity. Every means of communication will be used to notify parents and guardians. In addition to School Messenger, any school closing or delay because of weather conditions will continue to be announced on WMUR-TV, Channel 9, as well as over the radio station 95.7 FM WZID before 7:00 a.m. Please refrain from calling the school. Parents should have an emergency plan in place with their student for the rare occasion they may need to be sent home early.

School Counselors

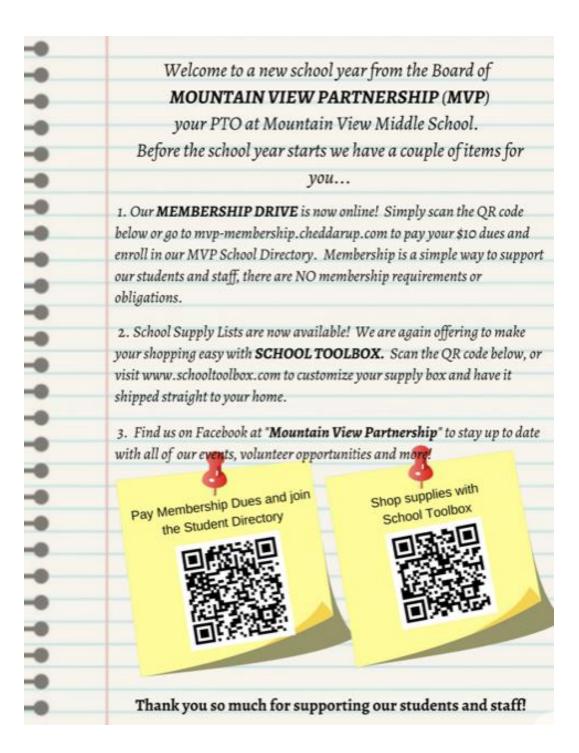
If at any point during the year, you feel the need to consult with a counselor for advice for you or your student, please contact one of the following:

Erin Sakolosky	Grade 5	Erin.Sakolosky@sau19.org
Jessica Jordan	Grade 6	Jessica.Jordan@sau19.org
Rachel Nault	Grade 7	Rachel.Nault@sau19.org
Ryanne Roy	Grade 8	Ryanne.Roy@sau19.org

MVP Corner

The Mountain View Partnership is your MVMS parent teacher organization. To become a supporting member, click the link below. You will be given an option to join the MVP Student Directory and will receive a copy in return. The link is https://my.cheddarup.com/c/mvp-membership. You will also be enrolled to receive emails on current fundraisers and events sponsored by MVP!

MVP meets on the first Monday of each month at 6:00pm in the Information Center/Library. Everyone is welcome, we'd love to have your input, it truly takes a village! To stay informed on our upcoming events and fundraisers you may also join our Facebook Group at https://www.facebook.com/mountainviewpartnership.



Food Service Updates



FREE MEALS ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE

Our current guidance from the USDA does not allow us to serve free meals to all students in the 2022-2023 school year. Pricing will be:

	Breakfast	Lunch
Maple/Bartlett	\$1.50	\$3.00 or \$0.40 reduced price
Mountain View	\$1.50	\$3.25 or \$0.40 reduced price
Goffstown High School	\$1.75	\$3,50 or \$0,40 reduced price

THE IMPORTANCE OF FREE AND REDUCED MEAL FORMS

We encourage families to complete the free and reduced meal application. Families who fill out these forms can be eligible for additional benefits including reduced college testing & application fees as well as helping to provide essential funding for our school. Applications can be found at the Family Portal https://family.titank12.com/NT69TS or at www.Goffstown.k12.nh.us or call the school for a paper application.

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING US TO FEED YOUR CHILDREN

We will continue to serve convenient, high quality, nutritious meals that students enjoy. We greatly appreciate your support.

Megan Bizzarro, Food Service Director, megan.bizzarro@sau19.org



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



Lighten your daily load.

Parents have enough to worry about. SafeStop puts key information at your fingertips so you won't lose time or energy wondering "where's the bus?".

Set up SafeStop:

- Download the SafeStop app from the App Store or Google Play.
- Enter the school access code provided below.
- Enter your child's unique Student ID.
- Select the (bus or route name based on school communications preference) you wish to track.
- Create alert zones around drop-off and pick-up points.

You're all set! You will be able to track the bus's movement during active route times and receive notifications when the bus enters your custom alert zone(s).

Trust that your information is secure.

Security is priority one, especially where student information is concerned. All parent information is password protected within the app to prevent unauthorized people from accessing any student bus information.

Key Features:

- View a real-time, map-based bus locator
- Guarantee parent and student information privacy
- Create custom zones for each stop and school
- · Recieve email alerts and push notifications
- Available on smartphones and tablets

Your School Access Code:

403007







Parents and Guardians

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about events, school closings, safety alerts and more.*

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our school's short code number, 67587.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".



SchoolMessenger is compliant with the <u>Student Privacy Pledge™</u>, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

Opt-In from your mobile phone now!



Just send "Y" or "Yes" to 67587

Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes;

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast,

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 2023. 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	
	MUST BE FILLED OUT COMPLETELY!
Student name	Team
Parent name	Phone
Cost \$14.00 (Checks made out to MVMS – Yearbo Message: Limit 35 words or less!	ook) Check here if you are emailing a digital file:
Signature	Check #

MUST BE RETURNED TO MS. SINCLAIR, ROOM 212 BY NOVEMBER 18, 2022



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2023 LEARN TO SKI & RIDE PROGRAM

PLUS: NH SKI & RIDE BONUS

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We take great pride in holding the title, The Premier Teoching Mountain in New Hampshire. Our professional instructors gear every lesson toward the student's age and ability, while providing a fun learning environment.



LEARNING AND FUN, IT'S WHAT WE DO BEST!

WHAT IS THIS PROGRAM?

- Weekday 5-Week Learn to Ski & Ride Series
- Participants receive a 1-hour lesson (if signed up for lessons) from a Pats Peak instructor and free ski/ride time.
- Program Dates: 5 FRIDAYS- JANUARY 6, 2023 FEBRUARY 03, 2023

HOW TO REGISTER

- It is open to GRADE 5 -6 7 8
- Register online at www.patspeak.com/LTSR Access Code: @@G-matabase
- To receive early pricing, registration must be paid in FULL on or before: October 15, 2022 - November 15, 2022
- Additional Registration info:
 Any registrations done after Nov. 16, 2022 will accrue a \$25.00 late fee

CONTACT INFORMATION:

COORDINATOR- Paola Gomes E-MAILmespourquoi@aol.com PHONE #- 603-674-9418 (quicker response : please text me if needed)

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION:

Once again, because the district is having a shortage of bus drivers - PARENTS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR TRANSPORTATION.

WHAT ABOUT EQUIPMENT?

- RENTALS: Full Rental Packages are available for the program, or for the season. Helmets are additional.
- BRING YOUR OWN: Mark equipment with NAME AND SCHOOL.
 Unsafe equipment will not be allowed on the mountain.

PEAK PERKS: (DISCOUNTED PRICING)

- . CAFÉ CARDS
- PARENT/SIBLING FREQUENT USER CARD AND LIFT TICKETS
- HELMET, GOGGLES AND WATERPROOF MITTENS
- PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT SEASON PASS
 Unlimited Season Pass that is valid for the whole season-you don't have to wait until the program begins to use it! This discounted season pass is only available to the students of the Learn to Ski & Ride Program (must have minimum purchase of lessons. Non-transferable).

IMPORTANT NOTES:

NOTICE- REGISTRATION AFTER NOV, 15 WILL COME WITH A \$25.00 LATE FEE. PLEASE MAKE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR IF YOU CANNOT TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE MOUNTAIN AND BACK. IF ANOTHER PARENT IS PICKING UP- PLEASE SEND A NOTE TO THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY SO THAT THEY ARE WELL AWARE. REFUNDS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE, SO PLAN ACCORDINGLY. LESSONS ARE FROM 4:40-5:30 P.M. Free skiing starts at 4:30pm. IF YOU NEED ANY HELP WHILE ON THE MOUNTAIN- WE WILL BE THERE FROM 4:30 - 6:30 IN THE SMALL LODGE



If this program doesn't work for your schedule, contact Pats Peak about their OPEN PROGRAM: For Individual Sign-Ups (Ages 6-17).



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our very own GHS V arsity Softball players!



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SUNDAYS @ Goffstown High School Gymnasium

Beginning January 8th through March 12th

Make-up days 3/19 & 3/26

\$15 per session: or SAVE \$50 by signing up in advance for all 10 sessions @ \$100 and receive a FREE personalized T-shirt!

Register and pre-pay at www.leaguelineup.com/goffstownbaberuth/ Or pay at the door the day of the clinic

> Girls 10 & Under 8:30 - 9:45

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

10:30 - 11:45 Girls 11 & Older



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Goffstown NH Babe Ruth Girls Softball League on Facebook



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MVMS THEATRE PRESENTS...



BY BRIAN D. TAYLOR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH AND FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH 6:00 PM IN THE HILLTOP
ADMISSION \$5 AT THE DOOR; DOORS OPEN AT 5:45PM