



April 15, 2021

Respect ~ Responsibility ~ Pride

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to begin sharing information with the MVMS community in regard to transition activities for the 21-22 school year. Over the course of the next week, current and incoming students from Bartlett, Maple Avenue and New Boston Central School will have an opportunity to get a ‘taste’ of Mountain View. In lieu of an in-person transition day, in keeping with our current re-opening framework for Covid-19, students will be viewing transition videos next week to help them get to know what to expect next year. Students who are new to MVMS will also be offered student ambassador visits, via Zoom, to have the opportunity to ask questions of current MVMS students and staff. The student ambassador visits will take place during the school day, as students will participate as a cohort from their classrooms at Maple Avenue, Bartlett and New Boston Central School.

A link to the transition video, for each grade level, will be available on our MVMS website beginning on Tuesday, April 20th for parents to view and discuss with their student.

Beyond our remote transition activities this spring, we are also planning a facilities open-house in August for students to be able to tour the building and see their classrooms. More information about the date/times will be sent out later this school year.

In addition, during the week of May 3rd, scheduling forms for course selections will be distributed electronically to all parents of MVMS students, as well as the incoming students from our three sending schools. Current MVMS grade 8 students should also expect course selection forms to be sent out for Goffstown High School during the week of May 3rd as well!

Lastly, we are excited to welcome our 7th and 8th grade students for in-person instruction, five days per week, starting on Monday, April 19th. While in the hybrid model, we have taken the opportunity over the course of the last two weeks, to ‘roll out’ what to expect during lunch time, reiterated our safety protocols and helped students prepare for the transition. Students who are continuing to access remote only learning have received information from the front office and will continue to receive communication from their team of teachers in regard to live instructional blocks as well as expectations.

As always, I appreciate and am thankful for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Wendy Kohler
Principal

Important Dates

April 19 th (Mon.)	All 7 th and 8 th grade students return for 5 days per week, if student is accessing an in-person learning environment
April 26-30	NO SCHOOL – Spring Break

June 10th (Thursday)	Grade 8 Promotion Ceremony at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium in Manchester, NH (home of the Fisher Cats). Time: TBD (Rain Date: Tuesday, June 22nd)
June 16th (Wednesday)	Last Day of School for all students

MVMS Spirit Week

It is Spirit Week during the week of April 19th! Here is a list of our daily theme's sponsored by MVMS Student Government:

Monday: MVMS Pride Day! Wear maroon and white or MVMS gear to show your pride in our school.

Tuesday: Hat Day

Wednesday: Crazy Hair Day

Thursday: Autism Awareness Day: Wear your best shade of blue to support Autism Awareness month

Friday: Sports Day: What sports team do you support?

Arrival and Dismissal

Starting on April 19th we are excited to welcome our last wave of students from 7th and 8th grade back into the building for in-person instruction, five days per week. Please note: our arrival and dismissal procedures will remain the same as they have been all year. We ask for your patience as we expect heavy traffic each day. With the influx of students attending, it is crucial that parents do not arrive earlier than their designated timestamp. This is especially true if your student is dismissed in the second wave of pick-up, from 2:50-3:00. If families arrive too early, traffic is impeded for all. As a reminder, a detailed explanation of the arrival/dismissal procedures are below.

Morning Arrival – Parent/Guardian drop-offs will occur from 8:00-8:20. Please follow the updated traffic pattern (utilizing the back bus loop around the building). Bus Drop-offs will occur from approximately 8:20-8:30 AM, and will utilize the same entrances. If your son/daughter walks to school, or if you are dropping your child off **after 8:20, please use the front entrance only**. The back bus loop is only available until 8:20 to allow for busses to arrive safely and efficiently to continue their routes.

- All 5th and 6th grade students will report directly to homeroom while all 7th and 8th grade students will now, beginning April 5th, report directly to the gym.

Afternoon Dismissal – Parent/Guardian pick-up will occur during the following timestamps. Parents will continue to use the back bus loop and students will exit the building using the same assigned grade level doors as morning arrival. Parent or guardian pick-up will occur from 2:40-3:00 PM.

- Students who have the last name beginning with A-D and L-P will be dismissed at 2:40. Parents are asked to arrive between 2:40-2:50 PM to keep traffic flow.
 - Students with the last name letters E-K and Q-Z will be dismissed at 2:50. Parents are asked to arrive at MVMS between 2:50-3:00 PM. Cars may not enter the back of the building after 3:05 PM. The pick-up time listed above will stay the same when students move to five days per week of instruction next month.
- Please do not arrive any earlier than the prescribed time above so we are able to keep the traffic flow safe and efficient. If you are unable to pick up your child before 3:10, please communicate this with your student so they do not exit the building early for dismissal. Families are welcome to pick their child up between 3:10-3:25, in the front of the building, if the timestamp above does not meet your family needs.

- All students taking the bus, students who are ‘late’ pick-ups and walkers will be dismissed beginning at 3:10 PM. Walkers should exit the front of the building.

As a friendly reminder, please drive slowly around the back-bus loop while picking up/dropping off your student. All students should also enter/exit the car from the passenger side of the vehicle. Thank you for reminding your student to exit the vehicle with their cloth mask covering on, when arriving at MVMS in the morning.

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Spring 2021 Statewide Testing Information for MVMS:

Students in grades five through eight will be participating in the Statewide Assessment System (SAS) summative assessments this spring. Please read the letter from the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent ([Click Here](#)) regarding SAS assessment information and federal and state requirements. Please continue to check your child's teacher's website for more detailed information regarding test administration as it becomes available.

TEST TAKING TIPS

- Eat a good breakfast the morning of the test. High-protein foods like scrambled eggs are often best for aiding concentration and minimizing fatigue.
- Get a full night’s sleep before the test. A lack of sleep may impact your performance.
- Wear comfortable clothing.
- Bring an independent reading book in case you finish early.



In-Person Testing Schedule:

<u>Grade 5</u>		<u>Grade 6</u>		<u>Grade 7</u>		<u>Grade 8</u>	
Reading	4/12	Reading	4/7	Reading	5/10	Reading	4/21
Writing	4/13	Writing	4/8	Writing	5/11	Writing	4/22
Math	4/15	Math	4/14	Math	5/12	Math	5/4
Science	4/20					Science	5/5

Remote Student Testing Schedule

Please review Principal Kohler’s letter sent to parents/guardians of remote students for more information.

<u>Grade 5</u>		<u>Grade 6</u>		<u>Grade 7</u>		<u>Grade 8</u>	
Reading	5/13	Reading	5/6	Reading	5/19	Reading	5/17
Writing	5/13	Writing	5/6	Writing	5/19	Writing	5/17
Math	5/14	Math	5/7	Math	5/20	Math	5/18
Science	5/14					Science	5/18

We are HIRING!

As SAU 19 evaluates a phase change to bring more students into the buildings, our need for support and coverage in the buildings continues to be critically important. If your schedule allows, please consider applying to be a teacher and/or paraprofessional substitute. Training is provided. Any substitutes who commit to regularly substitute on a weekly basis will be paid \$100 per day for those days through the end of this school year. You can commit to as little as one day per week or as many as 5 days per week. To apply, please visit <http://goffstown.k12.nh.us/SAU19> and click on “Resources” then “Employment”.

For additional information please contact Kate Magrath, Human Resources Director at kate.magrath@sau19.org or 603-497-4818. We appreciate your support!

Full Remote Students in Grade 7 and Grade 8

Please be sure all students/families continue to check their email and Google Classroom in regard to daily live instruction and information for our full remote learning students. Students are expected to attend all live sessions and daily attendance will be taken.

Attendance Phone Calls

Please remember to call the MVMS absence line (497-8288 and when prompted press 2) if your child will not be attending their scheduled in-person day prior to 8:15.

Students who are accessing their learning in a fully remote learning environment, who will not be attending, should also be called into the absence line as well.

School Picture Pick-Up

As a friendly reminder, all parents of students who are accessing a remote only environment – we still have a fair amount of school pictures that were ordered and are waiting to be picked up in the front office. Please stop by MVMS anytime between 8:30-4:00 to pick them up!

PBIS Theme of the Month – Responsibility

The PBIS Theme of the Month is Responsibility! Staff and students are focused on what being responsible looks like here at MVMS and how one should go about being responsible in their everyday lives. Be sure to chat with your student about what he/she is learning about Responsibility.

Yearbook

Purchase your 2021 Yearbook TODAY!

Click/copy & paste the link below to place your order for your 2020-2021 Mountain View Middle School Yearbook TODAY!

https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/catalog/1010121/Mountain-View-Middle-School/YEARBOOK_CATALOG/Yearbooks/

SchoolMessenger

Parents and Guardians – if you haven’t already done so, please sign up for SchoolMessenger, which will send important school information via text messages to your mobile device for free. See the attached flyer for more details.

Guidance Department Corner

Any parent who is interested in age-appropriate resources on the subject of student mental health is welcome to reach out to their grade level school counselor for information. See below for school counselor contact information, if you are interested.

Middle Years

Please click/copy paste the link below to view this month's edition of Middle Years. If you're unfamiliar with the Middle Years publication, the purpose is to provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

http://www.rfecustomer.com/ViewPDF.cfm?RequestType=WebSite&CustNum=477194&PdfFilename=MY0421_E.pdf&HtmlPdfPath=http://rfecustomer.com/Pubs/202104/477194_MY0421_E.pdf

Guidance Counselors

If you need to consult with a counselor for advice/information for your student, please contact one of the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Ryanne Roy	5 & 6	(603) 660-5616
Melanie Cali	7	(603) 660-5607
Erin Sakolosky	8	(603) 660-5606

From the Goffstown Library

Community Conversations: Can We Talk About the Environment?

March 22, 2021 - Join the Goffstown Public Library as we separate fact from fiction and foster a dialog to improve our town and planet for the future. The Library's Community Conversations initiative is back with a full schedule of events for April and May 2021, exploring the impact of our changing environment on the Goffstown community. Topics will include trash and recycling, stormwater, weather, global climate change, birds, bees, and much more!

A full schedule of events can be found at www.goffstownlibrary.com/communityconversation and include opportunities for engagement for all ages, along with book lists, resources for further learning, and links to informational websites. Experts in their fields have been invited to present at virtualevents including the New Hampshire State Climatologist Mary Stampone, Ph. D., State Representative Peter Somssich, Ph. D., Adam Jacobs, Director of Goffstown Department of Public Works, Dr. Pamela Hunt, Avian Conservation Biologist of the NH Audubon, pollinator expert and beekeeping educator Jodi Turner, and others.

"New Hampshire's wilderness is one of its defining characteristics, a source of pride and distinction for the state. We at the Goffstown Public Library are devoted to providing our community with information about how the impact of climate change on our environment could change this place we live in and what we love about it." – Elizabeth Weilbacher, Adult Services Librarian

The Goffstown Public Library Community Conversations series is designed to help us understand issues affecting our community and provide a starting point to open up conversations. Community Conversations bring together resources, experts, and concerned community members to discuss complicated issues in a gracious, safe space.

For more information about the events scheduled at the Goffstown Library, please visit www.goffstownlibrary.com/communityconversation or call Dianne Hathaway at 603-497-2102. All online events are free and open to the public.

MVP Flower Power Fundraiser

SPRING HAS SPRUNG! Let's bring some color and joy into this spring as we head into the end of the school year. We are happy to be offering a fundraiser this year in conjunction with FLOWER POWER FUNDRAISING. They offer beautiful flowers, fruits and vegetables shipped straight to you for a flat \$6 rate, anywhere in the country. Your family and friends can also support your school wherever they live! Orders ship as they are received depending on your "Zone" and you can order until May 15th!!

Below you will find the current online catalog and ordering information, items will be added as they are back in stock so be sure to check back for veggies, flower pads, tree rings and more!

Link to Online Catalog: <http://mvp.fpfundraising.com>



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to Make a *Difference!*

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HAPPY SPRING!!

Dear Families,

Thank you for supporting the Mountain View Partnership, our students and staff! This has been a crazy year but we hope this brings some COLOR and JOY to your spring!

Your Mountain View Partnership

Visit Our Personalized Website By 05/15:
<http://MVP.fpfundraising.com>

Contact For More Information:
Kerstie Hazelbaker - kerstieis@comcast.net

Turn In Paper Order Forms By: Not Applicable

Message from Health Office

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Allergy season is fast approaching. The pandemic presents additional challenges during allergy season as we are not able to distinguish between COVID-19 symptoms and allergy symptoms. If your child suffers from seasonal allergies please make sure they are taking their allergy medication daily, at home, as these medications will not be provided from the MVMS Health Office. Also, if your child has a history of seasonal allergies, we must have written documentation from their PCP stating they have a diagnosis of seasonal allergies. If your child presents to the MVMS Health Office with allergy symptoms that could also be a symptom of COVID-19, and we do not have a documented diagnosis of seasonal allergies, we will have to assume it could be COVID-19 and your child may be subject to dismissal from school and be required to have a COVID-19 test. Thank you for your understanding and continued cooperation.

Sara Matatall RN
Sara.matatall@sau19.org
660-5623

Susan Potvin RN
Susan.potvin@sau19.org
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Food Service Information

~ This year **all** school meals are FREE to ALL students! ~

We ask that parents/guardians pre-order meals, following the instructions below, to help us with the delivery to the classrooms.

Ordering Meals

You need to either download the NutriSlice App from your app store or go through the food service webpage for the menus.

1. Select MVMS.
2. Select the appropriate menu.
3. Pick your child's meal on the day he/she will be attending school.
4. Choose from the optional items then click Add to Order.
5. You may pick another day your child is attending school or you may check out for that student.
6. Click on the lunch bag on the top left of the screen.
7. View your cart and confirm it is correct, then click Checkout or Create an Account. You will need to create a Parent account and then add students with their lunch number in order to Checkout.
8. Choose who the order is for.
9. Select Pickup: Choose grade level; enter your child's homeroom in the box on the right above the submit button.
10. Click submit.
11. If you have additional children to order for you will need to click on Start Another Order.

A student ID number is necessary, for bookkeeping purposes. You will **not** be charged.

If you need further help either contact the MVMS kitchen or food service by emailing Megan Bizzarro, megan.bizzarro@sau19.org.

Goffstown Parks and Recreation Programs

Parks and Rec Summer Playground

The Summer Playground Program is a fun-filled, 8-week program held at Barnard and Roy Park. This program offers arts and crafts, card and board games, outdoor games, sports, and various other activities. Campers will have daily access to the swimming pools and playgrounds available at both parks. Additionally, every Friday both sites will come together at Barnard Park for a special event. Weekly special events can include tie-dye day, summer survivor challenge, pickleball tournaments, dodgeball tournaments, candy bar Olympics, and more!

This program takes place Monday through Friday from 8:30am-4pm. Participants may register for as many weeks as they desire and at whichever location they prefer, given that spots are available.

Registration will begin March 1st

For more information please visit: <https://www.goffstown.com/dept/pr/parks-and-recreation-programs/parks-and-recreation-summer-playground>

To register please visit: <https://goftstown.recdesk.com/Community/Program>

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 [Student Privacy Pledge™](#), 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**

i [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, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you’ve ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

*[Terms and Conditions](#) – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/txt for more info.

