PAWS News

May 19, 2023
Respect, Responsibility, Community, & Pride

<u>Special Edition: 8th Grade Remin</u>ders

We are so excited to celebrate our 8th grade students as the end of the year approaches. Below are some important dates and details regarding the end-of-the year activities. Please feel free to contact a member of the administrative team if you have any questions or concerns.

- Grade 8 Recognition Dance/Celebration
 - o Date: Friday, June 9, 2023
 - o Time: 6:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
 - Where: MVMS Hilltop Cafeteria
 - We encourage all of our MVMS Grade 8 students to attend the Grade 8 Recognition
 - Dance/Celebration sponsored by Student Government.
 - Admission to the Dance/Celebration is free and limited to currently enrolled MVMS Grade 8 students.
 - Drop off 6:00 in back of the Hilltop/playground entrance.
 - Pick-up 8:00 in the front of MVMS.
 - As a gentle reminder, the recognition dance is not a formal event. Students are encouraged to dress comfortably. In the past, most students chose to wear khaki style shorts, polo shirts, short-sleeve button up shirts (with or without a tie), skirts or sun dresses.
 - Students must be in attendance on June 9th to attend the dance. Students may not be dismissed prior to 2:00.
- Grade 8 Promotion Ceremony
 - o Date: Thursday, June 15, 2023
 - o Time: 2:00. (Students arrive at 1:15)
 - Where: St. Anselm College, Sullivan Center
 - We welcome all our MVMS Grade 8 students to attend our promotional ceremony.
 - We recommend appropriate student dress for a promotional exercise.
 - Tickets for spectators are not required.
 - It is our hope to live-stream the event on GTV.
 - All students/families are responsible for transportation to/from the event.
 - Specific student drop-off location (meeting spot) will be forthcoming to students.

PLEASE NOTE: Thursday, June 15th will be a remote learning day for all 8th grade students. Students will be encouraged to attend a Microsoft Teams meeting with their team teachers beginning at 9:00. This meeting will include reminders about the promotional ceremony, as well as a fun, virtual team activity. More information will be provided to students about this day by their team teachers.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Date					
May 19	Spring Drama Performance: Matilda Jr.				
May 23	Spring Music Concert: All Band & Orchestra				
May 24	Spring Music Concert: All Chorus				
May 26	*Memorial Day Assembly				
	*6 th Grade D.A.R.E. Graduation				
May 29	No School: Memorial Day				
May 30	Field Trip: 7-2 Camp Lincoln				
May 31	8 th Grade Excellence Night (Invitations have been sent.)				
June 5	Field Trip 8-3 MS Mt. Washington Tour (Buses leave				
	promptly at 8:25)				
June 6	*Field Trip: 7-1 Camp Lincoln				
	*Field Trip: 8-2 MS Mt. Washington Cruise (Buses leave				
	promptly at 8:25)				
June 7	*Nature's Classroom: 5-1 & 5-3				
	*Field Trip: 8-1 MS Mt. Washington Cruise (Buses leave				
	promptly at 8:25)				
June 8	Field Trip: 6 th Grade Canobie Lake Park				
June 9	*Field Trip: 7-3 Camp Lincoln				
	*Nature's Classroom: 5-2				
	*8 th Grade Promotion Dance				
June 14	Paws Pride Day/Field Day				
June 15	8 th Grade Promotion @ St. Anslem College				
	 Students are participating in a remote learning day in 				
	the AM.				
	- Student Drop off: 1:15				
	- Ceremony begins: 2:00				
June 16	*Step-Up Day				
	*MVMS & NBCS Unite!				
June 20	Last Day/Early Release				

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

NH Department of Education Camp Scholarships

The New Hampshire Department of Education is offering camp scholarships. Please <u>click here</u> for more information.

Staff Appreciation Week!

The MVMS Staff are the best in the world. Last week, MVMS celebrated our staff with members of our school community. MVP, our parent partnership, hosted a baked potato bar with endless toppings and an extensive snack bar with support from families in our community. A special thank you to Ms. Neal, Ms. Hendershott, and Ms. Wunschel for their time setting up these events. Student Government and the school board provided an amazing breakfast buffet. The MVMS Staff are so thankful for the community support and appreciation!



PBIS Theme of the Month - Self-Control

The PBIS Theme of the Month is Self-Control! Staff and students are focused on what exhibiting self-control looks like here at MVMS and how one should go about being using self-control in their everyday lives.

5th Grade Field Trip

The 5th graders had an exciting field trip to the New Hampshire State House and Department of Fish and Game. At the state house, some groups had the opportunity to meet Governor Sununu, and others had the chance to observe the New Hampshire Senate in session. At the Department of Fish and Game, students completed a scavenger hunt to discover species of plants and animals native to New Hampshire.



Wildlife Encounters

The 7th grade Science department held an in-school field trip for each team presented by WildLife Encounters. Students learned about incredible animal adaptations and observed various species of animals, including a tarantula, fennec fox, and a gigantic snake.



Circus Smirkus!

This week our 5th grade students participated in Circus Smirkus for the Artist in Residence program. All 5th grade students practiced juggling techniques, balancing acts, and other exciting acts with Mr. C, our talented artist for the week. The amazing week will wrap up with a small performance for the students on each team. Thank you to Mr. Garrity for facilitating this awesome program, Mr. C for joining us from Circus Smirkus, and to the 5th grade teachers and students for joining in the fun.



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.

Robotics and STEM Enrichment Activity at MVMS

We are excited to share that SAU #19 is offering a one-week intensive enrichment opportunity focused on Robotics and STEM related activities at Mountain View Middle School during the week of 6/26-6/29 from 8 AM to 3 PM. These two programs will run separately, but in tandem, so that each cohort of students are able to spend two days in each activity. The two cohorts will be broken up accordingly: Incoming 5th graders to MVMS (those students currently at Maple and Bartlett), as well as our current students at MVMS who are in 5th grade and will be entering 6th grade in the fall will be one cohort. The second cohort will consist of those MVMS students who will be seventh and eighth graders at MVMS in the fall, including those students at NBCS. These free enrichment programs will help support the grade level and school level transition for interested students by providing a purposeful and enriching activity while

also offering students a familiarity with the building and some of MVMS's teaching staff. If you have more than one child who is in either cohort, please complete two separate forms.

Registration is open through Friday, June 2nd.

If you have any questions related to the specifics of these programs, please contact either Derek Davis (derek.davis@sau19.org) or Mike Lee (Michael.Lee@SAU19.ORG).

https://forms.office.com/r/AsTV9xV9GU

Food Service Updates: Starting, Tuesday, May 23, 2023

We're excited to inform you that our meal payments portal, TITAN Family Portal, has been upgraded to LINQ Connect. There's no need to change your username and password. All your information will be transferred to the new app.

Here are some exciting upgrades to enjoy:

- A simple, fresh look to allow for better accessibility
- An interactive dashboard to view all family members in one profile
- A resource center to access help guides
- Streamlined menus help you see more with fewer clicks

The website address is www.lingconnect.com

Visit your app store and find "LINQ Connect" available in the Google Play Store now and the Apple store available soon to download the new app and enjoy these new features. Just log in with your existing username and password. If you use a browser, visit LINQConnect.com to log in.

If you don't use our portal to make online meal payments, you can set up a free account to view previous transactions, set spending limits, transfer funds between students, set low-balance notifications and more. It's an easy way to manage your child's meal account.

Also, if your student is changing schools within the district and has money on the account, the money will move with him/her. If you need a refund as your student is leaving the district and your child's account has \$10 or more left, please click on this link https://tinyurl.com/en9cyvzd to complete the form. It can take 2-3 weeks for a check to arrive. If your child owes money for meals, please pay this debt as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact your school's cafeteria. Thank you for all of your support this year! The Food Service Team.

Thank you,
Megan Bizzarro
Food Service Director
Goffstown/New Boston School Districts

Volunteer Information

The Goffstown Police Department (GPD) has partnered with our district and will now accept SAU 19 volunteers at the police station during the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM, Monday through Friday. You do not need to make an appointment, but you will need to bring a photo ID with you and tell them you are an SAU 19 volunteer. In the event you cannot make it during these open hours, you may stop by the GPD at any time, but the availability of an officer to take your prints may be limited and you may have to wait for an available officer, or you may be asked to try again at a different date and time.

Once your fingerprinting is complete, GPD will provide you with an electronic receipt. This receipt needs to be sent to the SAU office along with the following forms. It is important that you know your prints are only good for 30 days from the day they are taken to the day they are received in Concord. Please return all documents to the SAU office as soon after fingerprinting as you can: A completed Criminal Record Release Authorization Form. Payment of \$\$21.25 made payable to State of NH — Criminal Records (personal checks or money orders are the only form of payment accepted) * These forms need to be completed and available on the SAU website:

- Volunteer Information Sheet
- Volunteer Application Agreement Form
- Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement Form #1 (Goffstown & New Boston)
- Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement #2 (New Boston Only)
- Verification of Bullying Training Form

The Bullying Training can be found on our website. Volunteers are required to watch the video annually and submit the bullying training form to the SAU office to stay current on the list. Once your fingerprinting record check is returned to the SAU office, schools will be notified you are an approved volunteer. You should contact the school directly to confirm if you have been approved for volunteering. SAU 19 Volunteer polices can be found on our website: Volunteers and Volunteer Regulations.

Please note, this process may take up to 30 days. You must complete this process in a timely manner if you want to volunteer for a particular event. Any questions about this process can be directed to the SAU office at 603-497-4818.

Nurse Update: Attention 6th Grade Parents

The State of NH requires all students entering 7th grade to receive the **Tdap** vaccine (Tetanus and Pertussis) prior to the start of 7th grade. Most children receive this vaccine between ages 10-12. Many current 6th graders are still missing documentation of this vaccine. If your child received this vaccine, we ask that you send in a copy of their immunization record prior to the end of the school year. If your student has not had the Tdap vaccine, please make

arrangements with your child's health care provider for him/ her to receive this vaccine before the start of school in September and submit a copy of your student's vaccine record to the MVMS nurses once completed. Feel free to contact the MVMS Health Office with any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Sara Matatall RN & Susan Potvin RN 660-5623

<u>Sara.matatall@sau19.org</u> <u>Susan.potvin@sau19.org</u>

Update from the Nurses: Seasonal Allergies

Allergy season is fast approaching. If your child suffers from seasonal allergies, please make sure they are taking their allergy medication daily, at home. The MVMS Health Office does not supply seasonal allergy medication to students. Please contact us with any questions.

Thank you,

Sara Matatall RN Susan Potvin RN

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660-5623 660-5615

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: <u>Late Bus Route</u>

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.

Paraprofessional Job Opportunity

MVMS is seeking paraprofessionals for this school year and next 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> opportunities.

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 6:00 pm in the Information Center/Library. Everyone is welcome, and 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







2023 Tri-Town Youth Soccer League Fall registration opens May 1st, 2023!

Please visit our website for more information:

www.tritownsoccer.com

Tri-Town Youth Soccer League is an initiative of Goffstown,
Dunbarton, and New Boston to provide residents communitybased recreational soccer.

Discounts (1 per household) will be provided to head (\$20) and assistant coach (\$10) volunteers.

Sign up now before late fees begin July 17th (\$10 per registrant)

Registration closes August 1st, 2023

Accepting registrants in the following age groups (see website for DOB ranges):



U6 U8 U10 U12 U14 U19







Cheerleading Clinic

Hosted by GHS Cheerleaders

When: June 3rd and 4th

Time: 9am-12:00pm

Where: Goffstown High School Back Gym

Who: Open to girls and boys ages 7-13 years old (no experience necessary)

Cost: \$75

Register by May 12th and receive a free T-shirt.



Athlete's Name:						Age:				
Phone #:						Any Cheer Experience:		Yes	No	
T-Shirt Size:	YS	YM	YL	AS	AM	AL	AXL			
Any Medical (Conditio	ns we sh	ould be	aware o	of:					

Email completed form to marissacharest@yahoo.com (please put cheer clinic in the subject) Thank you!