

May 7, 2021

Respect ~ Responsibility ~ Pride

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for all the love you have sent to our MVMS staff during Staff Appreciation Week. Our entire staff has been spoiled with little treats and surprises each day, including some heartfelt cards and notes from students that have meant the world to us. I want to give a big 'thank you' to the MVP Leadership Team for providing the staff with a gift on Tuesday and an amazing luncheon from the Blue Moose Café on Friday. This was a wonderful way to not only celebrate the hard work our staff have put in throughout this year, but also a great way to come back from spring vacation.

I also want to thank our families for your continued support of our students and staff – the overwhelming support from the Goffstown/New Boston communities is always humbling. It is because of the wonderful MVMS students, parents, staff, and community that I consider myself to be the luckiest principal in the state. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Wendy Kohler Principal

Important links for Course Selection for the 21-22 School Year

As a friendly reminder, all course slection forms must be completed by all families by Monday, May 10th. Below are the grade specific links for families to fill out with their student, as well as the link to sign up for their summer reading book choice. For more information about summer reading or course selection, please see the MVMS homepage to watch our transition video.

Summer Reading

Presentation:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/e/2PACX-1vQTQMx4API3izg0vgwM6QdxsfnJfYGcTzz 110 Eef1984uw46Dkw_dEQhhnTYXlexswyq-Z1GeXpyMG/pub?start=false&loop=false&delayms=3000

Parent Sign Up Form:

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

Course Selections

Grade 5:

https://forms.gle/GVwDWndrCGgEtxUK6

Grade 6:

https://forms.gle/gr4hdgDntQLte9ud6

Grade 7

https://forms.gle/dVMXqPMVvs6W6sWM6

Grade 8:

https://forms.gle/2kAYRBRxsAxuCqe9A

Important Dates

May 31st (Monday)	NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day
June 10th (Thursday)	Grade 8 Promotion Ceremony at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium in Manchester, NH (home of the Fisher Cats). Time: 2:00 (Rain Date: Tuesday, June 22 nd)
June 16th (Wednesday)	Last Day of School for all students

Arrival and Dismissal

On April 19th, we welcomed 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. 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.

 \circ All 5th and 6th grade students will report directly to homeroom while all 7th and 8th grade students will 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.

- O 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 flowing.
- 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.
- 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 <u>slowly</u> 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.

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>Grae</u>	<u>de 5</u>	<u>Gra</u>	<u>de 6</u>	<u>Gra</u>	<u>de 7</u>	<u>Grac</u>	<u>le 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.

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Grade 5		Grae	Grade 6		Grade 7		Grade 8	
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 - Self Control

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

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.

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Guidance Counselors

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

Name	Grade	Phone Number
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 virtual events 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/communityconversationor 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



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 <u>Susan.potvin@sau19.org</u> 660-5615

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/park

To register please visit: https://goffstown.recdesk.com/Community/Program

Agoge Wrestling Club

Have an athlete who is interested in wrestling? Please see the attached flyer for more information if your student is interested in joining the Agoge Wrestling Club.



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, 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.

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MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & SUNDAYS



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