



PAWS News
October 7, 2021
Respect, Responsibility, & Pride

Office of the Principal

Dear MVMS Community:

I would like to share my deepest appreciation for the love and support that our MVMS community has received over the course of the last few days. As we continue to meet the needs of our students and staff from the tragedy that occurred last week, our emphasis is on supporting all members of the community as we begin to heal. Meeting our students' social and emotional needs will continue to be in the forefront of what we do in each classroom. The parent and community support is much appreciated and means more than you know.

As our community begins to move forward together, we have hope for our students as they mourn the loss of a treasured friend, hope for teachers and staff as they cope with the untimely death of a young person, hope for peace and healing for the family as they grieve this incredible loss, and hope for our all of our stakeholders as they help us continue to grow and recover by being there for one another.

Our PBIS theme this month is integrity. Integrity is knowing the difference between right and wrong and choosing to do the right thing, even when it is difficult. Please talk with your student about what they are learning about integrity in class.

We have two exciting enrichment activities starting soon. ExploraVision, which is a STEM based science competition, and Introduction to Chess will begin in October (See the descriptions below). If your student is interested, sign-up packets are available in the office.

Our parent group, MVP, is sponsoring a spirit wear sale. The store closes October 17th, so please be sure to get your orders in by following the link included below.

Sincerely,
Wendy Kohler
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	
October 8 th	School-Wide Book Chat
October 21 th	Picture Re-Take Day
October 29 th	Orange Out Day

MVMS ADMINISTRATORS

Ms. Wendy Kohler	Principal
Ms. Brandy Williams	Assistant Principal
Mr. Lyle Hamel	Curriculum Coordinator
Ms. Kim Rivers	Special Education Facilitator
Mr. Josh Lewis	Dean of Students



Upcoming Enrichment Activity: Introduction to Chess

Mountain View Middle School is excited to offer an Introduction to Chess course beginning on Tuesday, October 12 from 3:20-4:20 PM. This course will occur every Tuesday for four weeks, and end on November 2nd. Mountain View's very own, Mr. Howard McDowell, will be the instructor for this course. Mr. McDowell is an avid chess player who has spent his entire life studying the game and playing against world renowned competition. He received his formal training from a Life Master. Permission forms are located in the front office if you are interested. The course will occur on 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, and 11/2 from 3:20-4:20. Introduction to chess will be capped at 20 participants. All completed permission forms should be returned to Mr. Lyle Hamel in the front office.

Upcoming Enrichment Activity: Explora Vision

Mountain View is excited to share another exciting enrichment activity titled ExploraVision. ExploraVision is a science competition that engages students in next generation, real-world problem solving, with a targeted focus on STEM (science, technology engineering, and math). Facilitating this enrichment activity will be seventh grade science teacher, Mr. Davis. Mr. Davis will assist students in considering a real-world problem, developing a solution, and then envisioning a feasible way to solve the problem 10 years down the road. There will be an emphasis on collaborative brainstorming, research around current science and technology, as well as, critical thinking and communication skills. Mr. Davis has elected to facilitate the following two sessions.

- Grade 5/6 Session: Tuesdays from 3:10-4:45 PM
- Grade 7/8 Session: Thursdays from 3:10-4:45 PM

The ExploraVision enrichment activity with Mr. Davis will begin the week of October 25th and run through the week of January 24th, 2022. ExploraVision will be capped at 8 students for both the Grade 5/6 session and the Grade 7/8 session. Permission forms are located in the front office if you are interested. All completed permission forms should be returned to Mr. Lyle Hamel in the front office.

In the event that student interest exceeds program capacity (Introduction to Chess or ExploraVision), school administration will use a lottery system to determine the selected students. All candidates must be in good academic standing in all classes.

MVP Spirit Wear

MVP's Spiritwear Store is now OPEN! Online ordering, your choice of logos (MVMS and GOFFSTOWN PRIDE) and easy pickup at Brown Graphics. All profits are used to support the students and staff of Mountain View! Items are limited and brands may be substituted due to inventory shortages so get yours NOW!!"

Link: <https://www.browngraphics.com/mvms-spiritwear.html>

Paraprofessional Job Opportunity

MVMS is seeking paraprofessionals for the 2021-2022 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 the MVMS Special Education Facilitator, Kim Rivers.

Email: Kimberly.rivers@sau19.org

Phone: 603-497-8288 ext. 5630

Picture Re-Take Day

MVMS will hold Picture Re-Take Day on Thursday, October 21st. If you want to return your order and replace it, please send your original portrait order with your student on this day. New order forms will be available in the office for those ordering for the first time.



Sports Information

Thank you for supporting our MVMS athletes. Our team schedules can be found at this link:

<https://goffstownathletics.com/main/calendar/>. As a reminder, there will be no athletic transportation to games or contests for the 21/22 school year. There is a significant shortage in bus drivers which impacts our ability to offer athletic transportation.

8th Grade Baby Photos

Calling all 8th grade parents! We are now collecting “8th Grade Baby Ad” photo submissions for the 2021-2022 MVMS Yearbook. You will need to submit a baby picture with your child’s first and last name on the back, a message addressed to your 8th grader, and the \$14 check or cash. Please include a self-stamped envelope if you would like the picture returned to you. Fill out the attached Baby Ad form to make your photo submission. SUBMISSION DEADLINE is October 29, 2021.

Update from the Nurses:

Dear Parents & Guardians:

We truly appreciate all of your efforts in reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission in our schools. As a reminder, if your student is exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19, even mild, we ask that you keep your student home from school and contact your student’s primary care provider. Many of the symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to the common cold, influenza, allergies and other illnesses. While it may appear that your student just has the common cold or allergies, **healthcare providers cannot rule out COVID-19 without testing for it.** The MVMS nurses have been, and will continue to send students home who are symptomatic at school. As a reminder the symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Headache
- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore Throat
- Runny nose or nasal congestion
- Muscle or body aches
- Fatigue
- New loss of taste or smell

- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If your student has been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, please contact the MVMS nurses for guidance. Please contact the MVMS nurses if your student experiences any of the above symptoms or you have questions about COVID-19 exposure **before sending them to school.**

We are a resource for you and your family. We are happy to assist you during this unprecedented time. Together we can keep our families healthy and our schools open.

Thank you,

Sara Matatall RN

&

Susan Potvin RN

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660-5623

660-5615

Information Center: Before and After School Hours

The Information Center is at 7:45 am every morning. In the morning, students can get a pass from a bus duty teacher or the main office. After school, the Information Center is open 3:10 pm - 4:45 pm, Monday-Thursday. The information center is NOT open after school on Friday. If a student plans to come to the Information Center after school, they need to sign up in the main office by 1:00pm. Students need to have a reason for coming to the Information Center, for example, using a computer for schoolwork, printing, checking out a book, independent reading, etc. If you have questions, please connect with Mrs. O'Riley at amy.oriley@sau19.org.



Arrival and Dismissal

Entrances by Grade Level – Students will enter the building through their assigned grade level door.

- 5th and 6th grade students will enter and exit through the door near the softball field.
- 7th and 8th grade students will enter and exit through the door near the back parking lot.

Morning Arrival – Parent/Guardian drop-offs will occur from 8:00-8:15. Please follow the updated traffic pattern (utilizing the back bus loop around the building). Bus Drop-offs will occur from approximately 8:15-8:25 AM, and will utilize the same entrances. If your student walks to school, or if you are dropping your student off **after 8:15, please use the front entrance only.** The back bus loop is only available until 8:15 to allow for busses to arrive safely and efficiently to continue their routes.

- All 5th and 6th grade students will report directly to their homeroom.
- All 7th and 8th grade students will report directly to the gymnasium.

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 2:45-3:05 PM.

- A-K: Students who have a last name beginning with A-K will be dismissed at 2:45. Parents are asked to arrive between 2:45-2:55 PM to keep traffic flow. Cars may not enter the back of the building after 3:05 PM.
- L-Z: Students who have a last name beginning with L-Z will be dismissed at 2:55. Parents are asked to arrive between 2:55-3:05 PM to keep traffic flow. Cars may not enter the back of the building after 3:05 PM.
- Please do your best to arrive no 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 student 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 student up between 3:10-3:25, in the front of the building, if the timestamps above do 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 at arrival and dismissal.

PowerSchool Access

Families that are new to MVMS will receive an email to sign up for PowerSchool access. Those families that already have a PowerSchool account will have access to their account using their username and password from last year. As a reminder, all 7th and 8th grade students have access to view their classes and grades in PowerSchool too!

Masks

On August 16th, the Goffstown School Board determined we will start the school year with masking being optional. Masks will not be required indoors or for outdoor classroom activities. A targeted mask model was presented to the Goffstown School Board (See the reopening plan on the SAU19 website for details). Targeted masking decisions may be made for unique school specific case data and may be made by based on a number of cohorts or configurations such as: busses, classrooms, grade levels, school(s), etc. As we head into the school year, masking should be viewed based on a continuum from optional to targeted to universal and may be differentiated by (and possibly within) each school. Masks will not be implemented in a binary model where masks are ‘required or they are not’. Rather a specific, targeted-model, based on case data (local cases, school transmission, etc.) and NHDHHS recommendations (if applicable) will be implemented. Targeted masking will allow the SAU to respond to specific case data. The Superintendent is authorized to change or alter mask expectations and will report to the School Board.

Text Message Alerts

Opt-in to receive school delay and cancellation alerts, as well as emergency notifications. To opt-in, text the word "Yes" to the code number 67587. *Please note: Mobile numbers must be on file in our database (PowerSchool) to opt-in. To update your mobile number contact the school office.

Reporting an Absence

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

Covid Emergency Operation Plan

On August 16th, the Goffstown School Board approved a plan for our upcoming school year. The approved plan can be found by clicking here: [2021/2022 SAU19 Covid Emergency Operations Plan](#)

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 cancellations, 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.

Featured Art

Below is some samples of the amazing art completed by our 6th graders.



Summer Reading School Wide Book Chat

On Friday, October 8th, MVMS will participate in a school wide Summer Reading Book Chat. Students will be collaborating with their peers in an activity based on the summer reading book that they chose to read. Students who have chosen not to participate in the MVMS Summer Reading Program, will still participate with the whole school by completing a similar collaborative activity that will help promote literacy in our elementary schools and our communities of Goffstown and New Boston. Please stay tuned for more information as we get closer to the official date.

The Late Bus

The Late Bus will run during the 2021/2022 school year. The Late Buses will pick students up from MVMS at 5:00. One bus will be for New Boston residents and one bus will be for Goffstown residents. Students must sign up in the front office by 1:00 to ride the late bus each day. Stops associated with the late bus are posted on the [MVMS website](#).

Label Your Student's Clothing

Every year our lost and found is overflowing with beautiful clothing, coats, lunch boxes, etc. Approximately 4 to 5 times a year we donate our lost and found to charity. Please take the time to label your student's clothing, backpacks, and lunchboxes so we are able to return these items to your student. If student is missing something, remind them to check the lost and found, located in the Hilltop Café.



PBIS Theme of the Month - Integrity

Each month the MVMS community focuses on a specific aspect of character development. October's theme is integrity. Integrity is defined as being strong enough to do what you know is right. Integrity is also knowing the difference between right and wrong and choosing to do the right thing, even when it is difficult. Be sure to chat with your student about what he/she is learning about integrity.

Music Information

String Rental Night: Students interested in renting a strings instrument can do so on September 27, 2021 at MVMS in the Hilltop Cafeteria from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. For more information, please reach out to Muriel Orcutt via email at Muriel.Orcutt@SAU19.ORG

Guidance 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:

Jessica Jordan	Grade 5	Jessica.jordan@sau19.org
Rachel Nault	Grade 6	Rachel.nault@sau19.org
Ryanne Roy	Grade 7	Ryanne.roy@sau19.org
Erin Sakolosky	Grade 8	Erin.Sakolosky@SAU19.ORG

Food Service Information

Students in all grades are eating lunch in the Hilltop Café. All school meals are FREE to ALL students! Breakfast will be available at kiosks at both drop off locations. No pre-ordering is needed since we will be using the Hilltop. For bookkeeping purposes, forms for free/reduced lunches can be found by clicking: [Forms](#) Please complete them as soon as possible. If you need further help either contact the MVMS kitchen or food service by emailing Megan Bizzarro, megan.bizzarro@sau19.org.

MVP Corner

Join Mountain View Partnership (MVP), our family partnership, by clicking this link for membership: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/mvp-membership>

Join the Mountain View Partnership (MVP) Facebook Group:
<https://www.facebook.com/mountainviewpartnership>

Mountain View Partnership (your PTO) is again offering an easy way to shop for school supplies and support MVMS at the same time. We are partnering with School Toolbox to offer custom supply lists for each grade, you can add or delete items, buy extras for the classroom and everything ships directly to you for free with any order over \$50! Just visit www.schooltoolbox.com and choose Mountain View Middle School. Thank you for supporting MVP!

Troop 99G Youth Program

Are you looking for a year-round program that offers a variety of outdoor activities, including camping, hiking, safe fire-building skills, and many others for your child/children? If so, please see the attached flyer for more details!"

Weekend Food Program

Below is information regarding the weekend food program offered by The Goffstown Network. If you'd like a paper copy of the application, please email your student's school counselor or assistant principal, Brandy Williams (brandy.williams@sau19.org)

To all Parents/Guardians,

The Goffstown Network was established in 1991 and is a non-profit community-based organization dedicated to providing food to the residents of Goffstown, Dunbarton and New Boston in times of crisis. The organization operates a bi-weekly food pantry and also runs a holiday program.

SAU #19 partnered with the Goffstown Network and established a "Weekend Lunch Program" for Goffstown and New Boston students who have limited access to food between school lunch on Friday and breakfast on Monday. We invite you to participate in the selection process to ensure that we are reaching the children who are most in need of this service. Beginning on Friday afternoon, September 17th, students will receive a bag of nutritious easy-to-open prepared food items which will be carried home in their backpacks.

If you believe your child(ren) would benefit from this program, please complete the attached application and return it to your school office by Friday, September 10th to the attention of Megan Bizzarro. All information you provide is confidential, and food bags will be distributed to the children with the utmost discretion.

We look forward to providing this service to our children. If you have questions regarding the Weekend Food Program, please contact Dianne Macon of the Goffstown Network at (603) 497-3433.

Sincerely,

Brian Balke
Superintendent of Schools

**WEEKEND FOOD PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN
SAU #19
Goffstown and New Boston
APPLICATION**

List all children in your family who attend school in SAU #19.

Name: _____ School/Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Name: _____ School/Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Name: _____ School/Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Are you or is any member of your household currently receiving help from any of the following programs? (If yes, check any programs that apply to your household.)

- Free and Reduced Price Meals
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
- Food Stamps
- Medicaid (State Welfare)
- Subsidized Housing (Rental Subsidy)

If your household is currently not receiving help, please explain the need for your child to participate in the Weekend Food Program for Children.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

**Return to school office by Friday, September 10th, Attn: Megan Bizzarro
All information you provide is confidential.**

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 2022.**

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!

Signature _____ Check # _____

MUST BE RETURNED TO MS. SINCLAIR, ROOM 212 BY OCTOBER 29, 2021.

MVMS School Spiritwear Online Store Now Open!



<https://www.browngraphix.com/mvms-spiritwear.html>

TROOP EVENTS



TEAMWORK



FIRE BUILDING



ROPE TYING & OUTDOOR SKILLS



Sometimes all you need is a good friend and a thirst for adventure!

HIKING & ORIENTEERING



COMMUNITY SERVICE



CAMPFIRE COOKING



FIRST AID



CAMPING



SHOOTING



There's no one way to explore the world. My way is to push myself, and never take the easy road. I prefer a road that winds through forests and goes up mountains. Because I've always been an adventurer at heart. That's why I can't wait to be a Scout. Because Scouting will guide me to great things. It won't just teach me to navigate the woods with confidence, but it will give me the confidence I need to navigate the world. I'll enter the Scouts as the best version of myself today and will grow into the best version of myself for my future. Scouting will show me how to use bravery, trustworthiness, loyalty and kindness to become a person I'm proud to be. Because there's no one way to explore the world. And my way is in the Scouts.

So Scout Me In.

Learn more about Scouts BSA at WWW.Scouting.org

- Scouts-BSA-Troop-99G
- GoffstownTroop99.com
- Recruitment@GoffstownTroop99G.org



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