



December 3, 2020

Respect ~ Responsibility ~ Pride

Dear Students and Parents,

We are in the midst of the holiday season here at MVMS and things are rolling along smoothly. Despite the balmy 60 degrees we had on Tuesday we are quickly making our way into winter weather. Please make sure your students are dressed in appropriate attire before coming to MVMS, as all students will continue to receive outdoor mask breaks throughout the day. The only time students will remain indoors is if it is too slippery outside or if the temperature is below 20 degrees.

In a typical year our 7th graders would normally be attending performances of A Christmas Carol at the Palace Theatre. Since this isn't an option this year, the staff has put together our own version of A Christmas Carol that will be shared with our students in the next couple of weeks.

As a friendly reminder to 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! If your student missed their original picture day session, they are more than welcome to attend picture re-take day on December 15. See the attached brochure if you would like to order pictures of your student.

Thank you for continuing to be cautious during arrival and dismissal. I appreciate everyone driving slowly around the back of the building and watching for merging cars at each of our drop-off/pick-up locations. Please also remember to have your child enter/exit the passenger side of your car vehicle.

Sincerely,

*Wendy Kohler
Principal*

Important Dates

December 4 (Fri.)	Parent/Teacher Conferences – NO SCHOOL **Information in regard to conferences will be sent out by team teachers this afternoon!
December 15 (Tue.)	Picture Re-Take Day
December 23 (Wed.)	Early Release
December 24 – January 4	NO SCHOOL - Holiday Break

Arrival and Dismissal

A friendly reminder to please drive slowly around the back-bus loop while picking up/dropping off your child. All students should also exit and enter 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.

Fully Remote Students in Grade 7 and Grade 8

Please make sure your student repeatedly checks their email for the links to our 'live' instruction for social studies, language arts, grade level math and science each week. All fully remote students are offered two live instructional blocks beyond their "team" Friday Zoom sessions. Please make sure your student makes every effort to attend!

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.

Fully remote students, who will not be attending, should also be called into the absence line as well.

Health Corner

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 child is exhibiting any symptoms of COVID-19, even mild, we ask that you keep your child home from school and contact your child's primary care provider. Many of the symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to the common cold, the flu, and other illnesses. While it may appear that your child just has the common cold or the flu, **healthcare providers cannot rule out COVID-19 without testing for it.** The MVMS nurses have been, and will continue to send children home who are symptomatic at school. As a reminder the symptoms of COVID-19 include:

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

As a reminder we still require all students wear a cloth face covering while on the bus and in while at school, **gators and valved masks are not allowed.** Also, continue to reinforce social distancing guidelines, as well respiratory and hand hygiene with your children. Please contact the MVMS nurses if your child 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 &
sara.matatall@sau19.org
660-5623

Susan Potvin RN
susan.potvin@sau19.org
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.

Ski Club

This year, all students participating in the Pats Peak Learn to Ski Program will need to be driven by their parent to the mountain. You are able to sign your child up online through midnight on January 3rd. This should give ample time for families to figure out transportation/carpooling. Please know, volunteers will not be available at Pats Peak this year. Lessons will be held on Monday's. It is our hope that things will go back to 'normal' next year. Lessons will be held from 4:30-5:30, followed by free ski for the night. The program will run from January 4th-February 8th, 2021. PLEASE go to patspeak.com/healthandsafety to read about safety expectations on the mountain before signing up. Brochures can be picked up by students in the MVMS Main Office through December 18th.

Please reach out to Paola Gomes if you have any questions:

mespourquoi@aol.com

(603)674-9418

Yearbook

Yearbooks are now available to purchase online now for \$22 until 11/20. They then go up to \$24 until 1/29 and finally \$26 until 5/21.

Click the link to the yearbook ordering

site: https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/productBrowse/1010121/Mountain-View-Middle-School/2021-Yearbook/20201007042455977156/CATALOG_SHOP/

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 2021.**

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 December 18, 2020.

PBIS Theme of the Month – Honesty

November’s PBIS Theme of the Month is Honesty. Staff and students are focused on what honesty looks like here at MVMS and how one should go about living their life being honest and trustworthy. Be sure to chat with your student about what he/she is learning about honesty.

Remote, Friday Zoom Sessions

Please be sure your student is attending their ‘live’ teaching sessions in each of their core subjects, World Language (grade 7/8) and Unified Arts (grade 7/8) each Friday. It is an expectation that students will attend all scheduled sessions. Please reach out to your student’s teacher, in advance, if your child will be unable to attend.

Guidance Department Corner

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=MY1220E.pdf&HtmlPdfPath=http://rfecustomer.com/Pubs/202012/477194_MY1220_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

