

PACK POST

MIFFLIN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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OFFICE HOURS:
7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

DEAR MCMS PARENTS/GUARDIANS,

We're celebrating a fantastic year at MCMS! In this final edition of the *Pack Post* for this school year, you will find important updates about new student orientation, summer school registration, and reminders from the school nurse's office, as well as news about events like Day of the Arts and 6th Grade Band Fest that were held in May. We hope you and your families enjoy a safe and relaxing summer break.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The MCMS office will be open Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. beginning June 10th.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION DATES

August 7 - MCJH New Student Orientation at 6:00 p.m. for incoming 8th grade and new students in the MCJH gymnasium.

August 13 - MCMS New Student Orientation at 6:00 p.m. for incoming 6th grade and new students in the MCMS auditorium.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Last Day of School for Students
12:15 p.m. Dismissal

Monday, June 10, 2024

Report Cards Mailed

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

6:00 p.m.

New Student Orientation

Monday, August 26, 2024

First Day for Students

Thursday, September 12, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Back to School Night

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Picture Day

THE HUSKY HOWLER

The first edition of the MCMS school newspaper, *The Husky Howler*, is officially published! It can be viewed [at this link](#) or by scanning the QR code to the right. Students in the MCMS Newspaper Club worked hard to create a publication highlighting some of the great events that happened at MCMS throughout the school year.



REMINDERS FROM THE NURSE



6th Grade Physical Examinations: The school nurse will accept a completed physical examination from up to one year prior to the first day of school this year or at any time during the sixth-grade year. A copy of the child's immunization record must be completed and turned in with the physical. **Remember that exclusion day is September 4, 2024. Any student going into 7th grade without documented TDAP and Meningococcal vaccines, an exemption on file, or a med cert (documented upcoming doctor appointment on file with the school nurse) will be excluded from school until one of these three things are obtained.

7th Grade Dental: The school nurse will accept a dental form dated from up to one year prior to the school start date or anytime during their seventh-grade year. It is a state requirement that every student in 7th grade must have a dental exam. All physical/dental forms can be picked up in the main office or downloaded from the district website.

These completed forms may be turned into the main office over the summer on Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. or faxed from doctor's office to 717-242-5805.

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT: MRS. HARTMAN'S 6TH GRADE SCIENCE

Mrs. Hartman's 6th grade science classes recently learned about weather. In order to understand temperature and pressure changes in Earth's atmosphere, students went outside to harness the power of the sun using Fresnel lenses. Students tested the absorption and reflection of various colored papers and even marshmallows!



PMEA DISTRICT 4 SIXTH GRADE BAND FEST IS A HUGE SUCCESS!

On Friday, May 17, 2024, 137 of the best sixth grader instrumentalists from across central PA converged on Mifflin County Middle School for a day of music making that culminated with an evening concert. MCMS was lucky to have 18 students selected for the ensemble. In total, 22 schools participated in the day's events.

To begin, sixth graders Brody Harshbarger, Aimeelynn Navarria, Sariah Unger and Addi Weaver visited Rocco Pollatto at MERF radio to talk about Band Fest the Wednesday before. Each student talked about a different aspect of the day from being selected to actually performing. Everyone did a great job and represented MCMS well.



Students in studio with Rocco Palotto

When Friday arrived, students were excited and ready to go. Students were fortunate to work with Mr. Kevin Milliken, the guest conductor and retired music educator from East Juniata. Mr. Milliken kept things light and positive as the students worked through the five pieces they would perform that evening. As an additional surprise, students also got to work with Mr. Phil Loewen, the composer of *Mas Cencerro!*, one of the pieces they were going to perform that evening. This is a rare and special treat for students in the central PA region.



Students rehearse with guest conductor, Mr. Kevin Milliken

After dinner and a show, students were given their Fest shirts. Photos were taken and then it was time to begin. The students worked hard and it paid off in the concert that evening. After the last note died down, they were rewarded with a standing ovation.



The Director's Jazz Band provided dinner entertainment. Students were treated to a debut performance of *Storming the Gates*, written for the ensemble by Mr. Phil Loewen and named for/dedicated to Mrs. Gates.



Concert time!

2024 MCSD SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION

WHO: Students in grades 6-12 who failed a course(s) during the 2023-2024 school year.

APPLICATIONS: The application process begins at the MCMS guidance office. The student's school counselor, Mrs. Foor (6th graders) jaf28@mcsdk12.org and Mr. McCardell (7th graders) alm21@mcsdk12.org will help with determining eligibility for summer school. The counselor will also need to complete part of the registration form. Applications will be accepted through June 24, however, students may begin prior to the 24th, once an application is received and payment is made.

DATES: In-person session days will be on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., beginning on Tuesday, June 25th and ending on Thursday, July 18th. Attendance at the facility is not required to complete the coursework. Daily attendance is recommended though, as staff members will be available during these hours to assist students.

COST: The cost per course is \$150.00. Payment must be made prior to a course becoming available to the student. Checks can be made out to "MCSD" and should be given to the Alpha staff at MCHS when enrolling the student.

CURRICULUM: Most curricula will be self-paced online courses accessible online 24/7 by the student. Some courses may also be offered as an independent study with a curriculum developed by the MCSD Summer School staff.

LOCATION: The Alpha classroom, Room C207, 2nd floor, "C" wing of the Mifflin County High School will be the Summer School facility for students in grades 6-12. The Summer School entrance is at Door 18 via the buzzer at the rear of MCHS.

COMMITMENT: Students must be aware of and adhere to all rules and regulations contained in the 2023-2024 MCSD Secondary Student Handbook and the 2024 Summer School Handbook.

TRANSPORTATION: All students must provide their own transportation.

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