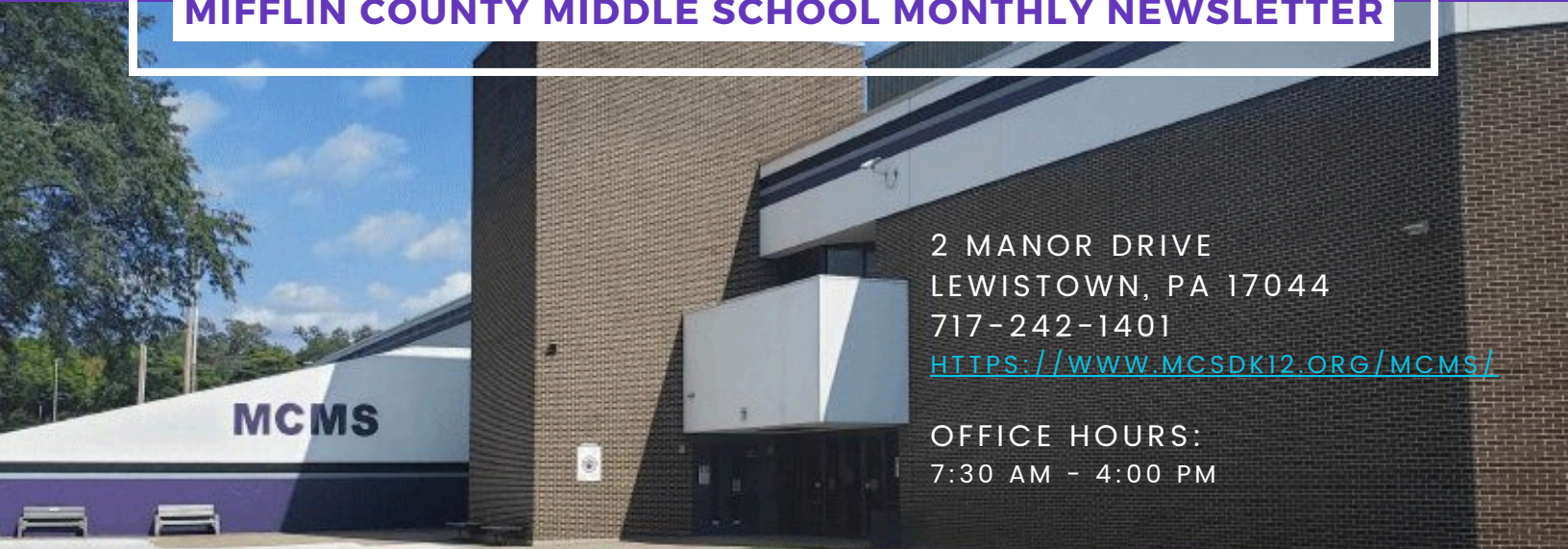


# PACK POST

## MIFFLIN COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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OFFICE HOURS:  
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

### DEAR MCMS PARENTS/GUARDIANS,

We're thinking spring at MCMS, and we hope you are, too! In this edition of the Pack Post, you'll find news and information about lots of exciting events and activities happening at MCMS.

### MCS D MEDICATION POLICY REMINDER

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If your child requires an inhaler, a new physician order must be submitted to the school nurse **EACH** school year before your child can carry an inhaler on their person. Failure to do so is a violation of the MCS D Medication Policy.

Please contact Mrs. Staub, School Nurse, if you have any questions about medications.

### FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:



### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, March 3, 2025 -  
Friday, March 7, 2025**

Stall Day Collection in Period 1 to  
Benefit Mini-THON

**Friday, March 7, 2025**  
Mini-THON Stall Day

**Friday, March 14, 2025**  
Act 80 Day  
No School for Students

**Monday, March 17, 2025 -  
Friday, March 21, 2025**

Book Fair  
Students Visiting During ELA

**Friday, March 21, 2025**  
End of Third Marking Period

**Friday, March 21, 2025**  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.  
March Madness Activity Night

## JOIN THE MCMS HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSA)

We are exploring the possibility of organizing a Home & School Association (HSA) for Mifflin County Middle School, and we invite parents to consider getting involved! If the HSA is formed, it will operate under the Mifflin County Husky Foundation, Inc. (MCHF). The officers of the HSA must be comprised of parents and will be required to follow the MCHF by-laws.

In order to move forward, we will need the names, email addresses, and phone numbers of parents interested in serving as officers. The key officer positions include **President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.**



If you're interested in helping shape the HSA for Mifflin County Middle School or would like to nominate someone for one of the officer positions, please reach out with the required contact information. We look forward to working together to support our school community!

### Contact:

Mrs. Zanna Matthews - [znh03@mcsdk12.org](mailto:znh03@mcsdk12.org)

Mrs. Libby Wray - [ljr26@mcsdk12.org](mailto:ljr26@mcsdk12.org)

## STALL DAY TO BENEFIT MINI-THON

MCMS Student Council is helping to raise funds for Mini-THON. We will be participating in Stall Day on March 7. Students can bring coins in to their first period classes from March 3 through March 7.

On March 7, first period teachers must count all of the coins brought in by their students. Class may not begin until the teacher counts all the coins; the more coins, the longer class is stalled! Last year, MCMS students raised \$2,179 through Stall Day. All proceeds benefit pediatric cancer research.



## MARCH MADNESS ACTIVITY NIGHT



MCMS Student Council will be sponsoring a March Madness Activity Night on March 21, 2025 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the MCMS cafeteria/gym. The cost will be \$2.00. There will be cornhole, capture the flag, indoor bowling, hula hooping, and much more! Our concession stand will also be open.

## MCMS BOOK FAIR

Mark your calendars for the MCMS Book Fair! The Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for the week of **March 17 – March 21**. Students will visit with their ELA classes during the week. Unfortunately, there are no available times to visit outside of school hours for students to shop. Students may pay with cash, check (made out to MCMS Library), credit card, or Scholastic e-wallet dollars. For more information on Scholastic e-wallet dollars, please check your student's Library Google Classroom where there is a link provided to the book fair webpage. The full schedule of ELA class visits will be posted in the Library Google Classroom so you can see what day your child's class is visiting. If you have any questions, please email Mrs. Shank at [ea106@mcsdk12.org](mailto:ea106@mcsdk12.org). Happy shopping!



## HUSKY CHORAL FESTIVAL

The 6th and 7th grade choirs will be performing at the Annual Husky Choral Festival on **Tuesday, March 18, at 7 p.m.** in the Mifflin County High School auditorium. This exciting event brings together all of the choir students in Mifflin County School District from 5th through 12th grade for a special celebration of music. We hope to see you there!

## MCMS ACADEMIC HELP 2024-2025

### Need help with homework and studying?

Check out Early Bird or the Husky Homework Huddle!

Both of these programs are available for homework help all year long!



<p><b>Early Bird Before School</b></p>	<p>Monday through Friday Library Mr. Hetrick and Mrs. Haines</p>	<p>7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.</p>
<p><b>Husky Homework Huddle After School</b></p>	<p>Tuesday and Thursday Room 203 Mr. McKelvey</p>	<p>3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.</p>

## TESTING DATES FOR 2024-2025

PSSA testing dates are below. Please try to avoid scheduling appointments during these days. Thank you!

PSSA		
ELA	April 22, 23, and 24	April 25 Make-up
Math	April 29 and 30	May 1 Make-up

KEYSTONE		
Algebra	May 12 and 13	May 14 Make-up

## NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH

March is National Social Work Month, so we would like to recognize and say thank you to the three social workers who provide services to MCMS:

**Kaitlin Marshall** and **Nicole Frazier** are our School Social Workers for the entire district. They are available to help families with a variety of issues including gaining access to local services.

**Lynsey Phillips** is our Therapeutic Social Worker. Lynsey provides therapy to students who have mental health issues or on-going family issues. She sees students at all of the secondary buildings.

In addition to our social workers, MCMS has several service providers who see students for various mental health issues and/or problems with addiction. Students who are struggling with their mental health can receive free counseling through the school's SAP (Student Assistance Program) program. For more information about the SAP program or for help from one of our social workers, please contact your child's school counselor at 717-242-1401, or via email at:

6th grade – Andy McCardell [alm21@mcsdk12.org](mailto:alm21@mcsdk12.org)

7th grade – Jane Foor [jaf28@mcsdk12.org](mailto:jaf28@mcsdk12.org)



**Kaitlin Marshall**



**Nicole Frazier**



**Lynsey Phillips**

## CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT: MRS. BECKER'S 6TH GRADE MUSIC

Students in Mrs. Becker's music class created "musical maps" - a visual representation of a song. They were able to practice critical listening and thinking skills while reinforcing correct terminology for describing music in this project.



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

Mrs. Hartman's 6th grade science students have been learning about volcanic activity along tectonic plate boundaries. Students have worked to model and map a "growing" shield volcano. Once their model was completed, they had the opportunity to investigate and interpret the eruption history of another group's volcano using techniques employed by geologists, like core sampling.



## MCMS ART CLUB TAKES FLIGHT WITH CLAY CREATIONS

Our talented MCMS Art Club members have been hard at work sculpting beautiful birds from air-dry clay! From graceful swans to vibrant flamingoes and charming ducks, these creations showcase their creativity and attention to detail. The photo at right shows some of the art club members holding their creations.



## ATHLETIC NEWS

- First day of spring sports practices is March 3.
- Meet the Huskies for Spring Sports will take place March 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the MCHS Auditorium. The public is invited to attend.
- May 19 will be our recognition night for any athlete continuing their career at the collegiate level or entering the military. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the MCHS Auditorium.
- The Husky Club All Sports Recognition Night has been set for May 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the MCHS Auditorium. Mark your calendars to celebrate our MC student-athletes. All are welcome to attend.
- Senior Citizen, Active Military, and Veteran Free Athletic Passes can be obtained at the MCHS Main Office. All passes are good for life.
- Get the most up-to-date athletic information on our [athletic website](#) and by following [ArbiterLive!](#)
- Check out our [MC Athletics' Facebook page](#), and follow us on Twitter [@MCHuskySports](#) for the most up-to-date information regarding MC Athletics.
- Many sponsorship opportunities are available to support your MC Huskies! Please contact the athletic office for more information.

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Geisinger is the official sports medicine and orthopedics provider of the Mifflin County Huskies. Geisinger supports the big dreams of Mifflin County athletics, and whether your dreams include playing in the pros, hiking, or just getting back on your feet, our doctors and healthcare professionals are here for you every step of the way. Learn more at [Geisinger.org/bigdreams](https://www.geisinger.org/bigdreams).

## REMINDERS FROM THE NURSE



**Mobile Dental Clinic:** MCMS hosted a Mobile Dental Clinic in October 2024. Over 50 students received various dental services including fillings and x-rays. Parents and guardians may review more information at [MobileDentists.com](https://www.MobileDentists.com). MCMS will host the Mobile Dentist on **May 19, 20, 21, and 22, 2025**.

If you need a consent form to have your child receive dental services on a future clinic date, please contact Ms. Staub in the MCMS Nurse's Office. Please return the completed consent forms to the MCMS Nurse's Office. After Ms. Staub sends the forms to the Mobile Dentist, their employees will contact parents and guardians with questions or let you know if your child is approved for services.

### PA Department of Health School Health Requirements

**6th Grade Physical Examination:** Private Physician Physical forms can be picked up in the main office or obtained on the MCSD website (Student/Parents > Nurses > Forms & Policies > Private Physician Physical Form). Submitted physicals should not be dated prior to September 1, 2024. Physicals should be submitted to the school nurse by May 15, 2025.

**TDAP Vaccination & Meningococcal Vaccination (MCV):** Prior to the 2025-2026 school year, every student entering 7th grade must have one dose by the first day of 7th grade. Students in the Alpha program are also required to obtain this immunization. If the student is not compliant with or appropriately exempted prior to the start of 7th grade, the student will be excluded from school until either compliance is documented or an appropriate exemption is submitted. Please submit physical exam forms and immunization documentation to the school nurse.

**Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medication Forms:** Over-the-Counter Medication forms were handed out to students on September 6, 2024. This form must be completed and signed by a parent/guardian in order for students to receive medication from the school nurse. If your child has not submitted the Over-the-Counter Medication form to the Nurse's Office, your child will not receive medication at school. Forms are available in the nurse's office.

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