



Home of the “Wildcats”

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Tuesday, January 5 th	Classes Resume
Friday, January 8 th	Scoliosis Screening
Monday, January 11 th	MMS BB both boys and girls @ home Parents Night for girls
Thursday, January 14 th	MMS BB, girls @ Reno Valley, boys @ home Parents Night for boys
Monday, January 18 th	NO SCHOOL Professional Development for staff
Tuesday, January 19 th	Hearing Re-Screens
Wednesday, January 20 th	MMS Spelling Bee
Thursday, January 21 st	MMS BB @ Haven
Monday, January 25 th	MMS BB @ Hillsboro
Tuesday, January 26 th	MMS Scholar's Bowl @ Remington Middle School
Thursday, January 28 th	MCAA MMS BB tournament
Friday, January 29 th	Progress Reports Issued
Saturday, January 30 th	MCAA MMC BB tournament, location TBA



STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR ASSESSMENT TESTING



MMS students who met Exemplary for the 2008-2009 State Assessments were recognized recently at the Marion High School basketball games. MMS met the Standard of Excellence and Building Standard of Excellence in 7th and 8th grade Math and Reading. Students recognized were: Reading: Devan Carr, Julia Hall, Kelli Hess, Raleigh Kroupa, Rachel Neil, Megan Richmond and Davion Ware. Math: Cheyenne Jeffrey, Trever Kinnersley, Clint Kroupa, Josiah Meador, Luke Steele and Dirk Young. Reading and Math: Jacob Baldwin, Jermyn Bryant, Grif Case, Samantha Davies, Braden Fahey, Kaitlyn Frese, Dakota Funk, Quinton Hett, James Jones, Lauren McLinden, Seth Snelling, Amanda Stuchlik, Bret Voth, Kaylie Waner. Reading, Science and Math: Christian Czarnowsky, Katie Ehrlich, Jordan Laurin, Alicia Maloney, Caitlyn Maloney, Nicholas Meyer, Zachary Robson, Abigail Smith and Kaelyn Thierolf. Reading and Science: Jared Hague.

GOOD JOB VOCAL MUSIC AND BAND STUDENTS!!



Families and friends enjoyed a great performance at the MMS Christmas concert by the MMS Wildcat Band under the direction of Adam Johnson and the vocal music classes directed by David Clark. The crowd enjoyed singing Christmas carols at the end of the evening. Good job students!!



MMS SPELLING BEE

The MMS Spelling Bee is coming up in January! It will be held on Wednesday, January 20th. 7th and 8th graders will all compete against each other for the top three spots of Marion Middle School. Marion Elementary School will be hosting the Marion County Bee at the Performing Arts Center on February 10th. The top two winners will compete and the runner-up will be going as alternate. Good luck to our spellers!

REPORT CARDS DUE OUT ON JANUARY 8th

Second nine week report card will be handed out to students on Friday, January 8th. Semester grades will also be included. Please call the office if you have questions about your child's grades.



HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



The MMS PAC provided a meal for the staff on Monday. Special thanks to them for everything they do to make our school a better place.

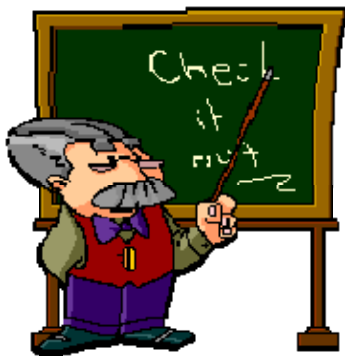
The MMS Pride Committee was in charge of activities the day before Christmas break. The entire school spent the day at the Aquatic Center swimming, playing basketball and team games with an earth ball. They also watched a movie and participated in a paper house competition working on teamwork and problem solving skills.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION

The Middle School students did an excellent job bringing nonperishable food for the Marion Food Bank! Totals for the building were 298 items of food. Thanks to all of the students who brought food goods from home.



The class competitions resulted in some impressive per students totals! Mr. Adkins first hour class won with a total of 55 food items (5.5 per student). Miss Stubenhofer's class was a very close second with a total of 116 (5.3 per student). Mr. Ayers' first hour had a total of 70 (4.7 per student) and Mrs. Thierolf's class had a total of 30 (4.3 per student). Mr. Darrow's first hour class contributed 27 food products (2.7 per student). Good job MMS students!!



WEB-SITE CALENDAR

Be sure to check out the school calendar on the district web site. There are changes made to the calendar daily.



What's New?

PERFECT ATTENDANCE ANNOUNCED FOR FIRST SEMESTER

Students who had perfect attendance for the 1st nine weeks were: Emily Cyr, Erin Meierhoff, Morgan Makovec, Patrick McCarty, KayCee Robinson, Faith Banning, Chelsea Voth, Tyler Wildin, Jacob Cope, Eric Regnier, Balee Shiplet, Rebecca Williams, Josh Hiebert, Annie Whitaker, Andi Marshall, Jonathan Vogel, Alex Young, Whitney Gordon. Students for the 2nd nine weeks were: Ryan Nelson, James Svoboda, Cody Austin, Morgan Makovec, Cody Carr, Brody Carroll, Whitney Christensen, Jacob Cope, Dylan Goebel, Eric Regnier, Jenevieve Corona, Jordan Hett, Lakisha Hammond, Josh Hiebert, Alex Young, Olivia Young, Whitney Gordon, Beth Nesser, Jon Tacha.

Students were treated with chips and salsa in the commons area to celebrate their perfect attendance. Good job students!

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS



Students brought canned goods for the Marion County Food Bank the last week of school. Miss Stubenhofer rewarded them with a candy cane for making a difference in the community.

Thursday afternoon students were treated to a movie and popcorn to celebrate the Christmas season.

The MMS PAC provided a meal for the staff on Friday. Special thanks to them for everything they do to make our school a better place.

DECEMBER INCENTIVE WINNERS

Students who were incentive winners for the month of December were: Kitty Collett, Chandy Rose, Cory Hiebert, David Helmer, Dakin Ledford-twice, Jenevieve Corona, Morgan Makovec, Karly Hess, Jonathan Vogel, Andi Marshall-twice, Beth Nesser, Justin Barr and Erin Meierhoff.

GOOD JOB VOCAL MUSIC/BAND STUDENTS!!

Families and friends enjoyed a great performance at the MMS Christmas concert by the MMS Wildcat band, under the direction of Adam Johnson and the vocal music classes directed by Kevin Moler.

Not only did those attending enjoy the music but they were able to hear the performance in the new district fine arts center that has recently been completed.

A big thank you to Dina Vogel and the parents who organized and hosted a reception following the program. We appreciate all your hard work!!



REMEMBERING THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY



Our MMS staff has the following family members who are servicemen that are serving in the armed forces this holiday season and we would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank them.

Food Service cook, Martha Pracht and husband Dick, has a son, Scott Pracht, who is a sergeant in the Army and is an airborne ranger LRS. He is stationed at Camp Speicher in Iraq. His job is to go out and find militants. Scott has a wife and three children in Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Food Service cook, Joann Helm and husband, Carl has a son, PFC Jerred Helm. He will be leaving for Iraq on January 2nd. He has been stationed in Fort Bliss, Texas undergoing training for his assignment where he will be driving a humvee working in security.

Food Service cook, Gloria Jackson has a son, Emmanuel Jackson, who is now home from basic training. He is awaiting orders to report to Salina and from there he will know where he is going and what he will be doing.

Para professional, Pat Nystrom and husband Terry, has a son, Lt. Terry Nystrom who is serving on an aircraft carrier in the Persian Gulf. He is a nuclear engineer. The carrier he is on is the Harry S. Truman. He maintains and repairs nuclear reactors. His wife and two sons live in Yorktown, Virginia. He will be deployed for about eight more months.

Mrs. Hansford's English classes have been corresponding with soldiers in Iraq and have received an answer from Scott Pracht and another soldier from Galveston, Texas so far.



Classes of Mr. Adkins have written letters to Walter Reed Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

PRIDE COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE BEEN BUSY!!



The MMS PRIDE committee and their sponsor, Mr. Adkins, had a retreat at Gambino's on December 3rd and trained some additional middle school students to be good leaders.

Marion mayor, Mary Olson, and Jami Williams, city of Marion Economic Development Director also came to speak to the students about their role in the community.

The committee also discussed their plans for second semester. Upcoming events include community service and a second semester dance. They were in charge of the movie day and also sponsored the perfect attendance party.

Second nine week report cards will be handed out on Thursday, January 3rd, 2008. Semester grades will also be included. Please call the office if you have questions about your child's grades.

NEW DISTRICT DRIVER'S EDUCATION POLICY

At the last USD 408 board of education meeting a new driver education policy was approved. In order for 8th grade students to take driver education they cannot fail any classes during the year. Steve Janzen, driver education instructor, reports more enrollment information will be printed in the MMS February school newsletter.

STUDENTS WILL BE RECOGNIZED

MMS students who have met Exemplary for the 2006-2007 State Assessments will be recognized at the **January 11th, 2008** Marion High School basketball games.

MMS met the Standard of Excellence in 7th grade Reading, 8th grade Reading and 8th grade Math. They met the Building Standard of Excellence in Reading, Math and Writing.



Students who met Exemplary in Reading for their 7th grade year are: Caroline Collett, Taylor Harms, Colten Johnson, Drew Knolla, Alexandra Kruse, Korey Linder, Beth Nesser, Justin Rahe, Victoria Steiner, Jessie Taylor and Annie Whitaker. Students who met Exemplary in Math for their 7th grade year are: Caroline Collett, Taylor Harms, Colten Johnson, Drew Knolla, Alexandra Kruse, Beth Nesser, Justin Rahe, Casey Regalado, Jessie Taylor and Annie Whitaker.

Students meeting Exemplary for their 6th grade year in Reading are: Isaac Baldwin, Justin Barr, Josh Brown, Whitney Christensen, Jenevieve Corona, Sarah Eurit, Jennifer Fruechting, Angel Funk, Dylan Goebel, Elizabeth Goentzel, Briana Hall, Wiley Lundy, Ryan Nelson, Brayden Putter, Monica Spachek and James Svoboda.

Students meeting Exemplary for their 6th grade year in Math are: Isaac Baldwin, Justin Barr, Josh Brown, Whitney Christensen, Jenevieve Corona, Nicholas Davies, Jennifer

Fruechting, Angel Funk, Elizabeth Goentzel, Ethan Hett, Aaron Molleker and Monica Spachek.

MMS TO HOST SCHOLAR'S BOWL

Doug Vogel, scholar's bowl sponsor, reports the MMS Invitational Scholar's Bowl will be held Tuesday, January 22nd, 2008. The schools competing are Marion, Hesston, Centre, Hillsboro, Reno Valley, Remington and two sets of teams from Goessel. We will be using four rooms with both 7th & 8th grade teams using the same rooms. The questions will be from the following categories: 3 Social Science, 3 Language Arts, 3 Science, 3 Math, 1 Fine Arts, 1 Sports, 1 Miscellaneous and 1 year in Review.



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