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MVMS Newsletter

Our Mission: To ensure all of our students achieve high levels of learning required to succeed as a 21st century learner

Parent Teacher Conferences

Thank you to all of the parents who came and visited with teachers during our Fall Parent Teacher Conferences. A survey was sent to all parents who attended asking for feedback about the conferences. We appreciate the feedback that has been submitted so far from the survey. Our goal is to make our parent teacher conferences more meaningful for you as parents.



Students and Masks

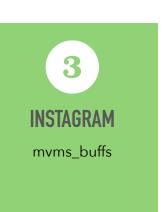
We are asking that students bring their own masks every day to school. As a district we do have disposable masks available for those rare times that a mask is forgotten, misplaced, or becomes dirty at school. Unfortunately we do not have enough masks on hand to provide a new one to students every day. We've seen an increase in students asking for a new disposable mask every day. Please help us with our supply by ensuring your student has their own mask every day.

Water Bottles

Along with masks we are asking students to bring their own water bottle as well. Our maintenance department has been working all week installing water bottle fillers on every student accessible drinking fountain.









Have questions?

Please contact Mr. Van Dusen via email at vandusent@uinta4.com

Contact Sala Condos via email at condoss@uinta4.com

No School Days Nov. 25-27

Have a great Thanksgiving break. Enjoy the time with family and friends

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Winter Weather Information

With the weather finally turning colder we want to remind everyone of several things.

- Students who walk to school or get dropped need to remember that the doors will not unlock until 7:45am. It's important for students to time their arrival after 7:45 or dress appropriately to stand outside and wait until the doors unlock.
- Any school closure or reduction of the school day will be communicated through the district's K-12 Swift Alert system. Please double check on PowerSchool that we have your correct cell phone number and email address.
- Some times, based on current or incoming weather conditions, we will make the
 decision to cancel or postpone extra-curricular events. Student safety is our number
 one priority.

COVID and Schools

Health Screenings - With the increases in COVID cases and close contact quarantines it's important to remember some simple steps to help ensure we keep our schools open for in-person learning. Daily health screenings for symptoms and staying home from school while sick is extremely important this year. Nurse Chris and Nurse Dallas are available to answer questions if you're not sure if your student should stay home or attend school. Please do not hesitate to contact them and ask.

Mask Up - Staff and students wearing masks at school when 6' of social distancing can't be maintained has been effective at making sure we reduce the number of students who are in quarantine. Almost all of the students who have been quarantined this school year have been because of an event outside of the school setting. This shows us, as a school district, that consistently and properly wearing masks is helping to make sure we can keep our students in the classroom and our schools open.

Extra-curricular Events - There have been a couple of changes with activities including sports and concerts. The WHSAA is requiring all spectators, officials, and athletes who aren't actively playing to wear a mask at all times while in the building. In a nutshell, it means that once a person enters the building, they must keep their mask on at all times even if they are able to socially distance. The WHSAA board of directors have instructed

and expect school administration to remove any spectator not following the mask mandate. In addition to this, failure for spectators to follow the mandate could put the school in jeopardy of having sanctions placed on it's team and their season. Please help us ensure our students are able to compete in their activities and complete their seasons.

The newest changes to the Governor's orders have greatly reduced our spectator capacity. Because of this, we are limiting each player to have two spectators. At the middle school level we will not be using a ticket system but asking that only two people attend the event per player. We understand that with blended families two may not be enough. As a school, we'll work with families in this situation on a case by case basis. Please contact us with any questions.

HEY, WHAT'S HAPPENING?

There are a lot of different activities happening this time of year and we understand that as parents, it's important for you to know what's happening. There are several ways that MVMS will communicate to parents and the community so everyone is informed.

- The middle school webpage at <u>uinta4.com</u> will have information about upcoming extracurricular events. Monthly newsletters will also be linked at this website to review.
- Facebook WE ARE MV and UCSD #4 Facebook page will also have information posted regarding weekly updates. These pages will also have any new information that comes up during the week like event cancellations, venue changes, or start time changes.
- K-12 Swift Alert will also be used to send out important information and last minute updates.

Please make sure your contact information (cell phone #, email address) is current in PowerSchool to ensure you are receiving the messages.