

Happy Friday MMS Families!

Below are upcoming events at MacDonald Middle School. Please mark these on your calendar.

- October 26 –
 - Activity Night – 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Cost \$3.00 plus student id. Snacks and beverages - \$1.00 each. Costumes are encouraged! No masks allowed.
- October 30 –
 - EL Middle School Swimming and Diving parent meeting – 7:00 p.m. – Cafeteria
- October 31 –
 - **Happy Halloween!** Costumes are allowed – No Masks
 - Mathcounts – 3:00 p.m. – Room 134
- November 1 –
 - Sign Language Club – 3:00 p.m. – Room 134
- November 7 –
 - Mathcounts – 3:00 p.m. – Room 134
 - Boys' basketball vs Fowlerville – 4:30 p.m. – 8 home/7 away
- November 8 –
 - Sign Language Club – 3:00 p.m. – Room 134

Attendance

We don't want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time. The first bell rings at 7:55 a.m. and students are expected to be in the classroom ready to learn by the 8:05 a.m. bell. Here are a few practical tips to help support regular attendance:

- Make sure your child keeps a regular morning routine.
- Ensure your child goes to school every day unless they are truly sick. Students need to be fever free and no vomiting for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session. We understand that it is difficult to schedule doctor, dentist or orthodontist appointments outside of school hours but we ask to please try your best. **Beginning November 1, all absences will be left unexcused unless a note is provided from the appointment.**
- Develop back up plans for getting to/from school if something comes up.
- If your child is feeling anxious about school, please contact his/her counselor.

Lunch Reminders

The office will not sign for lunches delivered to a student (Jimmy Johns, pizza, etc.). It is up to the parent/student to have the lunch paid for including a tip upon delivery. Students will not be called out of class to come sign for a delivered lunch. If you are ordering lunch for your child, please make sure it is delivered during their lunch hour so the student may sign for it.

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MathCounts

The MathCounts group continues to meet on Wednesdays after school (3-4pm) in the project space near the sixth grade wing (Room 134). We typically alternate between math club type activities and problem solving activities to prepare for the MathCounts competition. On October 31, we will have a club activity.

On Wednesday, November 7, we will hold the school test to determine which 10 students will represent MMS at the regional MathCounts competition in February. Any student who would like to participate in the school competition should plan to come on Wednesday, November 7. Students who are chosen to compete with the team will be expected to attend regularly on Wednesdays. We will have Math Club activities for all interested students on November 14, December 5, and December 19.

All interested students must register in advance by contacting Ashley Ahlin at ahlin@msu.edu.

PEACE

PEACE, or Pride Education Alliance Creating Equality, will hold their first meeting Monday, November 12 from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in Room 124. The club will meet the second Monday of each month.

PEACE is a Gay-Straight Alliance. The club welcomes the participation of lesbian, gay, straight, transgender, cisgender, bisexual, non-binary, and all youth - everyone is welcome. The goal of the club is to provide the opportunity for every student at MacDonald Middle School to feel respected and valued, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. Through the use of age-appropriate discussions and learning activities, students will explore issues related to sexual orientation and gender identification and expression. PRIDE is dedicated to providing a safe and supportive space for sexual minority youth.

If your child is interested in joining PEACE, please complete the accompanying Registration Form. For more information, to ask questions, or to get involved in a supportive role, contact Diane Tuinstra at tuind13@gmail.com.

FERPA Consent Form for Immunizations

Information was sent to all 7th grade families and those who are newly enrolled at MacDonald Middle School this year regarding the new requirement to the Family Educational Right to Privacy Act (FERPA).

Another copy of the consent is included with this newsletter. We ask that you please review the consent, and if you approve, please sign it and return it to the office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.