

MM S Shared Vision

MM S is a place where we are Responsible, Respectful, Fun, Fair, and we use Honesty, Humor, Teamwork, and Treat others the way we want to be treated.



Tuesday Newsletter

January 24, 2012

Parents: Just a reminder when your child is absent please call the main office, 933-9002, to let us know. Thanks!

Educate Training for Parents

Grade K-12 parents-In response to a need for more training sessions, there will be two additional Educate training sessions offered for all parents K-12. The first one will be held during the day on February 2nd at HLC starting at **9:00 AM** in the library. The second session will be February 2nd, 6:00 PM in the MA library. This training will show parents how to access their child/children's Educate account and be able to check on student progress at any time. Parents who have not received account passwords and login information will be getting them in the mail with progress reports later this week. Laptops will be set up at both sessions for you to use in small groups. **NOTE:** If you are planning on attending please fill out an attendance slip that will be sent home with your son/daughter soon. This will help us plan for both sessions. Thanks

AED (Automated External Defibrillator)

Through much effort and leadership over the past few years by our school nurse, Mrs. Debra Cote, and the generous financial support of the Monmouth FRIENDS Team, the Monmouth Athletic Boosters, and the Monmouth PTO, all Monmouth Schools have received AEDs. The AED is located on the left-hand wall in the hallway between the gym and public restrooms. According to the American Heart Association, an **Automated External Defibrillator (AED)** is a computerized medical device that can check a person's heart rhythm, recognize a rhythm that requires a shock, and advise the rescuer when a shock is needed. The AED uses voice prompts, lights and text messages to tell the rescuer the steps to take (www.heart.org). Again, thank you Mrs. Cote for all your dedication to the health and well being of all members of our community!

Ice Fishing Derby

Once again Jack Traps is sponsoring the third annual Jack Traps Youth Ice Fishing Derby on Cochnewagon Lake in Monmouth on February 24th, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The derby is open for all students 12 and under. Entry forms may be picked up in the office. **All participants must pre-register by Friday, February 17th**

Student Pickup in the Afternoon

Parents please stop into the office and sign out your child if you are picking them up before the dismissal of walkers. I know this may seem like an imposition at times, but it is a safety issue for us. We need to know who is picking up students. We have a number of restrictions that parents have given us pertaining to who may and may not pick up their child. It is also a check for us when a bus driver asks about a student that has not gotten on the bus. Please note that we will not release a child to someone not listed on our information sheet without a signed note or verbal OK.

Spectator Game Etiquette

Student spectators attending basketball games need to remain in the gym or cafeteria area of Monmouth Academy. Students should remain in the gym unless they are buying concessions or using the restroom. Students are not allowed to be in the hallways. Student spectators may not

leave the event unless they are leaving school grounds. Students may not leave the building and return to the event without special permission from the administrator or designee. Thank You and GO MUSTANGS!!!!

MMS Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday, Feb. 1st -Wednesday- Feb 8th at MMS Library
Family Night Shopping: Tues. Feb. 7th from 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.

Appropriate Dress

Please try and make sure that your son/daughter is appropriately dressed for school and outside recess. Students have a least one short recess each day. Inclement weather, wind, extreme temperatures or any combination of the two may determine if students go out each day. So please make sure that your son/daughter is dressed properly and prepared to go outside.

Absenteeism and Athletic Participation

Just a reminder to all parents and students participating in winter school sports activities: Students are not allowed to participate in sports activities if they are absent from school unless there is a valid excuse and they received permission from the Athletic Director or Principal to participate. This policy is clearly stated in the Parent/Student Co-curricular Handbook that student athletes received at the start of their seasons.

Standards Based Learning

There have been a number of questions asked about our direction in educating our students K-12 in RSU #2. We have tried to answer many of those questions through our weekly newsletters and web site. Our superintendent has made it a point to try and address these questions through parent forums, Q&A sessions, etc. There still seem to be some questions. I would be more than willing to take some time in the morning before school or after school to sit and discuss questions around SBL. Please give me a call and I will arrange a time.

Snowmobiles

While we may not have snow yet it is the season when students inquire about bringing snowmobiles to school. Past practice has been to allow snowmobiles to be ridden directly to school and parked outside the building. Students must let the office know of their intent to bring their sled. All school guideline must be adhered to and we request that student please do not ride on any athletic field. Failure to comply with safety and school guideline will result in revoking the privilege to bring a sled to school.

Thank You Parents

Our school's success rests, in large measure, on parental concern and involvement. Our middle school staff welcomes your concern and views education as a partnership between home and school. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call us.

Math Help

If you struggle helping your son/daughter with their math you may be interested in the following sites.

•<http://mah.quantiles.com/>

•<http://www.khanacademy.org/#browse>

This second site will take you to over 2100 short videos/100 self paced exercises and assessments from basic arithmetic to college calculus. If we really want to accelerate our student learning then this web site is a great place for students (and parents). It can be used by students as an intervention to help them understand concepts that they may be struggling with.

MMS Upcoming Events:

Boys' B (3:30) and A (4:30) basketball game, Tues, Jan 17 vs Winthrop **Postponed**

Girls' B (3:30) and A (4:30) basketball game, Tues, Jan 17 at Winthrop **Postponed**

Nordic Ski Meet, Thurs, Jan 19, 3:30 AM vs Bond Brook **Postponed**

Boys' B (3:30) and A (4:30) basketball game, Mon, Jan 23 at St Michael **Postponed**

Girls' B (3:30) and A (4:30) basketball game, Mon, Jan 23 vs St Michael

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Boys' B (3:30) and A (4:30) basketball game, Tues, Jan 24 vs Gardiner **Postponed**

Girls' B (3:30) and A (4:30) basketball game, Tues, Jan 24 at Gardiner **Postponed**

Boys' B (3:30) and A (4:30) basketball game, Wed, Jan 25 vs Maranacook

Girls' B (3:30) and A (4:30) basketball game, Wed, Jan 25 at Maranacook

Girls' B (3:30) and A (4:30) basketball game, Fri, Jan 27 at Suggs (Lisbon)

Scholastic Book Fair Feb 1-8, Family Night Feb 7 at 6:30-8:00 PM

Parent Educate Training K-12 at HLC for parents Feb 2, 9:00 AM

Parent Educate Training K-12 at MA for parents Feb 2, 6:00 PM