

# Mount Savage News



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parents and students...Have a look at our newly designed Mount Savage Gazette! Check it out on our new Mount Savage website [HERE](#). We hope you like it!! A huge shoutout to Mrs. Winebrenner, Mrs. Deal, and Mrs. Tiemersma for making this happen! More information will be shared as we go along with this new student-led newsletter!

Dr. Holland

### Cafeteria Updates

It is important to teach your child their 5-digit lunch pin number. They will have the same number every year in any public school in Allegany County. If your child packs their lunch, make sure you pack them a drink. If they forget, milk is 55 cents and juice is 65 cents. Water is also available.

If your child has any food allergies, doctors notes are to be updated every year. It is ACPS policy that any student who owes for 5 meals will receive an alternative meal that consists of a fruit a vegetable and a carton of milk.

## Nurse's Corner

### **Illness Exclusion Policy - 24 HOUR RULE**

- Oral fever 100 or higher
- Disruptive cough
- Vomiting or diarrhea
- Pink eye and strep – antibiotics
- Contagious skin conditions requiring medical treatment

Covid Tests are available at school



## OCTOBER EVENTS

2nd	Schools CLOSED (Parent Conference Day) 9:00-12:00 / 1:00-3:30
3rd-6th	5th Grade Outdoor School
3rd	7th Grade Outdoor School @ Mt. Savage
4th	8th Grade Outdoor School @ EHC (Mrs. Davis Period 2/10) Elementary LEGO Club 2:45-4:00
6th	Kindergarten Field Trip to Brookdale Farms
9th	Middle School Yearbook Sale BEGINS
11th	Elementary LEGO Club 2:45-4:00
13th	Pre-K & K Fire Safety Presentation w/Mt. Savage VFD Creative Arts Walk for Charity (Middle School only)
16th	Creative Arts Walk for Charity *rain date*
17th	Fall Picture Day 8th Grade Outdoor School @ EHC (Mrs. Davis Period 1 & 9)
18th	Middle School Yearbook Sales END
19th	3rd Grade Field Trip to FSU
23rd-26th	PTA Scholastic Book Fair
24th	Grandparents Day (Elementary Only) 8th Grade Outdoor School @ EHC (Mrs. Davis Periods 5 & 9)
25th	Elementary LEGO Club 2:45-4:00 Middle School "Monster Mash" 6:30-8:00
26th	End of 1st Marking Period Elementary to FSU for "Nate the Great" Play
27th	Schools CLOSED (Professional Development) Maryland Food Bank 11:30-1:30
30th	8th Grade Outdoor School @ EHC (Mrs. Davis Periods 6 & 10)
31st	Halloween Elementary Halloween Parade & Classroom Events



# NOVEMBER EVENTS

1st	Elementary LEGO Club 2:45-4:00
3rd	Schools CLOSED (Professional Development)
8th	Elementary LEGO Club 2:45-4:00
9th	Report Cards released in Aspen
10th	Veterans Day Celebration Chicago Boys Show (Fundraiser Event)
15th	Elementary LEGO Club 2:45-4:00 All-County Chorus Concert @ Fort Hill 7:00pm
20th	"Nate the Great" Play for Middle School 1:00pm
22nd	3-Hour Early Dismissal (Thanksgiving Break)
23rd-27th	Schools CLOSED (Thanksgiving Break)
28th	3-Hour Delayed Opening (AM Teacher Work Time)
29th	Elementary LEGO Club 2:45-4:00
30th	All-County Jazz Festival @ Allegany 7:00pm



## Pre-K News

We have been having a lot of fun in Pre-K this year and are looking forward to growing and learning as much as we can! We are going to learn the letters of the alphabet, letter sounds, and even how to write letters, numbers, and our names! In math, we are going to learn all about shapes, colors, and sizes! We have already learned about bodies, directional words, our 5 senses, and so much more and it's only been a month! It is going to be a fantastic year! We are happy to announce that we have passed Pre-K Accreditation and are working towards earning 5 stars on the Maryland Excels Program!



## Kindergarten News

Kindergarten is learning about routines, rules, and making friends in the classroom. We have a lot of exciting activities, crafts, and our field trip to Brookdale Farms. We can't wait to see the animals, paint pumpkins, and participate in all the other fun activities at the farm! We also have a lot of fall activities and crafts in the classroom. In reading, we will read different holiday and fall literature books. We will continue to learn different letter names and letter sounds with our Superkids characters. We will start practicing different high-frequency words too. Our focus in math will be counting and writing numbers 1-10 and then we will continue from 11-20. In science, we will explore and learn about what plants and animals need to live and what their environment looks like. We are reviewing rules/laws for social studies and we will start our Family and Friends unit next month. We can't wait for all the exciting events and activities for fall!



## 1st Grade News

Happy Fall! Welcome Back to the 2023-2024 school year!!

First Grade has been very busy learning new routines, expectations and procedures. Congratulations to all of our first grade friends who have been earning feathers for demonstrating safe, respectful and responsible behavior during the start of the school year. We have just finished our Superkids Kindergarten review in reading. Our main focus right now is on reading "Memory Words" and blending, decoding and reading words with all short vowel sounds as well as blends and digraphs such as "ck", "ch", "tch", "sh", and "th". We are excited to see what adventures the Superkids will take us on as we learn new skills to help us become stronger readers and writers!! In math, we are working hard to develop strategies for addition and subtraction within 10. On a daily basis, we will continue to explore and work with a variety of math "tools" and strategies to add and subtract and to help us see the relationships between addition and subtraction. We are off to a great start, first grade!! Keep up the awesome work!

## Math News

Hello from Mrs. Schall, the math specialist at Mount Savage Elementary! Students in kindergarten through grade 5 will be again using i-Ready - an online math program that will help your student's teacher determine needs, personalize learning, and monitor progress throughout the school year. Students recently completed their first diagnostic test of the year. The purpose of this is not to give your student a score or grade, but instead to determine how best to support their learning. After completion, students are able to access their personalized online pathways. i-Ready personalized instruction provides students with lessons based on their individual skill level and needs, so your student can learn at a pace that is just right for them. These lessons are fun and interactive to keep your student engaged as they learn. Ask your student to show you their progress!

For more information visit <https://i-readycentral.com/familycenter/>

## Title I Tip



Mount Savage has a Schoolwide Title I Program. This means that the federally funded instructional staff may work with all of the students in our school, and our school develops a Schoolwide Title I program designed to increase academic achievement for all students. A Schoolwide Program helps us to use federal funds to meet the needs of all students more effectively. Title I provides additional resources for our school:

- Instructional materials for our students.
- Professional development for teachers.
- Information about how to help children succeed in school for parents.
- Parent/Family Engagement Programs.
- Additional staffing to provide additional support for reading and math instruction.

Parents, family members, and the public may reach out to the school principal, Dr. Laura Holland, at 301-264-3220 at any time to request a paper or electronic copy of the Schoolwide program plan. We welcome your interest!

## 2nd Grade News

Fall has come but it feels like we just started school yesterday. Second grade has jumped right into new routines and students have been adjusting being upstairs with the older students.

In math, we will be using addition and subtraction to answer questions about graphing. As part our last unit, we began to work on knowing addition and subtraction facts automatically. Knowing basic facts will really help your child solve larger math problems. Those larger problems will be coming soon! Start practicing at home using flash cards, apps, or other games.

In reading, second graders are working on becoming more independent with their reading! We've studied the different parts, or elements, of a fiction story, such as the characters, setting, and plot. Students were so excited to begin to reading a chapter book about our favorite characters, the Superkids!

Students have really been looking forward to Social Studies as we move into studying American symbols. We will take virtual trips in our classroom to see the Statue of Liberty, the Liberty Bell, Mount Rushmore, and many more important symbols for our country.

Fall brings lots of fun writing projects in second grade! Students have reviewed how to make sure their sentence is complete and should now only be writing in full, complete sentences. Be on the lookout for some fall stories written by some amazing second grade authors.

## 3rd Grade News

It's all about big changes in 3rd grade! We've been busy during the past month learning many new things as we start our new school year. In math we've been busy with rounding, adding and subtracting. Soon we're going to get serious about multiplication! In reading, we've just finished up the first unit in our reading series. We read a really, really old story called The Wind and the Willows. As we move along, our next few reading units will be about animal classification and systems in the human body. We are learning about what primary and secondary sources are in social studies, and in science..... well.....all we can say is.... we're TAKIN' CARE OF PHYSICS! We're excited that we'll be taking a field trip to Frostburg State University on October 19th. We'll be going to the planetarium and the FSU literature center as well as a stop at the Frostburg Museum. There's never a dull moment in 3rd grade with Mr. A and Mr. V around!



## 4th Grade News

Fourth Grade is excited to be back to school and we have been super busy already! In math, we just finished up our rounding unit and are now beginning to add and subtract whole numbers using the standard algorithm. We will be adding and subtracting whole numbers up to the hundred thousands place. After adding and subtracting, we will be working on multiplication and division. Please continue to practice those multiplication facts! In ELA, we are reading a personal narrative about a young girl who contracted polio and her courageous journey. We have been working on our writing skills to compose our own personal narratives as well. Our next unit is Empires in the Middle Ages and we will be learning about knights, serfs, kings, and queens as we use close reading strategies to make meaning of the text. Please keep reading with your child every night! We have been busy learning about erosion and weathering in science class. We have completed several experiments to model the effects of weathering and erosion in nature. We will continue our earth science unit with fossils, rocks, and natural disasters, such as volcanoes and earthquakes. Enjoy the fall weather!!

## 5th Grade News

Grade 5 is off to an amazing start! In math, we have tackled the volume of rectangular prisms. We can calculate them with missing sides and if they are stacked in an L-shape! We have also been focusing on multiplying multi-digit numbers using a variety of strategies. Students have been persistent. In ELA, students have focused on writing personal narratives with quotations, similes, and metaphors as well as discussing how different points of view change the way we interpret texts! Mr. Kinser's science class has begun learning about systems and what parts make it function correctly. Students have also completed food chains and food webs using nature cards. Finally, students learned about the biosphere and the living and nonliving things that are a part of it. Mrs. Winebrenner's social studies classes have been filled with discussions, simulations, and fun projects! Students learned about the Articles of Confederation and its flaws by completing a simulated congress activity. Next, we will be analyzing the Constitution, the compromises within it, and how it shaped how power is distributed within our government. Outdoor School will be happening on October 3-6. We will be gone the whole week sleeping in cabins, taking long hikes everyday, and learning about our world in very interesting outdoor lessons!



## ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE

Mount Savage Families,  
I would like to say Hello!, and I am so glad to be back with all the students and staff here at Mount Savage. I missed everyone last year while I was on sabbatical at another facility. The students and I have been catching up and talking about lessons and programs for this school year. The weekly Chief Citizen award is up and running. The Organizational Program and lessons are just getting started. October is dedicated to Bullying and Safe Schools lessons. Tool Box lessons already started but will be in full force in November. As always, if you have any concerns for your child, please contact me, so I may support you and your child in the best way possible. It is good to be back with the Mount Savage family!

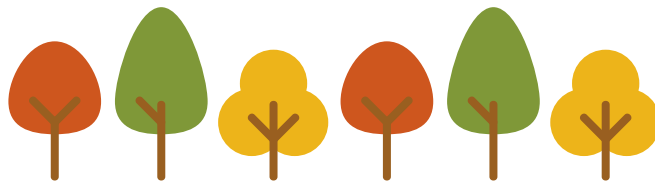
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## MIDDLE SCHOOL GUIDANCE



Mount Savage Middle School is offering after school tutoring for students in grades 6-8.

Tutoring may occur on campus after school, at a public library or virtually through Schoology as agreed upon by the parent and tutor. Parents interested in requesting tutoring services may contact Mr. Orndorff, school counselor, at 301-264-3220.



## Career Coach

As part of the “Blueprint for Maryland’s Future”, and its goal of helping each student to meet the college and career readiness standard, the Allegany County Public Schools have hired Career Coaches for each middle school and high school.

At Mount Savage Middle School our Career Coach is Wray Blair. Mr. Blair worked for 37 years in the field of college admissions and has great experience in working with students to help them create a plan to meet their career goals. He will work half time at Mount Savage Middle School and half time at Westmar Middle School. Mr. Blair will be coming to classes to give presentations about all things dealing with careers and education after high school. He promises never to ask any student “what are you going to be when you get older?” Instead we will look at student interests and strengths to help them to start charting a path (knowing that path can change at any time). His office is located in Room 118 right across from the Main Office. He welcomes students to stop by and say hello and ask any questions they may have.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOKS

Middle School yearbooks will be going on sale sometime the second week of October. The cost of the book will remain \$28.00 for this year for pre-orders, and \$35.00 for books not pre-ordered. We've got some surprises in store this year, so don't be left out. Get those orders in when the order sheets come home!



## 6th Grade News

Sixth graders attended outdoor school at Evergreen Heritage Center during the month of September. Four different groups of students spent the day exploring EHC by taking a hike on the property to observe water sources, natural resources, and coal mine impacts on water sources. Students also used weather instruments and played a game to learn about the water cycle. The finale of the day was a STEM challenge focused on forces that act on boats.



### AG Club

So far this year, Ag Club students have harvested over 90 pounds of tomatoes from the school garden and turned them into 15 quarts of pasta sauce and 24 pints of salsa. They have also extracted over 10 gallons of honey from our beehives and bottled the honey to be sold to help fund our Ag program. Students are also collecting 14 or more eggs each day from our chickens. Some projects that are planned for the next few months include painting the chicken coop and processing beeswax from our hives to use to make lip balm and candles. Students will also be cleaning up the vegetable gardens, installing the hoop covers, and planting more leafy greens as a fall crop. We also plan to mark sugar maple trees so that we can make maple syrup this coming spring.

## 7th Grade News

Seventh grade students attended Outdoor School at Rocky Gap for two days during the last week of September. Students learned about the ecology of Lake Habeeb and tested some water chemistry variables. Students also learned about non-native invasive plants, how to use macroinvertebrates to determine the health of a freshwater stream, and why sediment can be harmful in an aquatic ecosystem.



### Creative Arts News

The Creative Arts Team is excited for the start of Fall. In October, we will be holding our annual “Judy Carter Memorial Walk for Charity.” This is an event where the Middle School students raise money for a cause that affects our local area. This year, we are donating to Savage Citizens, a school organization that provides food and clothing to local families.

The music department is up and running. Orchestra, Chorus, and Band are all practicing for their Winter Concert coming up on the evening of Dec. 14th. Members of the 7th and 8th grade Chorus will be participating in All-County Chorus November 15th and 16th. They will be joining with singers from around the county for a two-day workshop, learning new songs, and performing for the public. Coming up in October, members of the 7th and 8th grade Band will have the opportunity to join with the Mt. Ridge Marching Band, performing at a football game. “Middle School Night” at Mt. Ridge takes place on Friday Night October 20th.

## 8th Grade News

Mount Savage Middle School recently held student council elections. Any 8th grade student interested in being involved in leadership was encouraged to run for an office. Elected to office were:

- President; David Malone
- Vice-President; Jonathan Malone
- Secretary; Cash McKenzie
- Treasurer; Chase DeWitt



These officers will be members of the Allegany County Association of Student Councils (ACASC), and they attended a kickoff picnic on September 28, 2023 at Parris Glendenning Park. The picnic will last from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Also attending as alternates were Kylee Bittner, Abigail Malone, Ava Shockey, Penny Bogart, and Ali Kifer. Students will be participating in a number of leadership activities that will sharpen their skills in communication, teamwork, and problem solving. Reports will be given by the ACASC President, Student Member of the Board (SMOB), and Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC) staff. Congratulations to the new student council officers. Eighth science classes are going on field trips to the Evergreen Heritage Center in Mount Savage this month. Students will learn about energy sources, including historic coal mines and modern wind turbines. The Green School co-curricular class of 7th and 8th graders is working hard to plan a tree planting this fall and to restart the recycling programs for the school year. Stay tuned for more information about our programs for this year!

