FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are exited to welcome fall here at Mount Savage School!

We are back to “normal” school routines, and continue to recognize student success with the implementation of our Green School, Ag Program, and upcoming elementary mobile science labs. Be sure to check the events calendar for upcoming events for our students.

Additionally, we continue to progress with our reading and math intervention programs and are dedicated to serving our students educational needs.

We appreciate all of the parental support we receive to help give our students a well-rounded education!

--Dr. Holland

CAFETERIA NEWS

A la Carte items will be sold in the cafeteria for middle school students:
- Ice Cream - $0.80
- Rice Krispie Treats - $0.80
- Small Cookie - $0.50
- Bottle of Water - $1.00

3rd - 4th - 5th grade students will be able to purchase ice cream on Fridays only.

Due to supply chain issues, there may be more menu changes than in previous years.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

- Dismissal/Transportation Updates
  - If you need to change your student’s afternoon dismissal – please send a note to the office with your student or email to msoffice@acpsmd.org.
  - All changes to dismissal MUST be received by 2:00 p.m. to ensure the message is received and passed along to your student.
  - If you are picking your student up early for an appointment, please arrive prior to 2:10 so you aren’t caught in dismissal traffic.

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NURSE’S CORNER

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- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitizing gel.
- Get the flu vaccine as soon as it becomes available, and discuss with your health care provider if you are due for other vaccinations.
- Stay home and limit your contact with others, especially if you are sick.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a face covering in public places.
- Avoid touching your nose, mouth and eyes.
- Use tissues for coughs and sneezes and dispose of them in the trash.
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Hello from Mrs. Schall, the math specialist at Mount Savage Elementary! Students in kindergarten through grade 5 will be 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. For more information visit https://i-readycentral.com/familycenter/

**MATH NEWS**

Kindergarten is learning about routines, rules, and making friends in the classroom. The month of October is a busy one to start the year. In reading, we are learning 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 numbers 1-10 and we are learning how to use a 10 frame to count objects. In science, we will explore and learn about what plants and animals need to live and what their environments look like. We are reviewing rules and laws for social studies too. We will also learn about pumpkins and complete some fun activities in the classroom!

**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!

**1ST GRADE NEWS**

Welcome back to the 2022-2023 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 had to develop strategies for addition (composing) and subtracting (decomposing) 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!!

**TITLE I**

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 of 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, which we will be working on 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 and addition. We will continue on - focused on subtraction and then….eventually…..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! There’s never a dull moment in 3rd grade with Mr. A and Mr. V around!

4TH GRADE NEWS

During ELA in the month of October, fourth grade will be completing a unit on Empires in the Middle Ages to learn about the time of castles and knights. In Math, we will be learning how to round, add, and subtract larger numbers. We will continue to learn about Maryland Geography during Social Studies class. Students can use flash cards or computer websites to practice basic addition and subtract facts at home to prepare to add and subtract larger numbers in fourth grade. In addition, students can work through their online I-ready Math pathways at home to sharpen their math skills. We hope you have a great fall, and a happy Halloween!

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! In ELA, we are writing personal narratives with quotations, similes, and metaphors! In science, we have baked homemade bread with Mrs. Peggy. We have learned all about the “yeast” process, and what makes holes in our bread. We also took a nature walk to find out how scientists classify leaves and trees. Then, we learned about bees and ate honey on crackers to celebrate the hard work that those bees do so that we can have a yummy, sweet snack! We are finding out that science is really fun (and tasty) to learn about!

Outdoor School will be happening on October 10-14th. We will be gone the whole week sleeping in cabins, taking long hikes everyday, and learning about our world in very interesting outdoor lessons! We are really looking forward to this awesome experience! We are very thankful that the program is up and running again!
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8TH GRADE NEWS

Science classes are taking field trips to the Evergreen Heritage Center in September and October. Students are learning about energy sources, like coal and wind, as part of their curriculum.

7TH GRADE NEWS

Seventh grade teachers and students attended the ACPS Outdoor School at Rocky Gap State Park from September 19th-22nd. Students participated in lessons about erosion, exotic and invasive plant species, water chemistry, and how to use benthic macroinvertebrates as an indicator of stream health. Additionally, outdoor school personnel travelled to Mount Savage on Sept. 23rd to lead a lesson about biodegradable and recyclable trash.

YEARBOOK

2022-2023 yearbooks will go on sale beginning Thursday, September 29 and continue through Thursday, October 13. Books ordered during this time will have a cost of $28.00. If students wait until delivery in May, the cost will increase to $35.00, and there may be no guarantee of getting a book. Students will receive order forms from their homeroom teacher and can return their order and money to their homeroom teacher. All checks should be made payable to Mt. Savage School. Any questions may be directed to Miss Clarke: roberta.clarke@acpsmd.org

AG CLUB NEWS

The Ag club’s school vegetable garden was a big success. Most of the garden is done for the year. The club still has potatoes and popcorn to harvest and they have recently planted fall crops of lettuce, peas, and spinach. Students were able to stay after school to learn how to make salsa from the tomatoes, peppers, and onions that they grew in the school garden. Students have been raising tilapia since last February. The tilapia have grown from less than an inch long to 6-8” and the club is in the process of adding aquaponics to the fish system. The club hopes to add some compost bins, honey bee hives, mushroom logs, and chickens this year.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TUTORING

Mount Savage Middle School is offering after school tutoring for students in grades 6–8. During the first marking period, the focus of the tutoring will be to assist students in English Language Arts and Math. Thereafter, the program will expand to other core subjects. 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.