The Mount Savage Cafeteria would like to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday season, and will serve its Christmas Luncheon on Thursday, December 15th. The menu will include:

- Roast Turkey, Ham, or PB&J
- Dressing
- Whipped Potatoes
- Dinner Roll
- Sweet Corn
- Fruit Cocktail
- Milk

The faculty, staff, and administration at Mount Savage School would like to wish our parents, students, and families a very happy holiday season! We have a lot of fun events and themed days coming up, so be sure to mark your calendars!

Dr. Holland

Nurse’s Corner

THE 24 HOUR RULE

Attention parents and guardians

Please help support our efforts to reduce the spread of illness among our students and staff by adhering to the following guidelines. Should your child become ill at school or has experienced any of the following symptoms at home, please wait 24 hours after any of the following symptoms have stopped to allow your child to return to school.

- Fever above 100.4 (without fever reducing medicine);
- Upset stomach, including diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Sore Throat
- Sudden headache

If you are unsure, please contact the school nurse or your child’s doctor.

Notes from the Office

If you have moved, please contact the office to let us know as soon as possible! We will need a new proof of residence before the address can be updated in our systems.

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**PRE-K NEWS**

Pre-K has had a busy year so far. We have learned about healthy foods, community workers, all 26 letters of the alphabet, numbers 1-10, and so much more! We have enjoyed the crafts and science projects we get to participate in as well. Moving forward, we are going to be working on learning our letter sounds. The friendships we have formed throughout the year are so special and we are one happy class family. We are good students, follow directions, and work hard every single day. We hope you all stay safe and healthy!

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**KINDERGARTEN NEWS**

It is the time of year when we think about family traditions, cookies and sweets, our favorite holiday songs, presents, and of course a big guy in a big red suit! Kindergarten is patiently waiting for Santa’s arrival, and we are so excited to write letters to him! Our elf from the North Pole will be visiting the classroom for the month of December. For reading, we will continue to learn new alphabet letters, high-frequency words, and blend CVC words. For math, we have been very busy learning 2D and 3D shapes, counting 1-50, and we will start adding and subtracting numbers in January. We will be reading several Christmas books for the month of December. I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful Christmas break! Happy Holidays!

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**1ST GRADE NEWS**

First grade will continue with lots of hands-on learning in math as we move into adding and subtracting within 20. We are always working hard to recognize and demonstrate the relationship between addition and subtraction as we solve word problems. A big focus is on how to show our “math thinking” in words, numbers, pictures and equations. As we move forward in reading, we will start learning all about long vowel sounds in different spelling patterns to decode and read new words and stories with our Superkids friends! We will also continue to focus on how literary and informational texts are alike and different. We are still concentrating on the daily task of writing in complete sentences with correct capitalization and end punctuation. We will be covering light and sound in our upcoming science units and geography in social studies. We cannot believe we will be wrapping up 2022, and we are looking forward to all of the learning that will happen as we enter into the New Year of 2023! We wish all of our families and friends a very Happy, Healthy, MERRY CHRISTMAS/New Year Season!!!! Enjoy the winter holiday vacation!

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**2ND GRADE NEWS**

‘Tis the season in second grade!! We are so very excited to be in December and all the joy that the season brings. We will be doing some cross curricular unit studies based on the books *The Polar Express* and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. There will be lots of grinchy work with plot, opinion writing, and STEM activities!

In math, we are working on solving addition and subtraction word problems with larger numbers. Our next units will be about money and time. To help your child at home, begin practicing identifying the names of the different coins. When you get change back at the store, have your child sort the coins by their type, practice the names, and how much each coin is worth.

Second grade would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year! Enjoy the time off with your friends and family.

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**TITLE I TIP**

**PARENT’S RIGHT TO KNOW**

Parents have the right to know the certification status of the teachers and instructional assistants who work with their children. You may get this information by making a written request to:

Mr. Glenn Rice, Supervisor of Human Resources
108 Washington Street
P. O. Box 1724
Cumberland, MD 21501-1724

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3rd Grade News

Sleigh it ain't so.....it's almost the end of the year? Third grade has been learning so much and having so much fun! We can't believe we are that close to 2023! In reading, we are deep into non-fiction reading, and learning about such cool things as light, sound, life, the universe and everything in between. In math, we are working hard every day to get all those crazy multiplication facts stuck deep inside the left side of our brain (can you tell we read all about our brains last month?). Our mission in math is to look at our multiplication facts and learn them.....love them....and live them! Soon we will be using those multiplication facts to do cool things like find the area of a rectangle, and graphing data to make information more "user-friendly." In social studies and science, we continue to learn about such cool topics as our government, our history, physics, biology and ecology. The entire third grade would like to wish everyone a very happy and healthy holiday season!

5th Grade News

Fifth grade has been working hard and has jumped into marking period two with excitement! During the months of December and January, we will be focusing on literary text by finishing our Don Quixote unit and starting our next unit, a mystery called Chemical Matter. Students will be writing opinion and fictional narrative pieces. In math, we will be conquering decimals and fractions! Right after Thanksgiving break, we will begin comparing decimals. As the weeks progress, we will begin to add and subtract both decimals and fractions using a variety of strategies. In social studies, we will be learning about the foundation of our country by exploring the Constitution and the Bill of Rights through interactive activities, videos, and projects! When marking period three begins, we will transition back to science as we continue to learn about the earth and sun.

4th Grade News

December will be a busy month for fourth grade. We will be learning about inventors and inventions during English Language Arts. Students will even try their hands at inventing! During Math, we will be learning about factors and multiples, as well as patterns. In Social Studies, our study of the state of Maryland will have us learning about Native Americans and the history of the state of Maryland. Merry Christmas!

6th Grade News

Sixth-grade students will travel to Cumberland Theatre on Friday, December 9 to attend Elf, the Musical, a comedy, romance, and fairy tale all rolled up in one. The musical, narrated by Santa, is based on the 2003 motion picture, Elf. The storyline differs somewhat from the movie, and the production includes original songs written by Chad Beguelin and Matthew Sklar. The musical ran on Broadway for a time and has also widely toured, mostly during the Christmas holiday season.

“A study by the University of Arkansas found that when primary and secondary school pupils are exposed to live theatre experiences, it increases student tolerance by providing exposure to a broader, more diverse world, and improves the ability of students to recognise what other people are thinking or feeling (https://www.familiesmagazine.com.au/kids-theatre/).’ It is the hope of the sixth-grade teachers that this theater-going experience will create a lasting and cherished memory for our students.
Mr. Crislip’s 7th Grade Geography classes kicked off the 22nd edition Fifa World Cup with a lesson about the world's most popular sporting event and a competition to see who will be crowned World Cup Champions on December 18th. The 2022 World Cup is being hosted in the nation of Qatar. Because of the country’s climate, for the first time the World Cup is being played in November and December instead of the traditional June and July. This unique timing allows the tournament to be used as an educational opportunity during the school year.

On November 18th, two days before the tournament began, students completed a lesson about the competition. The lesson began with a discussion of Qatar’s physical geography, climate, location on the world map, and was followed by a discussion of the nation's culture. Next, students learned about the history of the Men's Fifa World Cup, the Women's Fifa World Cup, which is slated to take place in 2023, and the 2026 Men's Fifa World Cup which will be hosted by North America in 11 U.S. cities, three Mexican cities, and two Canadian cities. Students also had the opportunity to learn about many other countries which are participating in this year’s tournament from all continents of the world that will be studied throughout the 7th grade World Geography curriculum.

After the lesson, students completed their own World Cup Bracket to track and follow along with the tournament, to see if they could accurately predict the winners of the group stages, and the finals. With the help of some students, a display was made outside of Mr. Crislip’s classroom to keep students up-to-date with the latest results of the tournament.

**CREATIVE ARTS NEWS**

This year the Mountain Ridge District and all of its feeder schools have been invited to prepare holiday card designs in their art classes. The holiday card designs had specific guidelines for size, generalized theme and required color. One card design will be selected from each: Elementary, Middle, and High School. The card designs chosen by the BOE Central Office during the late-November School Board Meeting will be color printed to create holiday cards to be sent out to local businesses throughout Allegany County this year. The families chosen have students in both the elementary and middle school. Tags with gift suggestions are placed on the tree. Mrs. Williams, SHOP advisor, would like any gifts purchased for the family to be brought to school by Wednesday, December 14. Gifts should be wrapped and the gift tag placed on the outside of the box. This will allow time for SHOP students to organize and deliver the gifts prior to Christmas break. SHOP will also be having a Holiday Spirit Week, December 12-16, to help raise money for this endeavor. Look for the announcement and be ready to break out that tacky holiday sweater!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELOR NEWS**

Mount Savage Middle School PBIS Mount Savage Middle School is a Positive Behavior Interventions Support (PBIS) school. PBIS provides a multi-tier of systems to support for our school wide behavior expectations for all students in Mount Savage Middle School. The middle school expectations are as follows: be safe, be responsible and be respectful. At Mount Savage, tier one supports are provided for all students. These supports include social emotional learning (SEL) lessons during advisory, tomahawk slips to recognize good behavior daily, with a chance to spin the prize wheel weekly, monthly school wide events for students meeting expectations and quarterly recognition of rising and shining stars – those students who have excelled or shown significant improvement in the classroom.

**8TH GRADE NEWS**

The 8th grade SHOP Program would like to thank everyone that helped make the Thanksgiving food drive successful. The students collected enough food to help 29 local families. The SHOP Annual Christmas Tree is up and located in the front lobby. The SHOP students will be helping two Mount Savage School families this year. The families chosen have students in both the elementary and middle school. Tags with gift suggestions are placed on the tree. Mrs. Williams, SHOP advisor, would like any gifts purchased for the family to be brought to school by Wednesday, December 14. Gifts should be wrapped and the gift tag placed on the outside of the box. This will allow time for SHOP students to organize and deliver the gifts prior to Christmas break. SHOP will also be having a Holiday Spirit Week, December 12-16, to help raise money for this endeavor. Look for the announcement and be ready to break out that tacky holiday sweater!

Music Department presents their annual WINTER CONCERT:

Our choir, orchestra, and band departments will host an evening of holiday cheer on December 15th at 7:00 pm. This concert is free and open to the public. Hope to see you all there!