

### **Paws Newsletter**

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### What is the MVMS Paws Newsletter?

The MVMS Paws Newsletter is our school newsletter and will provide essential communication between MVMS and families. Our newsletter provides families an opportunity to learn more about the events, activities, and achievements taking place at MVMS.







### Thank you!

Thank you to those who worked diligently this summer to ensure our school year starts off strong. The custodians, IT department, and administrative assistants have worked tirelessly behind the scenes getting our school ready to welcome students on September 3rd.

Thank you for all of your hard work!

School Website: MVMS Home

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<u>School Hours</u> Drop Off Begins: 8:00 School Day begins: 8:25 School Day ends: 3:10 <u>Building Administration</u> Principal: Ms. Jessica Milligan Assistant Principal: Ms. Brandy Williams Dean of Students: Mr. Mark Lacasse Special Education Facilitator: Ms. Lindsay Phillips Curriculum Coordinator: Mr. Joshua Lewis



### Important MVMS Dates

Date	Upcoming Events
August 21	Open Facilities: Grades 5&6 8:30-10:30 Grade 7&8 10:30-12:30
September 3	First Day of School
September 6	Picture Day!
September 16	Strings Rental Night
September 19	Open House: Grades 6 & 7
September 24	Open House Grades 5 & 8

### **Open Facilities Schedule:**

August 21 Grades 5&6: 8:30-10:30 Grades 7&8: 10:30-12:30



At the Open Facilities event, families are welcome to visit MVMS and take a self-guided tour. Maps will be provided near the entrance for your convenience. This informal opportunity allows students to explore the locations of their classes for the upcoming year.

Please note that our teaching staff will still be on summer break during this event. However, the administration will be present in the building to assist and guide you as needed.



On the first day of school each student will receive their schedule and important updates from their homeroom teacher. All students should report to their assigned homeroom at the beginning of the first day.

Homeroom assignments will be available in PowerSchool the week of August 19th.

SAU 19 uses electronic versions for all of the beginning of the year forms. The required forms will be provided to parents through the parent portal on PowerSchool. Parents will need to log in and complete the necessary forms for each student.

Online Forms will be available the week of August 19th.





The MVMS supply lists are available on the school website by clicking <u>here</u>. Please note there is a list for each team in 6th grade and then a list for all of 5th grade, all of 7th grade, and all of 8th grade.

The lists are also included at the end of this newsletter.

### Strings Rental Night

Strings Rental Night for our Orchestra students will be Monday, September 16th in the Hilltop from 6:00 - 7:30.

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Dear MVMS Families and Students,

Welcome back to the start of another exciting school year at MVMS! I am thrilled to reconnect with our returning families and extend a warm welcome to those joining our community for the first time. As we embark on this new academic journey together, I want to take a moment to reflect on our shared commitment to fostering a safe and encouraging learning environment, where every student is engaged in rigorous and inclusive learning experiences.

Our mission at MVMS is to meet the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual needs of each student. This year, we will continue to build on this foundation with a focus on monthly themes that reflect the core values we hold dear. These themes will guide our work as we strive to develop well-rounded individuals who are prepared not only for academic success but for life beyond our school walls.

> September: Respect October: Integrity November: Empathy December: Honesty January: Gratitude February: Forgiveness March: Perseverance April: Responsibility May: Self-Control

These themes will be woven into our daily interactions and lessons, helping to create a rich, supportive environment where all students can thrive. I am confident that together, we will make this a year of meaningful growth and achievement for every member of our school community.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. I look forward to seeing the incredible things we will accomplish together this year.



Warm regards, Jessica Milligan Principal, MVMS



#### Bus Routes

Bus routes for this school year are available on the <u>SAU19 website</u>. If you have any questions, please reach out to Goffstown Truck Center at (603) 497-3111.

Please note: New Boston students sometimes take one bus in the morning and a different bus in the afternoon. Please be sure to double check your morning and afternoon routes.





#### <u>Text Message Alerts</u>

Opt-in to receive school delay and cancelation alerts, as well as emergency notifications. To opt-in, text the word "Yes" the the code number 67587

\*Please note: Mobile numbers must be on file in our database (PowerSchool) to opt-in. To update your mobile number contact the MVMS Main office.

#### **Reporting an Absence**

To report a student absence, parent/guardian should call (603) 497-8288, when prompted press 2. Parents/guardians should be prepared to record their name, their student's name, reason for the absence, and the name of their student's teacher(s).





School Nurse Update Please complete the beginning of year school forms, including updating any medical information. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the MVMS School Nurses, Sara Matatall and Susan Potvin.



This month students will learn about respect. Respect means treating others the way you want to be treated. It involves being kind, listening when someone is speaking, valuing different opinions, and not being mean or hurtful. Respect also means taking care of yourself and your belongings, as well as other people's things. It's about showing that you care about others' feelings, space, and rights. Please talk to your student about respect and their conversations at school.





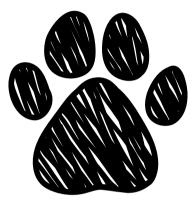
Fall Sports try-out schedules are posted on the website: <u>MVMS Sports</u>

Students must register through PowerSchool to try-out for MVMS sports team.



### MONTH: AUGUST

THEME: RESPECT



Meet Our New Administrator: Mark Lacasse



Mark Lacasse is joining the MVMS administration team this year as the Dean of Students. Mr. Lacasse has worked at MVMS for 8 years as a Grade 7 Social Studies teacher. Mr. Lacasse enjoys spending time with family, chopping firewood, gardening, playing basketball, and making maple syrup.

Fun Fact: He has one dog, seven chickens, and leopard gecko!



### \* \* \* \* Food Service Update



Welcome back to the Hilltop Café! We hope you had a wonderful summer full of fun, family, and friends! The monthly menu is posted on the school and food service website. It can also be found at <u>www.linqconnect.com</u>. All our meals feature fresh fruits and vegetables, low fat milk, lean protein sources and whole grain bread offerings. Your child has a debit account automatically set up which tracks all payments and purchases. We offer breakfast, lunch, and milk for purchase every school day. Breakfast is not served on delayed openings. Students may purchase additional snack items to go with their meal provided they have money on their account to spend. Your child uses the same lunch number as last year (even if you are coming from Maple Avenue, Bartlett or New Boston). If you don't know the number, please let the cafeteria know and we will gladly provide that. If your child does not know his/her number, we will look them up alphabetically at the cash register. Cash or checks (made out to Goffstown Food Service) can be sent to the school for payment. Online payments can be made at <u>www.linqconnect.com</u>. Meal prices are: Breakfast \$2.00 full pay, \$0.00 for reduced price and free eligible students; Lunch \$3.50 full pay, \$0.40 for reduced price eligible and \$0.00 for free eligible students.

You can apply for the free and reduced meal price program at any time during the year. Applications are available online at <u>www.linqconnect.com</u> or the food service website or by contacting the school cafeteria. If your child had this benefit last year, you will have 30 school days to reapply to determine if you will continue to receive this benefit.

If you have any questions/concerns/suggestions, please call the school cafeteria or Food Service Office at 603-660-5311.

We hope you to see you at Hilltop Cafe! Hilltop Cafe Culinary Team



### Digital Integration: New Unified Arts for Grades 7 & 8

Students in Grades 7 & 8 will have a new Unified Arts class this year called Digital Integration.
This course is designed to equip middle school students with the essential skills and knowledge to navigate, utilize, and thrive in the digital world. This course emphasizes the integration of technology across various subjects, fostering a comprehensive understanding of digital tools, ethical internet use, and creative problem-solving. This course would also equip students with tools for personal finance in a digital world, exploring careers, and coding.

This course will be replacing the Unified Arts class called FACS. Topics previously covered in FACS will be integrated into this course and other Unified Arts classes.

### Who will receive a Standards-Based Report Card?

Students in Grades 5 and 6

This report card will look similar to the report cards issued at Bartlett Elementary School and Maple Avenue Elementary School.

### Why use a Standards-Based Report Card?

Standards-Based Report Cards identify specific areas where students may need additional support or enrichment. Standards-Based Report Cards encourage students to take ownership of their learning by clearly understanding expectations and helps parents understand their child's progress and how to support their learning at home.

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### What is a Standards-Based Report Card?

Standards-Based Report Cards focus on specific learning goals and standards that students need to meet throughout the school year. Standards-Based Report Cards provide clear and detailed information about what students are expected to know and be able to do at each grade level. This report card provides ongoing meaningful feedback on strengths and areas for growth.

### Learn More!

<u>Open Houses (Sept 19 or Sept 24)</u>: At Open House, the MVMS administrative team will present an overview of the new Standards-Based Report Card, share details about the year ahead, and answer any questions you may have.



## Standards Based REPORT CARDS





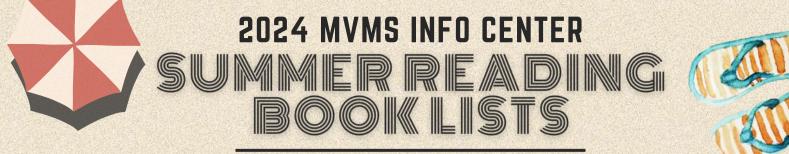


You are welcome to read over the summer! You can choose your own reading material. We have some recommended book lists for you to use. We challenge you to complete as many activities as you can from the lists below. If you complete at least 15 of the activities, turn in this list to the Information Center by Monday, September 16th for a special surprise! Please understand that this challenge is optional.

**HOW TO READ** 

# WHAT TO READ

	READ A GRAPHIC NOVEL		READ TO A PARENT
	READ A RECIPE		READ TO A PET
	READ A "HOW-TO" BOOK		READ TO A GRANDPARENT
	READ A JOKE BOOK		READ TO A BABY
	READ A PLAY		READ TO A STUFFED ANIMAL
	READ CLOSE CAPTIONING ON TV		READ WITH A FLASHLIGHT
	READ SONG LYRICS		READ TO A SIBLING
	READ AN EBOOK		READ OUTSIDE
	READ A MYSTERY	-	READ TO A NEIGHBOR
	READ POETRY OR NOVEL IN VERSE	П	READ AT THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
H	READ A BIOGRAPHY OR MEMOIR	F	WHISPER READ
Ā	READ ANY CHAPTER BOOK		READ WITH A BESTIE
	READ A MENU		READ IN THE CAR
	READ A MAGAZINE	F	READ ON A RAINY DAY
	NAME:		



You are welcome to read a book of your choice for the MVMS Summer Reading Challenge. Below you will find links to various summer reading lists for you to consider. As always, we encourage you to discuss your reading choices with your family. Happy Reading!

You will need access to a Google account to view the NH Book Award lists. PDF versions are available on the MVMS website.

2025 NH GREAT STONE FACE AWARD NOMINATED BOOKS GRADES 4-6

(Click here or scan the OR Code!)



2025 NH ISINGLASS TEEN READ AWARD Nominated Books Grades 7-8

(Click here or scan the QR Code!) (Click here or scan the QR Code!)





Scan to view the eBooks and Digital Audiobooks we have in Destiny! You can check them out ALL summer long!





SUMMER READING LIST FOR GRADES 3-5

(Click here or scan the OR Code!)





SUMMER READING LIST FOR GRADES 6-8





Be sure to take a look at the packages, prints, & novelties we offer and place an order online until 24 hours after picture day. Pay full price for first 2 children's orders and receive each additional child's order for **FREE!** 

### **1** Visit us online at geskusprint.com

2 Enter your code

Use your unique code above to log in & pre-order photos

### Place your order

Select your packages, prints, and novelties then checkout

Asegúrese de echar un vistazo a los paquetes, impresiones y novedades que ofrecemos y haga un pedido en línea. Pague el precio completo de los 2 primeros pedidos de niños y reciba GRATIS cada pedido adicional.

1. Visítenos en geskusprint.com

2. Utilice su código exclusivo para iniciar sesión y ver su prueba

3. Seleccione sus paquetes, impresiones o novedades y pase por caja



# Manchester, NH

Sundays 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/20, 10/27 @ 3:30 pm(11/3 Rain Date)

Livingston Park Gatsas Track 156 Hooksett Rd Manchester, NH 03104

DIVISION	DISTANCE
Pre-K 2/3yr	50 Yard Dash
Pre-K 4/5yr	75 Yard Dash
Challenger	75 Yard Dash
K & 1st	1/4 Mile
2nd & 3rd	1/2 Mile
4th & 5th	1 Mile
6th, 7th, 8th	1 Mile

\*All races will be the same distances each week.

For more information, please contact Ashley Johnson at 603-321-7218 manchesternh@healthykidsrs.org

#### SCORING/DETAILS

- · Points awarded based on finish
- T-shirts for ALL runners
- Medals for ALL runners on Week 5
- Scan QR code and check race description on website for trophy details.



Online registration available only. No cash accepted. \*Registration is nonrefundable



#### SPONSORS









#### Grade Five Supplies 2024-2025

Math 1-inch binder (solid color) Plastic dividers (pack of 5) Loose leaf graph or lined paper

#### **Science** Green spiral notebook Green 2-pocket folder

Language Arts Red 2-pocket folder

**Social Studies** Composition Notebook Yellow 2-pocket folder

#### General Supplies (please label all with student's names)

Homework folder (student choice!) Soft pencil case Crayons Colored pencils Markers Scissors Glue sticks (4-pack or more) Pencils Erasers and eraser caps Highlighters Expo markers Hand-held pencil sharpener Thin black sharpies

\*If you would like to donate tissues and Lysol wipes, it would be greatly appreciated.





Math Inexpensive scientific calculator Composition notebook (for math only) 4 whiteboard markers

#### Science

1-inch binder (this is a dedicated binder for Science) 1 plastic folder

#### Language Arts

1.5-inch binder (this is a dedicated binder for Language Arts)1 pack loose-leaf paper6 dividers

#### **Social Studies**

1-inch binder (this is a dedicated binder for Social Studies) 1 plastic folder

#### General Supplies (please label all with student's names)

Homework folder or accordion folder (student choice!) 3-packs of pencils Colored pencils Pack of markers Pencil case (a box is more challenging to move between classes) Scissors Highlighters Sharpies (black) Glue sticks

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\*\*Please note that some supplies will need to be replenished by students throughout the year.

**Team 6-1 Supplies** 

2024-2025



Math Inexpensive scientific calculator Composition notebook (for math only) 2-inch binder (this is a dedicated binder for Math)

#### Science

1-inch binder (this is a dedicated binder for Science) 1 plastic folder

#### Language Arts

1-inch binder (this is a dedicated binder for Language Arts)1 pack loose-leaf paper5 dividers (Vocabulary, Spelling, Grammar, Writing and Resources)

**Team 6-2 Supplies** 

2024-2025

#### **Social Studies**

1-inch binder (this is a dedicated binder for Social Studies)2 plastic foldersDividers

#### General Supplies (please label all with student's names)

Homework folder or accordion folder (student choice!) 2-packs of pencils Colored pencils Dry erase markers Pencil case (a box is more challenging to move between classes) Scissors Highlighters Sharpies (black) Glue sticks

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### Team 6-3 Supplies 2024-2025

Math Inexpensive scientific calculator Pack of dividers 2-inch binder

#### Language Arts

2-inch binder1 pack loose-leaf paper1 pack of dividers

#### **Social Studies/Science**

2-inch binder1 pack loose-leaf paper2 packs of dividers

#### General Supplies (please label all with student's first and last names and Team 6-3)

Homework folder 2-packs of pencils Colored pencils/markers/crayons Pencil sharpener Pencil case Erasers Scissors Dry erase marker Highlighters Sharpies (black) Fine-tip sharpies (black) 3-ring hole punch White-out

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#### **Grade 7 Supplies**



#### 2024-2025

Math/Accelerated (Red)Algebra (Purple)5-subject notebook (for Accelerated you will need 2 notebooks - vinyl/plastic cover are best)Book cover (large)Ruler2-pocket folderScientific calculator (suggested model TI-30XII)

#### Science (Green)

5-subject notebook2-pocket folder (vinyl/plastic if possible)3-packs 3x5 cards (to be kept at home - teachers will notify you when to bring them in)

#### Language Arts (Blue)

1-inch binder with filler paper 1 pack of 5 dividers	
1-subject notebook	Book cover
Pencils	Highlighters

#### **Social Studies**

1-inch 3-ring binder1-subject notebook or loose-leaf paper for 3-ring binder1 pack of 5 dividers

#### **World Language Students**

1-inch binder (with pockets)1-subject notebook or loose-leaf paper for 3-ring binderOptional – earbuds/headphones for use with iPads

#### **Literacy Students**

3-subject spiral bound notebook 2-pocket folder Independent reading book of student's choice (students bring in – not to be kept in classroom)

#### **General Supplies**

Yellow homework folder (plastic/vinyl if possible)			
Many, many pencils	Colored pencils and markers		
Glue sticks (4-8)	Dry erase markers		
Index cards (3x5)	Eraser (cap or other)		
Pens	Highlighters		
White-out	Hand-held pencil sharpener		
Scissors			

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#### Grade 8 Supplies



#### 2024-2025

#### Math

1-1.5-inch binder with paper or spiral notebook

Scientific calculator for Math/Algebra (Graphing calculator for Geometry is optional)			
Dividers	Pens		
Folder	Pencils		
Highlighter	Ruler (12 or 6 inch)		
Tissues	Post-it notes (optional)		
	Colored pencils/markers (optional) Graph paper (optional)		
	Glue sticks (optional)		

#### Science

Black and blue pens	Scissors
Pencils	Markers
Black sharpies	White-out
Erasers	Highlighters
1.5-inch binder	

#### Language Arts

Notebook or binder with paper Folder Multicolored highlighters Pencil top erasers

#### World Language Spanish

1-subject notebook or loose-leaf paper1-inch binder (with pockets)4 dividers for 1-inch binder3-ring binderOptional – earbuds/headphones for use with iPads

#### Literacy Students

1-subject spiral bound notebook 2-pocket folder Independent reading book of student's choice (students bring in – not to be kept in classroom)

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