

MOUNT HOLLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

SEPTEMBER 2024

Dear Mount Holly Families,

Thank you for helping Mount Holly get off to a great start to the 2024-2025 school year! Thank you for your patience during the first week of school as students learned Mount Holly's and their teacher's routines and procedures. Thank you, parents, students and Mount Holly staff for the great beginning of the year.

Please read the information and items of concern listed below for all parents and guardians. Thank you in advance for your support of these items. Below is Mount Holly's information for September.

- Early Dismissal ends at 1:50PM. You will only be able to get your child from school after 1:50PM for a medical appointment and you **must** present the appointment notification when you come to sign out your child.
- If your child is a morning car rider and eats breakfast at school, please arrive at school in enough time for your child (children) to be in the cafeteria by 7:25AM. This will give your child enough time to eat breakfast and get to class before the 7:45AM tardy bell. If your child arrives in the cafeteria after 7:30AM, they will be given a bag breakfast so that they can be in class by 7:45AM.
- Across the country, more than 8 million students are academically at risk due to missing so many days of school. September is Attendance Awareness Month, a time to learn about attendance issues, absenteeism, and the effects attendance can have on academic performance and success. School attendance is vital to academic success. Absences, whether excused or unexcused, can add up to academic trouble. Unless for illness, let's work to have all of our Mount Holly students present every day. Also, let's work to have all of our students at school, on time and in class by the 7:45AM bell. For the month of August, we had 263 tardies to school.
- Mount Holly Elementary would like to expand its PTO and School Improvement Council (SIC). The School Improvement Council is an advisory council to the principal and school on issues related to school improvement. We need parents involved in both organizations. With combined PTO and SIC meetings, parents can be a part of both organizations while attending one meeting. By September 11, 2024, please contact Mr. Hood (khoo@rhmail.org) or your child's teacher if you are willing to serve on one or both of these important and vital school organizations.
- It is good when parents can come and have lunch with their child and we have had quite a few parents come to lunch so far this year. When parents come to lunch with their child, parents and the child are invited to the stage for lunch. The student cannot bring a friend/classmate to have lunch with them.
- COVID protocols for Rock Hill Schools has been updated. Please visit the Rock Hill School website and visit the Nursing Services Department link (

<https://www.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/Page/11943>) to see the latest information on protocols and COVID testing locations.

- This year, Rock Hill Schools have nine (9) early release days. Instruction takes place on early release days and we want to have all of our students at school on the early release days. Also, each time there is an early release day, if your child is going home differently than a normal school day, please always inform your child's teacher.

Important Dates for September and October:

September

- 2 Labor Day Holiday
- 3-6 Kicking with Confidence @ the Aquatics Center - 4th Grade
- 6 National Read a Book Day
- 9 Grandparents Day Celebration
- 10-11 2nd Grade Field Experience to York County Recycling Facility
- 13-20 Scholastic Book Fair
- 26 Just a Chicken Author Visit
- 27 Early Dismissal for students at 11:15AM
- 27 September Terrific Kid Ceremony at 8:30AM

October

- 4 NWHS Give back at 8:30AM for 5th Grade
- 10 Hornets Book Bus 1PM
- 11 Student and Staff Holiday - No School
- 14 Teacher Professional Development Day - No School for Students
- 17 Litter Trashes Everyone Presentation 1P-2P
- 21-25 Red Ribbon Week
- 21 Report cards go home
- 25 Fall Pictures
- 31 Walk at School Day during Specials

