

Mountain Sky
Junior High School

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Every Student Deserves a Team!!

We hosted conferences last week and had a great turn out. If you missed the opportunity to meet with your child’s teachers, you can always reach out to them by email or phone to discuss your child’s progress. Middle school students are very hard to motivate, especially to do their classwork and homework. I would encourage you to have a discussion with your child about the importance of completing work and doing their best. These two years are a practice run for high school and if they develop bad habits, it is likely to translate to high school. While my partner is out, the District has created a rotation of assistant principals from the District to come support us for a week at a time. They will help with day-to-day operations, coverage during passing, lunches and before and after school. They will also support Mr. Matie and myself with student issues that arise throughout the day. An update on Mr. Wood, the surgery he ended up having last week was successful. He is home and doing well. We are anticipating he will be out the remainder of the quarter but are very optimistic his recovery is going well. Please reach out to me with athletic questions and Mr. Matie with any student concerns. We are working as a team to make sure nothing slips through the cracks. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions. Thank you for the support!

Always,

Christina Lee, Principal



Dates to Remember!

- Nov. 5—Picture Retakes
- Nov. 5—Site Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 7—School Talent Show 7 p.m.
- Nov. 8—Fall Dance 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 11—Veterans Day—No School
- Nov. 12—Raising Cane Restaurant Night 4-9 p.m.
- Nov. 12—PTO Meeting 7 p.m.
- Nov. 13—THS Fieldtrip for Grade Eight
- Nov. 14—THS Future Freshman Night 6 p.m.
- Nov. 28 & 29—Thanksgiving Break—No School
- Peek ahead to December—Save the Date!
- Theater Club Performance Dec. 12
- Winter Wonderland Event Dec. 14
- Quarter Two Spirit Week Dec. 16-20
- Early Release Friday, Dec. 20

JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER AT RAISING CANE’S!

Mountain Sky Jr. High PTO Fundraiser
November 12, 2024 from 4—9p.m.
1050 E. Bell Rd.

*Please mention MSJH at register.

Thunderbird High School Future Freshman Night November 14 at 6:30 p.m.

All prospective freshmen and their families are invited for a special evening at Thunderbird High School. At Future Freshman Night, you’ll discover what makes their high school an exciting place to learn and grow. You’ll hear about Advanced Placement and Honors courses, meet teachers and staff, and get a feel for the countless opportunities that await your student. It’s the perfect way to start imagining what their high school journey will look like! Families will also get a chance to explore everything from academic pathways and career-related programs to athletics, arts, and extracurricular activities. With something for everyone, this event is designed to help students and parents feel confident and excited about the next big step. We can’t wait to see you there! On Wednesday, Nov. 13, all grade eight students will go on a fieldtrip to THS campus ahead of their future freshman night.

TAX CREDIT DONATION

Support Our Students with a Tax Credit Donation

The season of giving is here, and if you’re looking for a way to support our students, please consider making a tax credit donation to our school! A tax credit not only allows you to directly impact our students’ education, but also reduces your state tax liability (up to \$200 filing single or \$400 filing jointly). Your donation also provides our students with opportunities to participate in field trips, and succeed in extracurricular activities by funding items such as uniform replacements, equipment, and stipends for coaches and sponsors. Donating is simple! You can either visit our school office to complete a tax credit form or make your donation online at <https://bit.ly/3Ao6nZ7>. Thank you for your support!



Congratulations to our
October Students of the Month!

7A: Maya C & Jesus T.
7B: Addison P. & Martin G.
8A: Blakey T. & Pedro V.
8B: William H. & Natalie R.



Mountain Sky Jr. High and the Moon Valley Neighborhood Association are teaming up with a holiday craft fair in conjunction with the 2024 Moon Valley Holiday Light Parade. We will have vendors selling gift items, hot cocoa and sweet treats for purchase and music while the floats prepare for their light parade.

The event is Saturday, December 14. If your interested in becoming a vendor during this community event, please reach out to the front office (602-896-6100) to get more information!

MVNA Holiday Events:

- 2024 Christmas Light Decorating Voting December 1—8
- MVNA Judging Trolly December 7, from 6-9 p.m.
- 2024 MVNA Holiday Light Parade December 14, from 6—8:30 p.m.

MSJH Winter Sports Information

Boys basketball and cheer seasons are underway!

- Game Schedule:
- 10/29 MS@DF
 - 11/4 RP@MS
 - 11/7 MS@CH
 - 11/12 PV@MS
 - 11/18 DF@MS (Game at THS)
 - 11/19 MS@RP
 - 11/25 CH@MS
 - 11/25 Cheer Event @ Cortez HS
 - 11/26 MS@PV
 - 12/2 4v5@PV / 2v3@CH
 - 12/3 1v4/5@CH
 - 12/5 WESD Championship Game @CH

Come out and support our athletes!

Girls basketball and boys soccer tryouts will be when we return from winter break. Listen to announcements for more information!

Congratulations to our students who SOARed in Quarter One!

- Eligibility Criteria:
- Grades—A, B, C
 - Attendance—Five or fewer
 - Discipline—No ISS/OSS

Nearly 400 students participated in a SOAR celebration with snacks, music and Kona Ice on Friday, Oct. 18.



Safe, Organized, Accountable, Responsible



SOAR Matrix

| | Classroom | Hallways | Office/ Health Office | Bathroom | Cafeteria | Field |
|-------------|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| Safe | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Control your body, voice, and objectsUse technology items as intended for the class | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Walking with a purposeControl your body, voice, and objects | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Maintain school securityControl your body, voice, and objects | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Wait your turnControl your body, voice, and objects | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Stay in seat until dismissedControl your body, voice, and objects | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Stay in designated areasBe aware of activities around youControl your body, voice, and objects |
| Organized | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Have materials out and prepared for classStudent planner is filled out | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Plan and follow your routeKeep walkways clear | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Travel to and from your destination right awayBe prepared: Wear ID and have pass visible | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Complete sign-out proceduresClean up after yourself | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Collect trash and throw it awayFollows lines and times | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Keep belongings where you can see themPut equipment away |
| Accountable | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Correctly use materials and classroom propertyBe an active student | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Go to your destination right awayBe prepared: Wear ID and have pass visible | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Be aware of people around youBe honest | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Flush, wash, dry, goodbyeQuickly return to your previous location | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Wear ID'sClean up after yourself and your area | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Own your mistakesClean up after yourself |
| Respectful | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Use appropriate and kind languageListen to others without interrupting and disruptingAccept different opinions | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Use appropriate and kind languageHonor the space and wishes of others | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Listen to others without interrupting or disruptingOnly share information that is yoursEnter quietly and patiently wait your turn | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Keep your hands, eyes, and phones to yourselfHonor the spaceUse appropriate and kind language | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Listen to directionsTake care of your cafeteria spaceUse appropriate and kind language | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Play fairFollow directionsUse appropriate and kind language |