

Mascoutah Elementary School

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Important Dates:

December

- 7** Spirit Day - wear purple!
- 10** USAF Band of Mid-America Concert at MHS, 7:00pm
- 18** 5th Grade Christmas Band Concert, 6:00pm in the Big Gym
- 18** District BOE Mtg, 7:00pm ASC
- 21** SIP Day (½ Day Student Attendance)
EARLY DISMISSAL:
K, walkers & bikers- **11:35**
1st- **11:45**
All others dismissed at **11:50**
- 21** Last day of 2nd Quarter
- 24-4** **NO SCHOOL** Dec 24 - Jan 4 (inclusive) **Winter Break**

January

- 7** **CLASSES RESUME** regular schedule
- 11** 2nd Quarter Report cards go home

Happy New Year!

We wish our students & families a very joyful, and safe holiday season.

USAF Band of Mid-America Concert

The USAF Band of Mid-America from Scott AFB will present a Christmas concert at Mascoutah High School on **Monday, December 10** at 7:00pm-9:00pm. The tickets are FREE but are required for admission to the concert. Please register for tickets here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/usaf-band-of-mid-america-holidays-around-the-world-tickets-39195038415?aff=ehomecard>

Band Notes

The MES 5th grade band students have been hard at work to prepare for the upcoming Christmas Band Concert, which will be held on Tuesday, December 18. The concert will begin at 7:00pm in the big gym. Admission is free and open to the public. If you have any questions regarding band, please contact Mr. Brandon Hokeness at hokenessb@msd19.org.

5 Essential Survey

The state of Illinois requires all public school to administer this survey to parents, students, and teachers each year. At the elementary level, our 4th and 5th grade students will take this survey in computer class with Mrs. Hilpert. Parents-please take a few moments to complete this survey for MES. Here is the link:

<https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/>

After you fill in your email address, it will ask for the county. Please spell out Saint Clair. The survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Thanks for doing this!

PBIS Report Card

District 19 uses the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) as our behavior plan. The premise of the program is that good character can be influenced by external rewards. The expectations for behavior are taught to the students and reinforced with rewards. The percentage of students with no referrals since the beginning of the school year to the Thanksgiving break is **93%**. Each month students without a referral participate in a fun activity reward (i.e. picnic at the park, inflatables, dance party, etc.). Also, teachers and staff can reward a student, they see displaying appropriate behavior, by presenting them with a Wampam right away. Students can enter their Wampams into a weekly raffle for ice cream or save them and purchase items at the Wampan store. Our first Wampan Store was this week-thanks to Ms. deRijke's class for organizing and working the Wampan Store!

Illinois Learning Standards Online Resources

Parents who are aware of and understand Illinois Learning Standards are better able to help with their child's studies. Here is the link to the Illinois Learning Standards. This Illinois State Board of Education site has many resources for parents. <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Learning-Standards.aspx>

School Messenger Program - It's an APP!

Phone call and email notifications are automatically sent to primary parents/guardians using the School Messenger program. To receive alerts (i.e.

MES Stocking Stuffers!

Looking for stocking stuffers or holiday gifts? Stop by the school office and pick up your school spirit items. We are selling MES tumblers (\$10) and MES sport sacks (\$5). A flyer with pictures is attached and on the website in our Digital Backpack.

Word of the month:

Service

Students will learn about ways to be of service to others. This involves extending time and effort to help others.

PBIS Reward of the month:

Games

The kids will enjoy playing a variety of fun carnival games.

Cafeteria - 15 Days

Regular Breakfast	\$21.75
Regular Lunch	\$36.75
Reduced Breakfast	\$5.25
Reduced Lunch	\$6.75

News from the Library

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the book fair in November. Your donations of snacks for the teacher preview, or time at the fair ensured another successful event. Look for the **Buy One Get One Free** book fair in early May.

Read, Right & Run

5th Grade parents: Information for Read, Right & Run has been sent home with your student and is posted on the school website. This program is sponsored by GO! St. Louis. Practice will be at MES after school on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30pm starting January 9 through April 4, 2018.

Digital Backpack

Stay on top of what's going on at school. Visit our Digital Backpack online:

http://mes.msds19.org/for_parents/digital_backpack

Every week the office uploads important informational flyers from school, PTO, the district and our community partners to the Digital Backpack. Parents can easily access this information in one online location.

Office & Attendance

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snow days) we must have accurate information in our database. To update your information please contact the school office. Parents now have the option to determine how they will receive notifications and messages from the school district by using SchoolMessenger infoCenter.

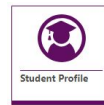
Parents can set up an account on InfoCenter. Instructions and documentation can be found on the district website or click [here](#). Once the account is set up, parents can then review all phone numbers, email addresses and SMS text permissions that are listed at school and are available for notification. Parents can then set their preferences on how they would like to receive notifications.

Skyward Qmlativ - Family Access

All parents and guardians can now edit their email address and phone numbers in Family Access. Once logged into Skyward go to Family Access, click on the "Student Profile" icon box for your child, and click on the pencil icon next to "Your Family Information." This allow you to update your information for all children listed in this household. If you are a member of a second household (i.e. as a stepparent) you will need to follow these instructions for that family too. Remember you can also update your child's emergency contacts through the "Emergency Contacts Form" box in Family Access.



Family Access



YOUR FAMILY INFORMATION [Edit](#)

Notes From the Office

Morning Drop-off: Parents, please use only the FRONT drive to drop off students. The back lots are for Faculty parking and Before School Care drop off. Most importantly, students that bike and walk to school pass through the back lot each morning. Our priority must be placed on making student's arrival as safe as possible and to do so we must reduce the amount of unnecessary traffic in the back lots. Safety is a shared responsibility, please do not drop off in the back lots.

In the front drive please proceed to the carpool lane (RIGHT side only) and pull forward as directed. **We ask that all parents be respectful of the staff's instructions, they are there to help provide a safe and efficient arrival. Your cooperation is essential.** Parents will remain in their cars and be prepared to move quickly when students exit the car (curbside only). A student may enter the building thru door #7 or door #1. Staff supervision is provided throughout the building to help students along the way. **Students should not arrive or be dropped off before 8:00am unless they are supervised by a parent.**

The Raptor System: MES uses a visitor management program called The Raptor System for visitor check-in. Every visitor, volunteer and vendor who enter the building are required to have a **photo ID** at check-in. Photo IDs are scanned thru The Raptor program which helps to screen out sex offenders. Visitors will receive a preprinted badge with their photo on it and a visitors log will be kept electronically.

Attendance, Sick Days & Absences: Thank you parents for calling the office by 9:00am to inform us of your child's absence or tardiness. Without notice your student's absence is considered unexcused. We appreciate the support you give us when you call in this information. The office number is available 24 hours a day, so you may leave a detailed message anytime.

Please remember when your child is out three consecutive sick days you will need to turn in a doctor's note to be reported as excused. Also, in the event a vacation is planned, the office must be notified in writing three days prior to the withdrawal date. No work will be given out ahead of time. Students will have one day for each day they were out to complete missing work.

Extra Change of Clothes :Please be sure that your child has an extra change of clothes at school that they can use in case of a spill in the cafeteria, an accident, etc. These can be kept in their lockers in the classroom. Since cold weather has arrived, please make sure they are pants and not shorts. Thanks!

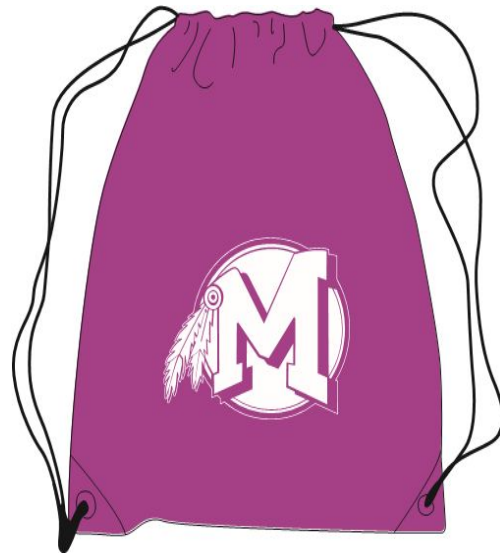


School Spirit Stocking Stuffers

ITEMS FOR SALE IN THE OFFICE



**DOUBLE
WALLED
TUMBLER \$10**



**BACK SACK
\$5**