Mexico Middle School School



FROM THE DESK OF MS. HOLLIDAY MEXICO MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Looking forward to Spring!

MMS will be administering a universal assessment of behavioral health called the Behavioral Intervention Monitoring and Assessment System -2 (BIMAS-2), in grades 7 and 8. The assessment consists of a brief rating scale that students will complete at a designated time. This assessment helps us to understand the needs of all our students and to make effective plans at the whole school, class, and individual level. We are always working to support the needs of our school community, including school-wide programs such as social-emotional learning curriculum and academic intervention services. It is important that your child feels that academic learning is their focus at school and that the adults they work with each day are doing all they can to create a safe and supportive environment. The assessment takes 15-30 minutes for students to complete.

The BIMAS-2 will be administered on:

March 27 7th grade

March 28 8th grade

Students were given a permission slip for the assessment to take home on March 2, and it was also sent to all 7th and 8th grade students and parents via our Blackboard notification system. Opt-outs need to be returned to MMS Main Office by March 17 for those who do not want their student to take the behavioral health assessment.

If interested, you can see additional information on the assessment at the following website: BIMAS-2 – EDUMETRISIS LLC Screening Social Emotional Learning

March is Music in Our Schools month and we have two upcoming concerts on March 15 and March 21, at 7pm! Please come and enjoy the performances!

Sincerely,

Kimberly Holliday

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. NOHLE MMS ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

As February comes to a close, I felt it was important to share some of our discipline data at the middle school. In the table below, you will find the number of referrals received for each month of the 2022–2023 school year thus far. (Please keep in mind that months with vacations in them, will have significantly lower numbers).

Se	ptember	October	November	December	January	February	Total
	46	94	93	75	93	76	477

The highest infractions include -

- Inappropriate Behavior (75)
 - Insubordination (74)
- Disrespectful/Rude Behaviors (36)

<u>Some examples include -</u>

Inappropriate Behaviors	Insubordination			
 Touching/slapping/pushing others Making noises in class/disruptive Making a mess in the bathroom Standing up on the bus Yelling/swearing on the bus Being mean Excessive talking in class Running in the hallways Swearing 	 Leaving without permission Refusing to do something Off-task Not following directions Wandering the hallways 			

It is our mission to educate and motivate our students to be successful, responsible citizens. As such, we set high expectations and use progressive discipline that is fair and consistent while meeting the social, emotional, behavioral, and mental health needs of all our students. We also use restorative practices to teach students accountability, that behaviors have consequences as well as provide opportunities for them to correct the behavior. We strive to provide a welcoming, safe, and positive environment for all students to learn in and that's why it's crucial for us to collaborate and work together. Parents make a difference in their student's achievement and behavior.

Here are a few tips to help your child -

- Make time to talk about school and their day
 - Take attendance seriously
- Get involved with activities and events here at school
 - Know the code of conduct
- Instill organization and teach study skills with your child
 - Send your child to school ready to learn each day
 - Support homework expectations
- Attend parent conferences, open house, and other school events
 - Open communication with teachers and administrators

Thank you for your continued support as we continue to forge strong partnerships with parents and families to foster student achievement and to promote a positive learning environment where all students feel welcomed, valued, safe, and engaged as part of a greater community!

DO YOU KNOW THE MACS CODE OF CONDUCT?

The Code of Conduct is a general compilation of the rules, expectations and consequences related to staff and student behavior and establishes standards of conduct for parents, visitors and guests. It does not provide every conceivable inappropriate action that may be demonstrated, but rather it establishes some fundamental expectations and consequences for violating those expectations. Findings of discipline are based on the preponderance (weight) of the evidence.

The Mexico Academy & Central School District Board of Education, which will be referred to as "Board," is committed to providing a safe and orderly school environment where students may receive, and district personnel may deliver quality educational services without disruption or interference. Responsible behavior by students, teachers, other district personnel, parents and other visitors is essential to achieving this goal.

The district has a long-standing set of expectations for conduct on school property and at school functions. These expectations are based on the principles of civility, mutual respect, citizenship, character, tolerance, honesty and integrity.

The Board recognizes the need to clearly define these expectations for acceptable conduct on school property, to identify the possible consequences of unacceptable conduct, and to ensure that discipline when necessary is administered promptly and fairly. To this end, the Board adopts this Code of Conduct ("code") in relation to policy #3410 and in accordance with Section 2801 of the Education Law and accepted principles of due process of law.

In accordance with the Dignity for All Students Act, School District policy and practice must ensure that no student is subject to discrimination or harassment, based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender/gender identity or sex by school employees or students on school property, on a school bus, or at a school function.

Under the Dignity Act, There are currently 11 protected classes, groups or characteristics. The Dignity Act prohibits any discrimination based on actual or perceived characteristics.

The MACS Code of Conduct in full can be found on our school website www.MexicoCSD.org

Look for this symbol



in the lower right corner!

MEXICO MIDDLE SILLINGS SCHOOL STORES

"TOUGH EGG" Egg drop contest winners

Grade 7 science Egg lab:

Dawson Smith - 90cm

Kevin Clifford- 80 CM

Bryce Tamblin - 80 CM John Chmielewski- 80 CM



BASKETBALL



Coach Earley and the 7th grade modified girls basketball team finished their 2023 season UNDEFEATED with a record of 11-0! This team is very special and worked so hard throughout the season to get better in all aspects of the game. The Future is bright for this group!

GO TIGERS!

Team members pictured:

Top: Hollie Meyer, Edie Chamberlain,

Payton Calhoun

Middle: Emily Moroz, Ava Warchol,

Lola Teifke, Ariana Nicodemus,

Kiersten Avery

Bottom: Brooke Seymour, Anna Shaffer, Mallory Law, Haylee Hayes



Itensil police



Thanks to Dylan Perlet and his "utensil police" crew for helping to remind students NOT to throw out the new silverware after eating in the Cafeteria! Please everyone, show respect for our school by not bending or twisting the silverware.

Having reusable silverware reduces our use of single use plastics and helps the environment!

Thanks to all who take care of our earth!





Studio Art Class Sign-ups

If you are in 7th Grade and would like to take Studio Art next year in 8th Grade- please come sign up in Student Services by March 31st!

Studio Art is a full year course that gets you a High School Credit! If you have any quetions about Studio Art, see Mr. Aitken in room 61. If you have any questions about how taking the class will fit into your schedule, make an appointment to see your Counselor!

5th & 6th Grade PE Class Swim Unit!

Mr. Chamberlain's 5th and 6th grade P.E. classes are starting their swim unit on March 1st. Please help your child remember to bring their swimsuit and towel on the dates listed below. Any questions please contact your child's PE teacher.

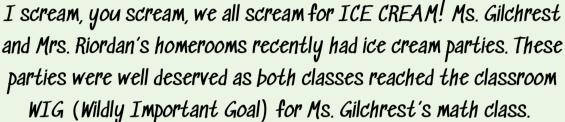
Scheduled Dates for 5th grade classes: Chamberlain: A&C Days from 3/1-3/15 (Make up days 3/16 & 3/17)

Scheduled Dates for 6th grade classes: Chamberlain: B&D Days from 3/1-3/15 (Make up days 3/16 & 3/17)







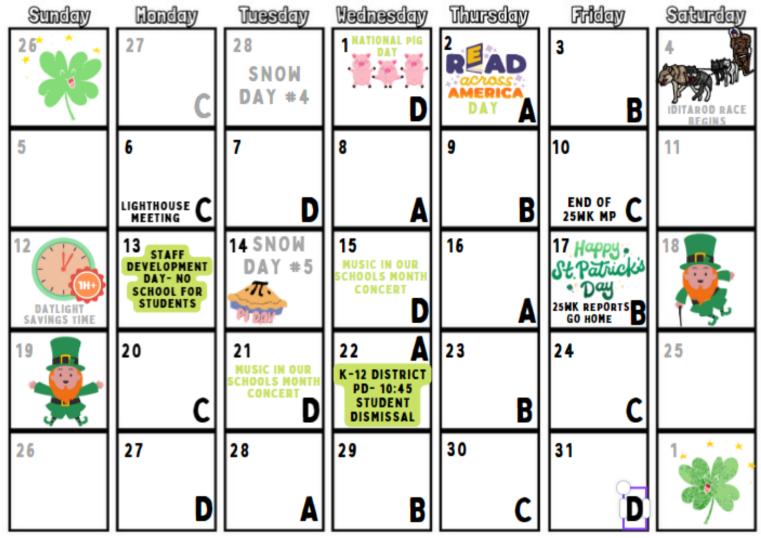


In the beginning of the school year, Ms. Gilchrest set goals with her math classes. They decided that their classroom WIG would be that the class will average 70% on multiplication fact fluency by the end of the second quarter. As a class, they came up with the actionable steps they would need to take to reach this goal. Some of these were to practice their math facts, keep their notes organized and pay attention to the teacher. All of these scholars worked very





MARCH 2023



Upcoming Events

March 2- Read Across America Day
March 10- End of 25 Week Marking Period
March 12- Set your clocks ahead for Daylight Savings!
March 13- Staff Development Day- No school for students
March 14- Pi Day

March 15 & 21- Music in Our Schools Month Concerts

March 17- St. Patrick's Day

25 Week Progress Reports go home

March 22- Half Day for K-12 Students

Coming Soon...

Check out what's coming up at Mexico Middle!



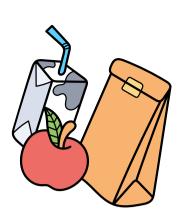
Spring Recess is April 3rd through April 7th! Be safe and enjoy!

Spring Modified Sports begin on April 12th and Family ID will open for sign-ups on March 13th. Make sure you have a Physical on file with the nurse!





The All County Chorus
Festival is April 21st and
22nd! Best of luck to all of
our students attending!



IUNCH TIME





Mexico School District is an equal opportunity provider and employer. If you have any questions concerning the school nutritional program, please contact Brenda Thomas at 315-963-8400 x 5071. Please keep accounts current and prepay for meals.

Free-no charge. Reduced-no charge. Paid- PK-4 \$60.50 (\$2.75) and 5-12 \$63.80 (\$2.90) PAYFOR MEALS ONLINE



St. Patrick's

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