

Monthly Newsletter

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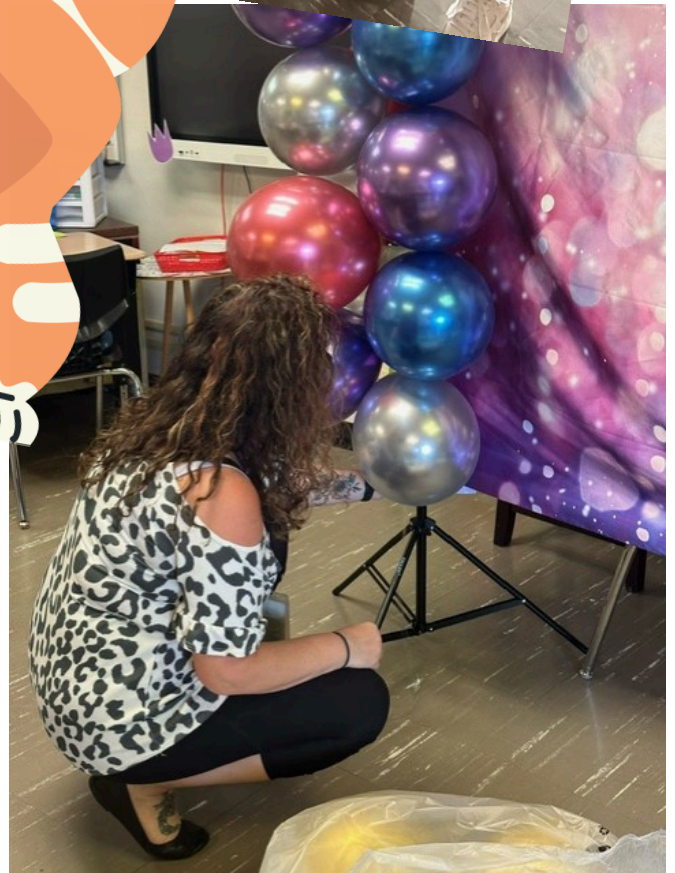
# TIGER WIRE



May  
the 4<sup>TH</sup>  
be  
with  
YOU



# SPRING DANCE!



Mrs. Furlong tirelessly working on the 7th / 8th grade Spring Fling backdrop as the Student Council Club Advisor. Along with this role and acting as a teacher's assistant here at the Middle School, Mrs. Furlong can also be seen during ASAP in crafts and volunteering her time at a number of other events throughout the Mexico community!





The sixth habit is Synergy. Synergy is when two or more people work together to create something better than what one could do alone. Synergy is all about teamwork and collaboration. People have all different strengths and weaknesses and by synergizing with one another everyone's strengths are put to good use, and everyone has something to offer. By using synergy work can be completed faster and more efficiently. Everyone can benefit from the sixth habit synergy.

People that use synergy are good problem solvers and they have good social skills. Anyone can develop or improve these skills through synergy. There are many ways to use synergy, especially here at school. There are many activities that require you to use teamwork such as band or chorus, in band and chorus students must work together to produce good music. Also, many teachers may require group projects, to get a good grade, students must be able to collaborate well and expand on their teamwork/social skills. Many jobs require skills such as synergy, for example careers such as graphic design and construction require large amounts of teamwork and communication. So, overall, synergy helps open future opportunities for careers, or it can simply help a student make friends or get good grades in school.

Ethan, an 8th grader here at Mexico Middle School said, "Synergy means that you are able and willing to work together with people despite skin color or religion to make something better than you could alone". In other words, to synergize people must put their differences aside and focus on the work at hand. Another quote, "Synergy – the bonus that is achieved when things work together harmoniously." – Mark Twain, writer and entrepreneur. Again, Synergy is only achieved when people put their differences aside and can work peacefully together. Through synergy, many great things can be accomplished. And everyone has the ability and potential to do great things especially when they work with others.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING @ MMS



KEEP UP THE  
GOOD  
WORK



Have you seen this guy around campus? You might have noticed Oliver Battles acting as a student aid and completing age-appropriate jobs around offices, the library, and throughout the school. He is working hard on career development and occupational studies standards as he assists and works towards goals! If you haven't seen Oliver and happen to notice him in his bright orange tiger vest, please be sure to share some encouragement and a high-five with our pal! Way to go, Oliver!



# Felicitations!



The following 8th grade students were recognized by the MACS French Honor Society on Wednesday for their high achievement in French, having earned a grade of 90 or above for at least 6 quarters.

Félicitations aux étudiants !

Vincent Carr  
Kevin Clifford  
Jameson Dann  
Collin Fitzgerald  
Alexis Jackson

Isabella Ladd  
Jubilee Prunner  
Mackenzie Turnbull  
Jacob Upcraft  
Hayden Winn  
Emma Wisniewski





If you have recently observed a Bluebird, you can thank the campaign to save the Eastern Bluebird. After extensive research, students found out that several decades ago, wildlife experts started to notice a sharp decline in the Bluebird population. This drop in population was the result of two main factors. The first being the introduction to the House Sparrow (invasive species) and deforestation (loss of habitat).

Students researched the potential design specifications and considerations to build a proper Bluebird house. Their final design was then verified via a Zoom call with Dr. Allison Hazel, DVM, a wildlife expert currently residing in Golden Colorado. Dr. Hazel graciously met with each of the 4 Technology Education classes to discuss ideas and to help answer existing questions regarding the life of the Eastern Bluebird.

Students plan to build approximately 100 birdhouses to sell over the next few weeks. Quantities are limited and we will start the presale of tickets today. Each birdhouse is \$20. Funds generated from this activity will help support an upcoming field trip to the St. Lawrence River and Boldt castle as part of their Marine Navigation unit starting soon.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Technology Bluebird House Pre-order form

#### Delivery by mid-June

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Seller Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Information: \$20 per Bluebird House

Number of Bluebird Houses \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20 (Tax included) = \_\_\_\_\_

Checks Payable to "Mexico Middle School"

Questions: Mr. Ryan J. Beckley Email: [rbeckley@mexicocsd.org](mailto:rbeckley@mexicocsd.org) Call/Text: 315.427.5811 (cell)

Order Form/Payment Drop Off and Birdhouse Pick-up Location - Mexico Middle School

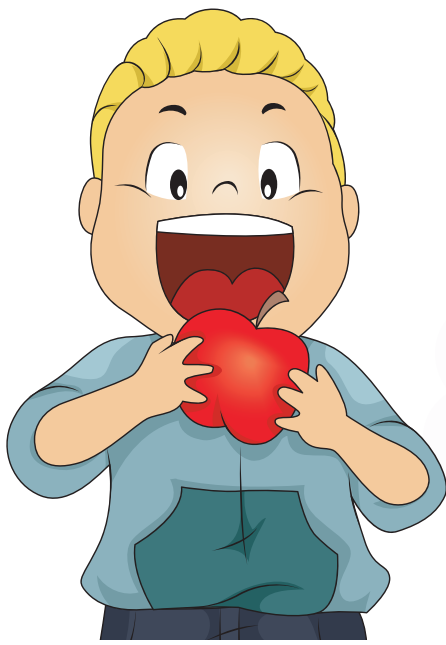


# MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29 <b>A</b>	30 <b>B</b>	1 <b>C</b> NYS GR 5-8 MATH CBT TESTING	2 <b>C</b>	3 <b>D</b> GR 7/8 SPRING DANCE	4
5 CINCO DE MAYO	6 <b>A</b>	7 <b>B</b>	8 <b>C</b>	9 <b>D</b>	10 <b>A</b>	11
	STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK					
12	13 <b>B</b>	14 <b>C</b> NYS GR 5&8 SCIENCE TESTING	15 <b>D</b>	16 <b>A</b> ED GERETY ASSEMBLY	17 <b>B</b> NYSSMA SOLO ENSEMBLE FESTIVAL 35 Wk MP ENDS	18
19	20 <b>C</b>	21 <b>D</b> BUDGET VOTE	22 <b>A</b>	23 <b>B</b> MS CELEBRATION OF LEARNING 6-7:30PM	24 SNOW DAY GIVE BACK NO SCHOOL	25
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY	28 SNOW DAY GIVE BACK NO SCHOOL	29 <b>C</b> GR 7 TECH FIELD TRIP	30 <b>D</b>	31 <b>A</b>	1
				SHERBURNE PAGEANT OF BANDS		

## Upcoming Events:

- 5/1-5/2 NYS Grs 5-8 CBT Testing
- 5/3- Grs 7&8 Spring Dance
- 5/6-5/10- Staff Appreciation Week
- 5/14- NYS Gr 5 & 8 Science Testing
- 5/16- Ed Gerety Assembly
- 5/17- NYSSMA Solo/Ensemble Festival @ MMS
- 5/21- Budget Vote @ MMS Gymnasium
- 5/23- MS Celebration of Learning Event 6-7:30pm
- 5/24-5/28- Memorial Day Break- No School
- 5/29- Gr 7 Technology Field Trip



# TIME FOR LUNCH



Menu subject to change.

## MAY 2024

Elementary has daily choice of main menu, chicken patty or pbj. MS/HS has choice of main menu, chicken patty or pizza. Fresh and canned fruit available.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Egg and Cheese Sandwich Hashbrown Rounds Fruit Milk	2 Mac and Cheese Dinner Roll Broccoli Fruit Milk	3 Pizza Green Beans Fruit Milk
6 BBQ Chicken Nachos Baked Beans Fruit Milk	7 Hamburger on a Bun Emoji Fries Fruit Milk	8 Hot Dog in a Bun Carrots Fruit Milk	9 Chicken lo Mein Corn Fruit Milk	10 Pizza Green Beans Fruit Milk
13 Pizza Crunchers Broccoli Fruit Milk	14 Popcorn Chicken Seasoned Rice Carrots Fruit Milk	15 Mini Pancakes Sausage Patty Hash Brown Round Asst. Fruit Milk	16 Tacos Flour Tortillas Corn Fruit Milk	17 Pizza Green Beans Fruit Milk
20 BBQ Chicken Nachos Baked Beans Fruit Milk	21 Hamburger on a Bun Emoji Fries Fruit Milk	22 Hot Dog in a Bun Carrots Fruit Milk	23 Pizza Green Beans Fruit Milk	24 No School Snow Day Give Back
27 No School Memorial Day	28 No School Snow Day Give Back	29 Mini Pancakes Sausage Patty Hash Brown Round Asst. Fruit Milk	30 Pretzel with Cheese Sauce Carrots Fruit Milk	31 Pizza Green Beans Fruit Milk

Mexico School District is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Mexico school district participates in the Community Eligibility Provision for the 2023-2024 school year. All enrolled students in our school district, regardless of income level, are eligible to receive a healthy school breakfast and school lunch at no charge each day. If you have any questions concerning the school nutritional program, please contact Brenda Thomas at 315-963-8400 x 5071.





# MAY

## ASAP CALENDAR



# HELLO SPRING



MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
29 Snack: Cereal Bar & milk Swim @ HS Movie	30 Snack: Muffin/Muffin Top & milk Active Board Games Computer Lab Homework Crafts	1 Snack: Muffin/ Muffin Top & milk Swim @ HS Movie	2 Snack: Assorted Grahams & milk Active Board Games Computer Lab Homework Crafts	3 No ASAP- 7/8 Dance
6 Snack: Pop Tart & milk Swim @ HS Movie	7 Snack: Cereal bar & milk Active Board Games Computer Lab Homework Crafts	8 Snack: Muffin/ Muffin Top & milk Swim @ HS Movie	9 Snack: Assorted Grahams & milk Active Board Games Computer Lab Homework Crafts	10 Snack: Pillsbury Mini Bagel & milk Active Board Games Computer Lab Homework Crafts
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20 Snack: Pop Tart & milk Swim @ HS Movie	21 No ASAP- Budget Vote at MMS Gymnasium	22 Snack: Muffin/ Muffin Top & milk Swim @ HS Movie	23 No ASAP- MMS Celebration of Learning Event	24 No ASAP- Snow Day Give Back- No School
27 No ASAP- Holiday- No School	28 No ASAP- Snow Day Give Back- No School	29 Snack: Muffin/ Muffin Top & milk Swim @ HS Movie	30 Snack: Assorted Grahams & milk Active Board Games Computer Lab Homework Crafts	31 Snack: Pillsbury Mini Bagel & milk Active Board Games Computer Lab Homework Crafts



# DOWNLOADING THE SCHOOLTOOL MOBILE APP



Below you will find instructions on how to download the SchoolTool Mobile App from the App Store (iOS Devices) or the Google Play Store (Android Devices). Best of all - it's FREE!

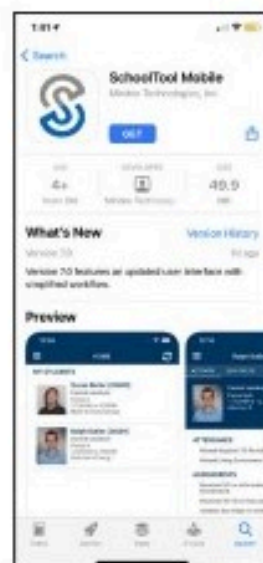
The SchoolTool Mobile App lets you view your child's grades, assignments and more right at your fingertips. Push Notifications can also be set up to ensure you receive the latest updates for your child(ren) as soon as they are posted to the SchoolTool portal.

## Searching for the App

Go to the marketplace on your mobile device / tablet where you download apps and search "SchoolTool." If you are using an iOS device, go to the App Store. If you are using an Android device, go to the Google Play Store.

## Downloading the App

Once you have found it on your marketplace, click "Install" or "Download." The app will now be available on your device.



## Choosing Your Notifications

By downloading the SchoolTool App, you will be able to choose specific notifications that you would like to receive, including:

- When an Assignment is Graded
- Daily Attendance
- Marking Period Grades are Posted

All of your settings will automatically be saved. You have not successfully set up your notifications for the SchoolTool App.

Please note that, to get all of the full features and experience of SchoolTool, you will want to use the desktop version.

## NOTIFICATIONS

Receive Push Notifications



Assignment Graded



Marking Period Graded



Direct Notifications



Daily Attendance



Upon entering the SchoolTool Mobile App, it will request a URL for your school district. Mexico's URL is:

<https://cnyric05.schooltool.com/Mexico/>