MASON MINUTE

Weekly District News

Bulldog Bright Spot

Eckrich and the College Football Playoff Foundation are traveling the country to recognize teachers on their Extra Yard for Teachers initiative. Last week they stopped by Mason High School to serve lunch, drop off a $1,000 donation for classroom supplies, and celebrate the teachers and staff!
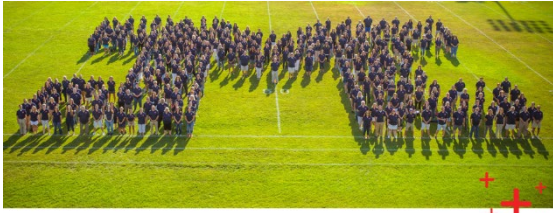

Volunteers Needed!

Clubs, teams, and individuals are encouraged to sign up to help with the Lansing Hot Cider Hustle 5k/10k on October 7. When registering, please list "Special Olympics Area 8" to ensure Special Olympics and the Mason Unified Champion Schools Program benefit from the event. The event will donate funds (more volunteers = more funds!) to our local Special Olympics program. Sign up or register to run in this fun event!

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Join our Team

Mason Public School is hiring! Check out current [job postings](#) for opportunities in the district- including [bus driver](#) and [third grade teacher](#) positions.

Community Education Events

Registration is open for Fall Enrichment classes. [Course](#) [offerings](#) and [registration](#) can be found on the Community Education website.

Skyward Updates and Family Communication

Stay connected this school year! All families should log into their Skyward accounts to ensure parent/guardian contact information is up to date and correct. The [Skylert](#) system is used to share school closings, emergency communications, building-specific information and other district messages with families.

Health Update

A reminder from the MPS Health Team- if you and/or family members are having symptoms of illness, tested positive for an illness, or had an exposure to a sick individual please monitor symptoms and stay home if you are sick.

Remember to not to come to school with any of these symptoms:

- A fever >100 degrees; a person MUST be fever-free for 24 hours without medication before returning
- Vomited or had diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- Severe eye drainage or red swollen eyes
- A severe or croup sounding cough
- Severe cold symptoms or constant thick nose drainage
- Rash of unknown origin

Medication Forms

For the 2023-24 school year, medications can be dropped off at school by a parent or guardian. Medications must be in their original container with an expiration date. Staff are not able to administer expired medication.

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If your child has medication needs during the school day, please remember:

- All prescription medication forms need to be completed and signed by the doctor and parent/guardian; this includes self-carry medications. (Examples: EpiPens, inhalers)
- All non-prescription (over the counter) forms need to be completed and signed by the parent/guardian. (Examples: pain relievers such as Tylenol or Motrin, Benadryl and sunscreen)

Forms can be picked up in person or are available online. For questions, please contact District Nurse Emily Epling RN.

Meals at School

MPS is excited to offer free breakfast and lunch to all students this year thanks to the Michigan Healthy School Meals Program!

Even though meals will be provided for free, it is important for families to continue sharing household income information in order for our schools to receive full access to federal and state funding for educational programs.

Please take a moment to complete the form which collects information needed to ensure MPS receives state and federal funding. In addition, based on the information you provide on your School Meals and Summer EBT Application, your student may qualify for other programs including:

- Summer EBT
- Pay to Play or Pay to Participate assistance
- Programs that provide food support
- Programs that provide field trip support
- Programs that provide school supplies or assist with school fees
- Programs that provide holiday support
- Potential household support for cable and internet

Important Dates

- **Thursday, October 4- Student Count Day**
- **Friday, October 20- No School**
- **Monday, October 23- No School, Teacher Professional Development**

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