

Mountain View Middle School

"Where Everybody is Somebody"

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Dear MVMS Parents and Families,

Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year! We are excited for another great year at Mountain View Middle School. As we prepare to welcome students back, we want to share several important updates and new opportunities for this school year.

School Begins August 24 & 25

We will once again have a **staggered start** to the school year:

- **Monday, August 24 – 7th Grade ONLY.** This gives our new students a day to become familiar with MVMS, meet their teachers, learn their schedules, and get comfortable with their new school.
- **Tuesday, August 25 – ALL STUDENTS.** Our 8th graders will begin school, joining our 7th graders for our first day with the entire MVMS student body.

New Daily Schedule & 40-Minute Lunches

The **MVMS daily schedule has been updated** for 2026–2027. For many years, students have had a 30-minute lunch and have asked for additional time to eat, socialize, and enjoy time outside. This year, **both 7th- and 8th-grade lunches will increase to 40 minutes.** Please review the updated schedule in the **Student Handbook or on the MVMS website.**

New MVMS Dance Team!

We are excited to announce that, for the first time, **MVMS will have a Dance Team!** Mandatory workshops to learn the tryout dance will be held **August 24–26 from 2:00–4:00 p.m. in the MVMS Gym**, with a **mandatory parent meeting August 26 at 4:30 p.m.** Official tryouts will be **August 28 from 1:00–4:00 p.m.** For more information, contact **Coach Bailee Hammond** at baileeb@hotmail.com.

FREE Breakfast & Lunch for ALL Students!

We have **GREAT news!** MVMS has qualified as a **Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) school**, which means **ALL MVMS 7th- and 8th-grade students will receive FREE breakfast and lunch for the entire 2026–2027 school year!** This is a tremendous benefit for our students and families. We especially thank **District Federal Programs Director Rebecca Walker** for her work in helping MVMS qualify.

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60-Second Moment of Silence

The 2026 Idaho Legislature passed **House Bill 623**, requiring Idaho public schools to provide a **60-second moment of silence at the beginning of each school day**. Each morning at MVMS, we will recite the **Pledge of Allegiance**, observe the 60-second moment of silence, and then continue with morning announcements.

GEAR UP at MVMS

Both **7th- and 8th-grade students will participate in Idaho GEAR UP** this year. GEAR UP (**G**aining **E**arly **A**wareness and **R**eadiness for **U**ndergraduate **P**rograms) is a federally funded program that helps students prepare for success in high school and for education and career opportunities after graduation. Students and families receive resources and support related to academics, college and career exploration, financial aid and scholarships, and future planning.

MVMS Parent Night

Fall Parent Night – Thursday, October 8, 2026, 5-7:30 p.m.

Winter Parent Night = Thursday, January 14, 5-7:30 p.m.

Spring Parent Night – Thursday, April 15, 2027, 5-7:00 p.m.

Welcome Back!

We are excited for another outstanding year at Mountain View Middle School and appreciate the continued support of our parents and families. Please **call or stop by the school** if you have any questions or concerns.

We look forward to welcoming our **7th graders on Monday, August 24**, and **all MVMS students on Tuesday, August 25!**

Welcome back, MVMS!

Sincerely,

MVMS Administration

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