### Trailblazer Happenings

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### 5th Annual Fund Run Thank you to the entire MDCS Community for making this day a success!

The students at MDCS ran 1337 laps which equals 334 miles!!













We are better with our

volunteers!
Thank you for being a huge part of
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Interested in volunteering? You can find out more information on the volunteer website or Email us at volunteer@mountaindiscovery.org







Marysue is the MDCS volunteer coordinator. She is always there with a helping hand a grateful heart. When she's not on campus she's busy parenting her two lovely children and working at the Oconaluftee and Kuwohi Visitors Centers.

#### **October Fundraiser Lunches**

Friday, October 3rd ~

Pizza lunch supports 8th grade end of year trip Friday, October 24th ~

**Subway lunch supports Capital Campaign** 



## Morning Care and Afterschool Payments via Paypal!!

We are excited to announce that MDCS now will accept online payments via paypal at NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE to you. Simply scan the QR code attached here and on the afterschool invoice. Please be sure to add your child(ren)'s name and grade in the notes section. For questions please email Mr.

Micheal at mcrew@mountaindiscovery.org

After School Care Families:

The front office closes at 4:00pm. If you need to reach the after school program, please call 828-371-0601.



We LOVE our volunteers! If you'd like to volunteer at MDCS, please contact Ms.

Mary Sue at volunteer@mountain discovery.org

If you'd like to support our MDCS Trailblazer athletes by purchasing a banner, please contact Miss Brook, Mr. Micheal, or Ms. Lisa for more information.

| Dates to Remember     | ** Students MUST wear field trip shirt            |  |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| Tuesday, September 30 | Fund Run Money due to teachers                    |  |
| Tuesday, September 30 | 6th to Purchase Knob**                            |  |
| Wednesday, October 1  | EC to Macon Tracs in Franlin**                    |  |
| Wednesday, October 1  | 7th to Purchase Knob**                            |  |
| Wednesday, October 1  | Cross Country to Robbinsville                     |  |
| Wednesday, October 1  | Volleyball to Smokey Mountain Elementary          |  |
| Thursday, October 2   | Picture Day                                       |  |
| Thursday, October 2   | 8th to Spruce Fir Trail and Kuwohi**              |  |
| Thursday, October 2   | Volleyball to Catamount                           |  |
| Friday, October 3     | Impact Aid Forms & Packets due back to MDCS       |  |
| Friday, October 3     | 8th Grade Pack Out for Hazel Creek                |  |
| Friday, October 3     | Pizza Lunch ~ Supports 8th grade end of year trip |  |
| Friday, October 3     | Middle School Dance 6-9pm                         |  |

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| Monday, October 6 - Friday, October 10 | 8th Grade ~ Hazel Creek Camp Trip               |
| Monday, October 6                      | 1st to Winchester Farms**                       |
| Wednesday, October 6                   | Volleyball to Heritage Christian                |
| Wednesday, October 8                   | Kinder to JCPL and Waynesville Inclusion Park** |
| Friday, October 10                     | 1:30 dismissal ~ NO AFTERCARE                   |
| October 13 - 17                        | Fall Break                                      |
| Monday, October 20                     | Teacher Work Day ~ No School for Students       |
| Tuesday, October 21                    | Students Return                                 |
| Tuesday, October 21                    | 1st & 2nd to Franklin H&H Farmstead**           |



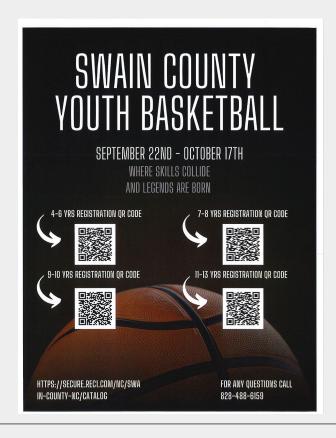
8th Grade students will begin selling 50/50 raffle tickets on 10/21 to help raise money for their beach trip. Tickets are \$2 for 1, \$5 for 3, \$10 for 6, or \$20 for 12. The students will bring home tickets to sell in the community, and sell during some afternoons at parent pick-up. You may also send in money with your child, but please be sure to let their teacher know what the money's for. You may also email Mr. Micheal at mcrew@mountaindiscovery.org

Lost and Found -

Families, we will donate any leftover items over fall break.

Please make sure to check lost and found items. There are many coats, sweatshirts, water bottles, and lunchboxes!



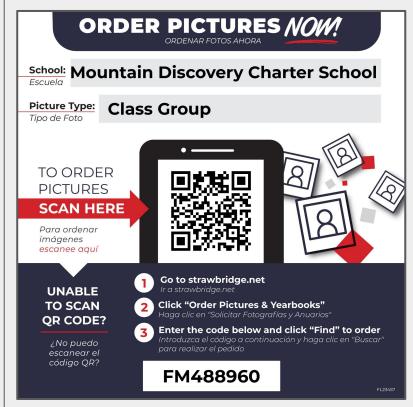


A reminder that there are 2 NCSSM Info sessions next week!

Monday, September 29, 2025 6:00 pm <u>Western Carolina</u> <u>University (Admissions Office)</u>

Tuesday, September 30, 2025 7:00 pm <u>Historic Johnson</u> <u>Farm- Henderson County</u>

## Picture Day! Thursday October 2nd



- Students will have individual as well as classroom photos.
- Class photos are \$13.00 and can be purchased now. (use the QR code)
- Individual photos will be purchased at a later date. Proofs will be sent home approximately 2 to 3 weeks after pictures are made.
- There will not be a make up session for class photos (with the exception of 8th grade who will be on a field trip on October 2nd)

# Attention JAM Families No JAM classes September 29th. JAM will resume Wednesday, October 1st.

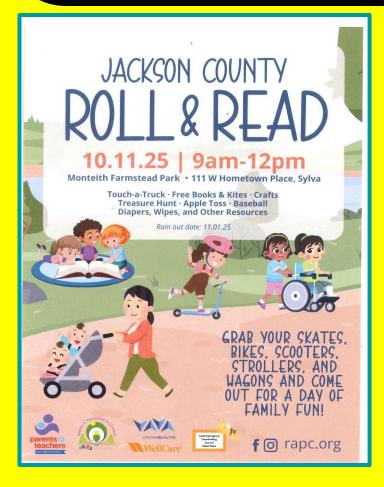


There is one spot left for Monday's beginning guitar class!

### Field Trip Shirts ~

The teal MDCS field trip shirts are <u>required</u> for ALL students on EVERY field trip. Please make sure your child has one. We do not have any t-shirts for loan. <u>If your student does not have a field trip shirt, they can be denied the field trip and will be sent home.</u> This is a safety policy for MDCS.

A best practice is to leave their field trip shirts in their backpacks.



Change of dismissal?
As a reminder, please call the front office if you need to change your child's dismissal. Drop off and pick up times are hectic so the best practice is to call 488-1222. Thank you!

Middle School Dance
Friday, October 3
\$5.00 in advance
(Pay by Oct. 1st)
\$8.00 at the door
Contact Mr. Micheal for more
information

### **Cross Country Schedule**

| Day | Date | Location     | Start Time | Departure Time |
|-----|------|--------------|------------|----------------|
| Wed | 10/1 | Robbinsville | 4:00 pm    | 2:15/gym       |
| Wed | 10/8 | Kituwah      |            |                |

It's not too late to sign up for Cross County or Volleyball! You must have a NC sports physical on file. Parents, you can find the forms online or pick one up at the office.

#### Trailblazer Middle School Volleyball Schedule

| Date | School                   | Home & Away | Location         | Start Time |
|------|--------------------------|-------------|------------------|------------|
| 10/1 | Smokey<br>Mountain Elem. | Away        | SME              | 4:00       |
| 10/2 | Catamount                | Away        | Reid Gym,<br>WCU | 4:00       |
| 10/6 | Heritage<br>Christian    | Away        | Jackson Rec      | 3:30       |

Miss Brook's Weekly Health and Physical Challenges 9/29 - 10/3

Walk as a family ~

Go for a 10-minute walk as a family 2-3 days this week. Did you learn anything new? What kind of sights did you see?

Shoe Tying ~

Who can tie their shoes the fastest? The tightest? The neatest? Can you do it blindfolded? Can you do it with your parent, each only using one hand?

Does everyone use the same method?