

# Trailblazer Happenings

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**LAST HOME  
GAME**



**Go  
Trailblazers!**

Your Trailblazer basketball teams played Smokey Mountain Elementary last Thursday. Both teams played very aggressively. Kaylee Allison-Welch and Kenzie Woodard handled the ball well and made great passes. Aaliyah Inman and Samantha Bumgarner each made a basket. Samantha had her best all-around game of the season.

The boys played hard the entire game. They were out matched but never gave up. In the second half they had some shots start to fall. Leo Jenkins and Jacob Nations both had 8 points, while Drake Cruz had 5. Even though Trent Kent did not score any points he had a great all-around game.

The boys play against Heritage Christian today at 4:00pm.

THIS WEDNESDAY we play the Catamount School for a THIRD time. We play HERE at MDCS!!! Games start at 4:30 and 5:30. This is your last chance to watch them play at home this season. The goal is to pack the gym. Please come out and show your support!!! Cost is \$5 for adults and \$1 for students. If you wear your MDCS field trip shirt or an MDCS basketball shirt you will get in for FREE!

**We are CREW, not passengers!**

# ATTENTION FAMILIES

## Re-Enrollment

It's that time of year again, time for Re-Enrollment! It is time to re-register your child to ensure your spot for the 2024-2025 school year.

To claim your spot for next year, you must re-enroll before **Friday, January 26th**. An email was sent home containing the link.

Re-Enrollment is for **currently enrolled MDCS students**  
**ONLY!**

If you have a sibling you would like to register for the 2024-2025 school year, you will register them at a later date, during Open Enrollment.

Stay tuned for details.



You **MUST** re-enroll your student to ensure their spot for the 2024-2025 school year. Please call the office if you have any questions.







## Art Class with Mr. Luke



# Dates to Remember

**\*\* Students must wear their MDCS field trip shirt**

**Monday, January 22nd**

**Middle School to Swain Arts Center\*\***

**Monday, January 22nd**

**MDCS Basketball @ Heritage Christian Academy 4:00pm BOYS ONLY**

**Wednesday, January 24th**

**Pizza Forms and money due by 4:00pm**

**Wednesday, January 24th**

**MDCS vs. The Catamount School  
HOME GAME 4:30 & 5:30**

**Friday, January 26th**

**Pizza Lunch!!**

**Friday, January 26th**

**Re-Enrollment Closes!!**



**Monday, January 29th**

**MDCS Basketball @ Heritage Christian Academy 4:00pm BOYS ONLY**

**Thursday, February 1st**

**EC to Galaxy Lanes\*\***

**Tuesday, February 6th**

**MDCS Basketball @ Shining Rock  
4:30/5:30**

**Tuesday, February 13th**

**Envirothon Team to Swain Business Park\*\***

**Thursday, February 15th**

**3rd Grade & Ms. Londa's Class to WNC Nature Center\*\***

**Friday, February 16th**

**School Conference Day!  
Stay tuned for details**

**\*\* Students must wear their MDCS field trip shirt**



# EC Fundraiser

[Buy Today!](#)



**EC is hosting a t-shirt fundraiser!**

**The fundraiser will end February 7th so don't delay.**

**Pick up one of these wonderful t-shirts and show your support for the MDCS EC team.**

**Make sure to put your student's name with your order. All orders will be sent directly to Ms. Jessica to distribute. If you have any questions, please email**

[Ms. Jessica.](#)

[Show your Today!](#)



Meet Tortie, the MDCS school cat. She's a shy one, preferring to watch over us from under the deck or on top of Ms. Crim's car. Thank you Ms. Betty for taking great care of our Tortie so Tortie can take care of our school.

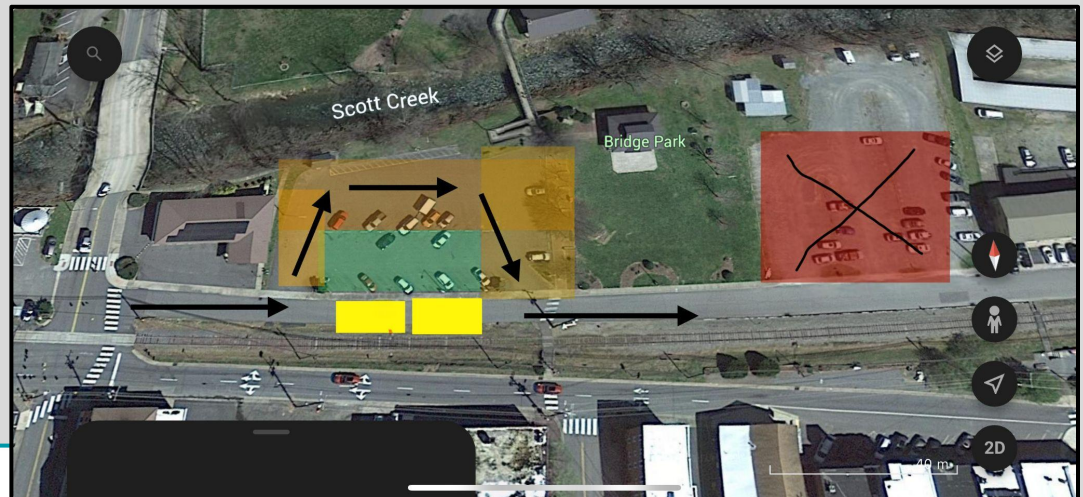
# UPDATED BUS INFORMATION

Good Morning Sylva Bus Stop Families

As you know, the town of Sylva is revamping Bridge Park and that will impact our morning and afternoon stops. At this time, we DO NOT need to move the bus stop. We have spoken to the Town of Sylva and we were informed that only the gravel lot will be closed at this time. We believe with your help and vigilance that we can safely operate at Bridge Park as long as the paved parking lot remains open. We ask, for the SAFETY OF ALL CHILDREN, that you follow the procedures outlined below. Please follow the arrows for entering and exiting. This is imperative for us to operate safely while Bridge Park is under construction. If the town of Sylva decides to close the paved lot, we will temporarily move the stop to Jackson Plaza but hopefully this will not have to happen.

Please refer to the map and description below for proper protocol.

Thank you,  
Billie, Crim, and Tracy



## Bus Schedule



2023-2024  
Mountain Discovery Charter School  
School Bus Schedule

### Morning (Monday - Friday)

Qualla (Gateway Flea Market)  
Sylva (Bridge Park)  
Whittier Methodist Church  
West Swain BP

### Bus Departs

7:00 a.m.  
7:20 a.m.  
7:40 a.m.  
8:00 a.m.

### Afternoon (Monday - Thursday)

Qualla (Gateway Flea Market)  
Sylva (Bridge Park)  
Whittier Methodist Church  
West Swain BP

3:25 p.m.  
3:38 p.m.  
3:55 p.m.  
4:12 p.m.

### Friday Afternoon (1:30 p.m.) Dismissal

Qualla (Gateway Flea Market)  
Sylva (Bridge Park)  
Whittier Methodist Church  
West Swain BP

1:50 p.m.  
2:03 p.m.  
2:20 p.m.  
2:37 p.m.

### Half Day (11:30 a.m.) Dismissal

Qualla (Gateway Flea Market)  
Sylva (Bridge Park)  
Whittier Methodist Church  
West Swain BP

11:50 a.m.  
12:03 p.m.  
12:20 p.m.  
12:37 p.m.

Please note that the times listed are departure times. Please be sure to arrive at bus stops **AT LEAST 5 minutes prior** to the scheduled departure time per the MDCS School Bus Rules and Safety Consequences form.

RED - NO PARKING

THE GRAVEL LOT IS CLOSED FOR  
CONSTRUCTION

GREEN - If you arrive BEFORE the buses please use this  
area.

DO NOT MOVE UNTIL THE BUSES HAVE  
DEPARTED.

ORANGE - USE CAUTION

Please follow the traffic pattern outlined by the  
arrows. Unload your child on the  
sidewalk nearest to their bus and proceed  
with caution once they have safely  
loaded the bus.



**LAST HOME  
GAME**

**Thursday,  
January 25!!**

# **MDCS Basketball**

Date	Time	home/away	School	Dismissal (from the gym)
1/22	4:00	away	Heritage Christian Academy (BOYS ONLY)	2:45
1/24	4:30/5:30	home	The Catamount School	HOME GAME
1/29	4:00	away	Heritage Christian Academy (BOYS ONLY)	2:45
2/6	4:30/5:30	away	Shining Rock	3:00

**Only ONE home game left this season!  
PLEASE make plans to attend and  
show your school spirit!**

**Tickets:**

**\$5 - Adults**

**\$1 - Students**

**FREE - Current MDCS students wearing  
their MDCS t-shirts**

## **FAN BUS**



**Mr. Micheal will provide bus  
services for all away games.**

**Permission slips and more  
information will be provided at a  
later date.**

**Date Change**

# **WHO WANTS PIZZA !?**

**Friday, January 26, 2024**

**All orders due Wednesday, January 24, 2024**

Send forms and money to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.



NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

Cheese Pizza Value Meals:      \$7.00 each      \_\_\_\_\_  
(One slice of pizza, 2 cookies, and a drink)      (# ordered)

# of Extra Slices      \$3.00 each      \_\_\_\_\_      (#  
ordered)

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## **THANKS YOU FOR SUPPORTING US!**

*Any amount beyond the cost will be counted as a contribution. All money goes toward funding the 8th grade EOY trip to the beach.*

*Your support is appreciated!*

***Please send in separate forms for each child.***

*Lost the form? Just fill out the information on a separate piece of paper.*



# Updates and Announcements

**Ms. Londa's Bible Club will resume mid-February. Check Happenings for an updated schedule soon!**

**Don't forget to check Lost and Found!**

As many of you are aware, COVID is making a resurgence in our community as well as the flu and other viruses. Our primary goal is to keep our school open. We ask that you help us do this by adhering to the following guidelines:

1. If a student tests positive for COVID, please keep them home for 5 days and upon returning to school, we ask they wear a mask for 5 days. They must be fever-free for 24 hours. Please notify the office if your child tests positive.
2. If a member of a student's household tests positive, we ask that you also test the student. You may send the student to school if they test negative AND show no symptoms.

With other illnesses: If your child has a fever, throwing up, or has diarrhea please keep them home.

Thank you for your cooperation, we hope these measures will help keep our community healthy and our school open.

Crim, Billie, and Tracy

**Stay up to date with important information and announcements!**

- Opt into Bright Arrow Text Messaging
- Follow Us on [Facebook](#)
- Follow Us on [Instagram](#)
- Call or [email](#) the office with any changes to your email and/or phone number

**Opt into texts from Bright Arrow Messaging: Text "YES" to 87569**

## **Early Check-Out/ Campus Visits**

If you need to pick up your child early, please come to the office and sign out them out. We will bring your child to you.

If you are visiting campus for any reason, you must come by the office for a visitor pass first.

## **[MDCS 2023-2024 Yearbook](#)**

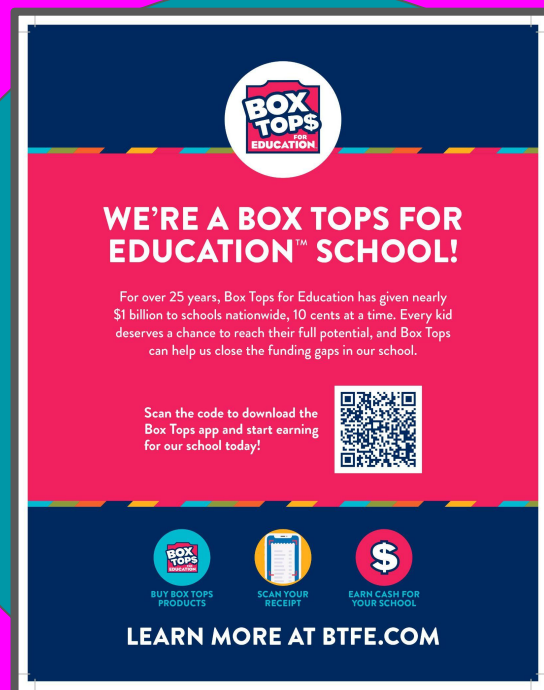
**2023-2024 Yearbooks are available for purchase. You can purchase them [online](#) now! Yearbooks will be delivered at the beginning of August 2024**

**How can  
you help  
support MDCS?**



**Tools for Schools**  
**School Code: 11182**

**Volunteer**



**Donate  
directly to  
MDCS via  
Paypal**