

Trailblazer Happenings

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Open Enrollment

Open enrollment begins
Thursday, February 1st!

Open enrollment is for all new families wishing to enroll at MDCS.

The enrollment link can be found at www.mountaindiscovery.org and will be live, Thursday, February 1st.



We are CREW, not passengers!

Dates to Remember	<u>** Students must wear their MDCS field trip shirt</u>
Monday, January 29th	MDCS Basketball @ Heritage Christian Academy 4:00pm BOYS ONLY
Thursday, February 1st	EC to Galaxy Lanes**
Thursday, February 1st	Open Enrollment Begins
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**
Thursday, February 15th	MDCS Board Meeting @ 5:30pm Jackson County Library and via Google Meets
Friday, February 16th	School Conference Day! Stay tuned for details
Monday, February 19th	No School ~ Presidents Day
Tuesday, February 20th	Envirothon Team to Joyce Kilmer** 8:30 - 5:00pm
Tuesday, February 27th	Envirothon Team to Balsam Mt. Preserve**
Friday, February 29th	5th and Middle School to WCU Bardo Arts Center**



First Grade didn't let last week's rain stop them for completing their classwork.



Craft lab carving wall hooks from branches



Basketball News

Thank you everyone who came out last week to support the Trail Blazers in their last home basketball game. The girls played an aggressive game and took some great shots. Emma Swadling played a great all around game. Kenzie Woodard continued to lead the team in all areas. She had the girls only basket.

The boys game was very intense and came down to the last quarter. The boys were led by Leo Jenkins who had his best game of the season. He scored 17 points, had 4 steals, and several rebounds. Jacob Nations played a great game and scored 8 points. Drake Cruz scored 2 points. Trent Kent did a great job rebounding against a much taller boy. We got some solid minutes out of Tucker Wheatley.

The boys play again today, Monday, January 29
versus Heritage Christian.

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

FAN BUS

**Last two games
of the season!**

Mr. Micheal will provide bus services for all away games.
Permission slips and more information will be provided at a later date.

EC Fundraiser



**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.](#)

[Buy Today!](#)

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



Tools for Schools
School Code: 11182

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

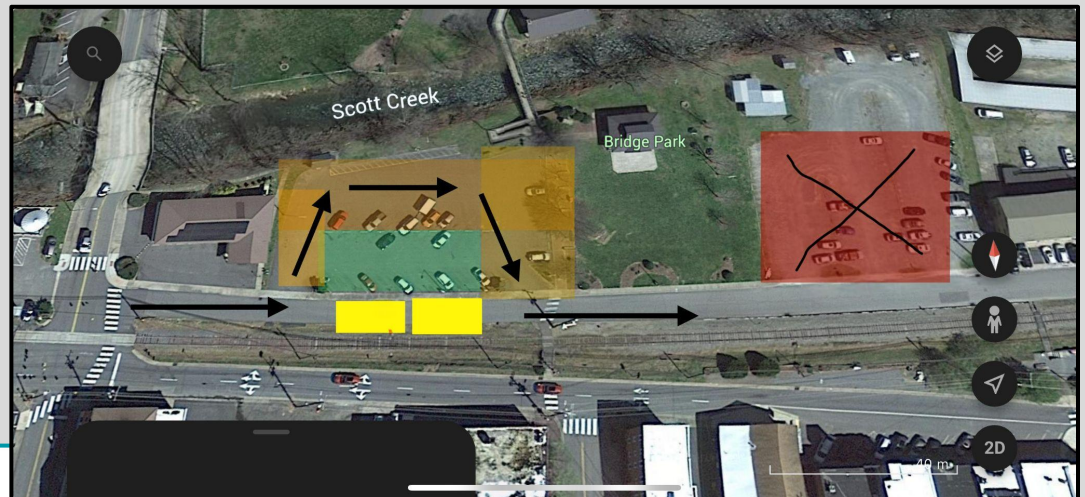
UPDATED BUS INFORMATION

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 MDSC 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.