

Trailblazer Happenings

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Thank you

Thank you 2nd grade parents for providing an amazing yogurt bar for the faculty and staff of MDCS last Thursday! Everything was delicious and very much appreciated.



**Spring Break begins
Monday, March 18th!**

**We hope everyone has a safe and
restful couple of weeks. Students
return to campus Tuesday, April 2nd.**



We are CREW, not passengers!

Dates to Remember	<u>** Students must wear their MDCS field trip shirt</u>
March 11 - 14 (Last week to audition!)	Talent Show Auditions (K-5, during music class)
Tuesday, March 12th (BUS LEAVES at 8:15 am, no exceptions)	1st Grade to Tennessee Aquarium** Any student that misses the bus will be sent home
Tuesday, March 12th	Envirothon to Mountain Research Station, Waynesville**
Tuesday, March 12th	MS talent show auditions during electives
March 12th - 15th	BAKE SALE! Hosted by 4th grade
Wednesday, March 13th	3rd and Ms. Londa's class to Collaborate and Island Park**
Wednesday, March 13th	4th to AMOS**
Thursday, March 14th	K, 1, and 2 to Smoky Mountain Performance Arts**
Thursday, March 14th	MDCS Board Meeting @ 5:30pm MDCS and via Google Meets
Friday, March 15th	Community Circle
Friday, March 15th	5th and Middle School to SCHS to watch Grease**
March 18th - April 1st	Spring Break! No School

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Tuesday, April 2nd

Students return to campus

Monday, April 8th

Solar Eclipse (Extended School Day)

Thursday, April 11th

New Date!

Production Night K-5

NO AFTERSCHOOL

Friday, April 12th

Talent Show ~ Parents Welcome!

Wednesday, April 17th

Grades 3, 4, and 5 to Cowee School Arts & Heritage**

April 17th - 19th

7th Grade ~ Noland Creek Camp Trip
Required, unless excused by a doctor

Friday, April 26th

Community Circle and Talent Show
Parents Welcome!

May 1st - 3rd

6th Grade ~ Panthertown Camp Trip
Required, unless excused by a doctor



Last Week for Open Enrollment

The enrollment link can be found at

www.mountaindiscovery.org

Last Day for Open Enrollment is March 15th

Bake Sale!!

Tuesday, March 12 - Friday March 15

Hosted by 4th Grade Junior Rangers



Morning and After School Care Bills

Morning and Afternoon Care bills are due. Bills were sent home with your student last week.

Please make arrangements with the office if your bill has exceeded \$100.



Lost and Found

**Lost and Found will be donated at the end of the week.
Please have your child check for lost items**

Production Night

Singing! Dancing! Poetry!

All K-5 students are working hard putting together their performances for production night. Each student has an important role in their class production and attendance is required!

Families are encouraged to attend this special evening for MDCS elementary students.

Thursday, April 11th

K-2 will perform from 5:30 - 6:30

3-5 will perform 6:30 - 7:30

MDCS Gym ~ Welcome to bring gym friendly chairs

Iron Wok food truck will be on site at 4:30 pm the evening of the performance for those families that would like to purchase dinner.



Talent Show

Do you like to dance, sing, or have an unusual talent you want to share?
Here's your chance!!!

Talent Show Auditions March 4-14

Each student will have the opportunity to audition for the talent show during music class with Ms. Songbird.

Middle School students can audition during Electives March 5th or 12th.

In order to be in one of the talent shows held April 12 & April 26th, each performer must first audition for Ms. Songbird in March. Do not change the content of your act after auditions. All acts will be screened for appropriateness during auditions (language/content of song lyrics and quality of performance).

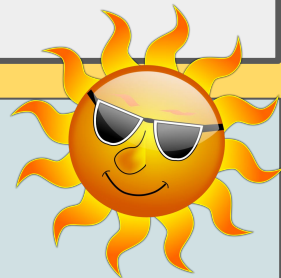
You may bring props or instruments from home (a piano will be provided).

You may also dress in costume.

Students may choose to perform as a group, duo, solo, or both.

We can't wait to cheer on your talent!!!

Solar Eclipse, Monday April 8th



On April 8, there will be a solar eclipse and our area will experience 80-85% totality. The staff of Mountain Discovery view this as the perfect opportunity to embrace our design principle of exploring the natural world. Prior to the event, all students will engage in the study of eclipses.

For the culmination of this learning, the entire school community will come together to view the eclipse. The eclipse will reach its maximum coverage for our area at 3:07pm; therefore, we will be extending the school day on April 8 to 3:30. MDCS has secured enough solar glasses for all students. We are excited that our students will have the opportunity to see even a partial eclipse.

The next solar eclipse for North America is 2044.

General Information

Stay up to date

- Opt into Bright Arrow Text Messaging: text “YES” to 87569
- Follow Us on [Facebook](#)
- Follow Us on [Instagram](#)
- Call or [email](#) the office with any changes to your email and/or phone number

Illness Policy

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

Order your yearbook TODAY!

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

[MDCS 2023-2024 Yearbook](#)

End of Grade Testing

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Families, EOG testing will begin May 15th and continue through May 28th. It is extremely important that all students are present during testing.

Thank you, Ms. Tracy

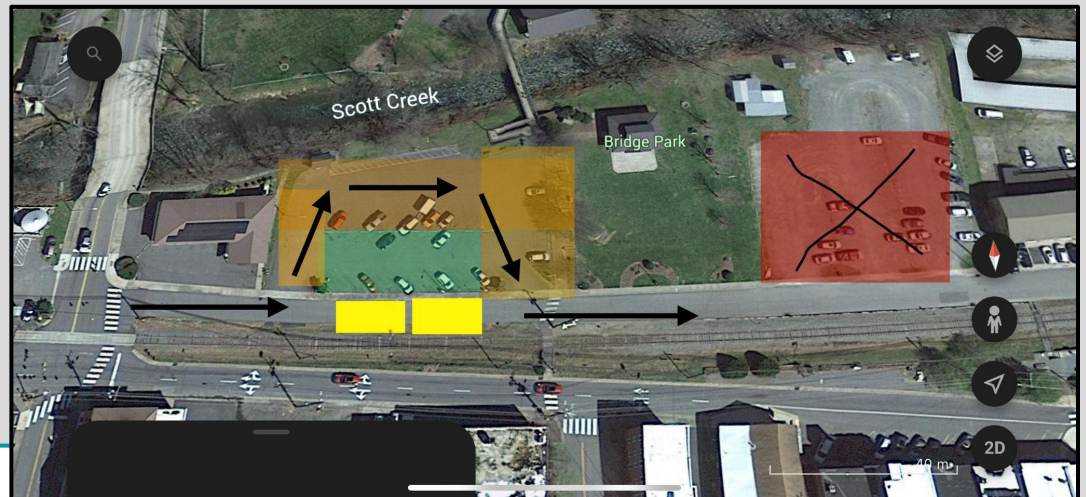
UPDATED BUS INFORMATION

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.