

Trailblazer Happenings

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What an amazing Trailblazer week last week!! Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the eclipse with us, support the students during Production Night, and enjoy the talent show. A special thank you to Iron Wok for bringing their food truck to Production Night. We are so very thankful for our MDCS community and all of your support.



THANK YOU



We are CREW, not passengers!

Dates to Remember

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

Wednesday, April 17th

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

April 17th - 19th

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

Thursday, April 18th

1st to Mingus Mill and Mountain Farm Museum

Thursday, April 18th

MDCS Board Meeting @ 5:30 pm
Jackson County Library, Sylva and via
[Google Meets](#)

Friday, April 19th

EC to Oconaluftee Village**

Friday, April 26th

Community Circle and Talent Show
Parents Welcome!
K-2 grades performing

Friday, April 26th

Envirothon Team to state competition in Burlington, NC

May 1st - 3rd

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

Monday, May 6th

Kona Ice Fundraiser (11:00 - 1:00)

Friday, May 10th

Middle School Dance!
6:00 - 9:00 pm
MDCS Gym

Thursday, May 15th

Kinder, 1st, 2nd, and EC to Darnell Farms**

Dates to Remember

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May 15 - 24	EOG testing
Monday, May 27th	No School, Memorial Day
Wednesday, May 29th	8th Grade Commencement Last Day for Students

End of Grade Testing Schedule

It is extremely important that all students are present and on time during testing.

	Wednesday 5/15	Thursday 5/16	Friday 5/17	Monday 5/20	Tuesday 5/21
3rd	Reading		Read to Achieve		
4th					Reading
5th			Science		Reading
6th		Reading		Math	
7th	Reading	Math 1 EOC		Math	
8th	Reading	Math 1 EOC	Science	Math	

	Wednesday 5/22	Thursday 5/23	Friday 5/24
3rd	Math		EOG retakes
4th		Math	
5th		Math	

Bus Riders



Please take a moment and fill out this survey for the 2024-25 year. This survey will be used to schedule bus times for next year and accommodated as many families as possible. Email [Mr. Micheal](#) with any questions or comments. Thank you!

Fourth Grade is sporting their day packs for their Junior Rangers in Training program! They completed their learning of Solar Eclipses, earning them their first button!! They also earned the special Junior Ranger badge for viewing the eclipse on Monday!



MDCS Talent Show
Next show is Friday, April 26



Bible Club 2024 Schedule!

Smoky Mountain



Christian Fellowship

(Swain County Directors: Kathie Morris & Rachel McGaha)

- WHERE: M.D.C.S. Gym Cafe
- DAY: Friday Afternoons
- WHEN: Immediately After School till 3:30 p.m.
- FREE to all students in grades 1st - 8th.
- ACTIVITIES: Bible Lessons, Songs, Snacks, Crafts, Games, Dramas, etc. Having fun while studying about & learning the lessons of the Bible.
- FACILITATOR: Ms. Londa, M.D.C.S. 3rd-4th Grade Teacher

Please email questions to Ms. Londa at: lboh1@mountaindiscovery.org



Parent volunteers are welcome and encouraged.



2024 Schedule:

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| Fri, March 1 | Fri, Apr 19 |
| Fri, March 8 | Fri, Apr 26 |
| Fri, Mar 15 | Fri, May 3 |
| Fri, Apr 5 | Fri, May 10 |
| No Club Apr 12 | |

Bible Club Members will dismiss from their classrooms at the end of the school day and walk to the gym. All Bible Club members must be picked-up from the gym promptly at 3:30. Please note, the M.D.C.S. after-school supervision program is not available after our Bible club meetings because the club is not a part of the M.D.C.S. curriculum.

Mountain Discovery Charter School 2024-25 School Calendar

July 9 Student Days							August 18 Student Days							September 20 Student Days						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Closed																				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
28	29	30					25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30					
October 17 Student Days							November 17 Student Days							December 15 Student Days						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30					
January 18 Student Days							February 18 Student Days							March 9 Student Days						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
26	27	28	29	30	31		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
April 22 Student Days							May 21 Student Days							Jun 0 Student Days						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31		22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
27	28	29	30				3	4	5	6	7	8	29	30						

ENW - End of Nine Weeks
 BCH - Report Card Home
 RCH - Report Card Due
 CC - Community Circle
 TS - Talent Show
 Early Rel - Dismissal at 1:30 pm
 1/2 Day - Dismissal at 11:30 am
 Holidays
 * Progress Reports
 Teaching Work Day - No School for Students
 Institution and Production Nights

175 Student Days
Updated: 2/16/2024



Talent Show

Come support the amazingly talented Trail Blazers!
April 26 ~ K through 2nd graders performing
 Show begins after Community Circle (approx. 9:00 am), MDCS Gym
Talent Show is hosted at the MDCS Gym.
Parents Welcome. Please bring a chair.

Stay in touch

- 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

Order your yearbook TODAY!

Orders due May 14th,
NO EXCEPTIONS

[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)

	Bus Departs
Qualla (Gateway Flea Market)	7:00 a.m.
Sylva (Bridge Park)	7:20 a.m.
Whittier Methodist Church	7:40 a.m.
West Swain BP	8:00 a.m.

Afternoon (Monday-Thursday)

Qualla (Gateway Flea Market)	3:25 p.m.
Sylva (Bridge Park)	3:38 p.m.
Whittier Methodist Church	3:55 p.m.
West Swain BP	4:12 p.m.

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

Qualla (Gateway Flea Market)	1:50 p.m.
Sylva (Bridge Park)	2:03 p.m.
Whittier Methodist Church	2:20 p.m.
West Swain BP	2:37 p.m.

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

Qualla (Gateway Flea Market)	11:50 a.m.
Sylva (Bridge Park)	12:03 p.m.
Whittier Methodist Church	12:20 p.m.
West Swain BP	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.