

# Trailblazer Happenings

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## 7th Grade Noland Creek Camp Trip



This year, MDCS received a \$5,000 GO GRANT from the North Carolina Youth Outdoor Engagement Commission.

This grant enabled us to purchase new internal frame backpacks, sleeping bags, tarps, Trangia stoves, and fuel bottles. These funds went a long way to upgrading and replacing our much-used camping gear. We look forward to using that gear for many years on numerous backpacking trips. The purpose of the grant is to encourage students to engage in active learning outside. Seventh graders breaking in the new gear on Noland Creek!



**We are CREW, not passengers!**

# Dates to Remember

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

**Tuesday, April 23**

**5th to Deep Creek for  
Field Conservation Day\*\***

**Thursday, April 25th**

**2nd to Mtn Heritage Museum and  
Judaculla Rock\*\***

**Thursday, April 25th**

**Last Day for Archery Club**

**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**

**Friday, April 26th**

**6th Grade Gear Check**

**Monday, April 29th**

**6th Grade Pack Out**

**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\*\***

**May 15 - 24**

**EOG testing**

<b>Dates to Remember</b>	<b>** Students must wear their MDCS field trip shirt</b>
Friday, May 17th	Kindergarten to Deep Creek and Rec Park**
Friday, May 17th	2nd grade to Mingus Mill**
Tuesday, May 21st	Kindergarten to New Visions Gym, Franklin**
Thursday, May 23rd	Kindergarten and EC to Lake Santeetlah
Thursday, May 23rd	2nd Deep Creek and Rec Park**
Monday, May 27th	No School, Memorial Day
Wednesday, May 29th	8th Grade Commencement Last Day for Students
June 5 - 29	Summer Reading and Math Camp More information to follow.

### Sylva Bus Families

The town of Sylva will be preparing for Greening up the Mountains Thursday and Friday (April 25 & 26).

Be advised that the THURSDAY APRIL 25TH afternoon bus stop as well as morning and afternoon stops for FRIDAY APRIL 26TH will be at the Jackson Plaza. Students will be picked up and dropped off in front of Discovery Church.

### IMPORTANT Reminder!!

Kindergarten and 2nd grade families.

If your student has a field trip schedule during EOG testing days, it is very important you arrive on time. We must begin EOG testing at 8:30am. Field trip buses will leave the school immediately following announcements and the pledge (approx 8:20).

## 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	



Landscape themed pottery from MDCS middle graders is now on display at the Bryson City branch of United Community Bank on Slope St. (across from the Post Office). Please stop by to enjoy these fun artworks!

### Summer Reading and Math Camp

**June 5 - 29; 8:30 - 2:30**  
**Look for registration information coming home this week. Priority will be given to students in grades 2-8 who did not pass EOG or not at grade level.**

## 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!

It's time to celebrate!  
Cash Only!

# KONA ICE

## IS COMING!

**MOUNTAIN DISCOVERY  
CHARTER SCHOOL**

**MONDAY, MAY 6TH  
11:00 TO 1:00**



**KLASSIC**  
\$4.00



**KING**  
\$5.00



**COLOR CHANGING**  
\$6.00  
\$3 refills



**KOLLECTABLE**  
\$7.00  
\$3 refills

**END OF YEAR CELEBRATION! 20% OF TOTAL SALES  
GOES BACK TO YOUR SCHOOL!!**

## 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: [lbohl@mountaindiscovery.org](mailto:lbohl@mountaindiscovery.org)



Parent volunteers are welcome and encouraged.



### 2024 Schedule:

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

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

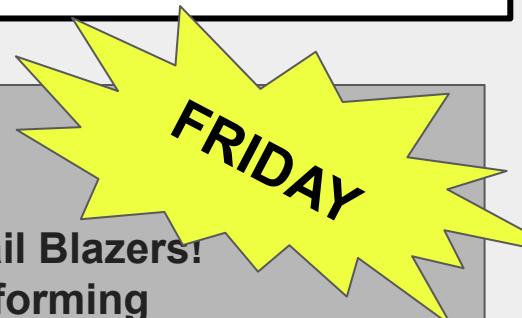
July 9 Student Days							August 18 Student Days							September 20 Student Days						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Closed																				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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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
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27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30	31				
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	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	28	29	30											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  
 \* Progress Reports  
 Teaching Work Day - No School for Students  
 Exhibition 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

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



## RED - NO PARKING

THE GRAVEL LOT IS CLOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION  
DR MAULT HAS REQUESTED WE NOT USE HIS LOT  
PLEASE DO NOT PULL UP BEHIND THE BUSES.

## GREEN - IF YOU ARRIVE BEFORE THE BUSES PLEASE USE THIS AREA.

THIS AREA WILL BE BLOCKED ONCE BUSES ARRIVE.  
ABSOLUTELY NO MOVEMENT WILL BE ALLOWED.

## ORANGE - USE CAUTION

**IN THE MORNINGS** PLEASE USE CAUTION AND FOLLOW THE ARROWS AS SHOWN. YOU MAY PARK ALONG THE OUTSIDE AREA OR DROP YOUR CHILD AT THE SIDEWALK NEAREST THEIR BUS AND PROCEED TO LEAVE.

**IN THE AFTERNOON** IF YOU ARRIVE LATE PLEASE USE CAUTION AND ENTER THE PARKING LOT FOLLOWING THE ARROWS AS THEY ARE SHOWN ALLOWING ENOUGH SPACE FOR OTHER VEHICLES THAT MAY ALSO ARRIVE LATE. BUS 3 WILL BLOCK THE REAR ENTRANCE TO THE PARKING LOT. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE UNTIL BOTH BUSES DEPART.

Any violations from this point forward will automatically result in suspension of bus privileges. Please take a moment and familiarize yourself with proper procedures.  
Email [Mr. Michael](#) if you have any questions.

[Bus Schedule](#)