

Trailblazer Happenings

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End of Grade testing starts Wednesday! See Page 4 for the testing schedule.

State Mandated, End of Grade (EOG) testing begins on Wednesday, May 15th!

EOG tests are state-mandated for every 3rd - 8th grader. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation at this time. Our Trail Blazers have worked hard and will do well. We are so proud of them and appreciate all of your support.

Please Remember:

- ★ If your student has a field trip scheduled, the buses must leave the campus immediately following announcements and the pledge (approx. 8:20am).
- ★ Visitors are not allowed on campus during testing times.
- ★ If your student arrives late, and testing has begun, they will not be allowed to enter their class, begin their EOG, or remain on campus. They will have to take their EOG on make-up day, Friday, May 24th



We are CREW, not passengers!

Dates to Remember

** Students must wear their MDCS field trip shirt

Monday, May 13th

4th grade to Clingman's Dome**

Tuesday, May 14th

LAST DAY to turn in Yearbook order forms!!

Tuesday, May 14th

Cherokee Elective ~ Whittier to translate syllabary**

Wednesday, May 15th

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

May 15 - 24

EOG testing

Thursday, May 16th

4th to Deep Creek**

Thursday, May 16th

1st to Deep Creek Gem Mining**

Thursday, May 16th

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

Friday, May 17th

Kindergarten to Deep Creek and Rec Park**

Friday, May 17th

2nd grade to Mingus Mill**

Friday, May 17th

Ms. Londa's class, Deep Creek**

Monday, May 20th

1st to New Visions Gym in Franklin**

Tuesday, May 21st

Kindergarten to New Visions Gym, Franklin**

Dates to Remember

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

Tuesday, May 21st

**Middle School (6,7, & 8) to
Lake Santeetlah**

Wednesday, May 22nd

Middle School (6,7, & 8) NOC Rafting

Wednesday, May 22nd

1st to Deep Creek**

Thursday, May 23rd

Kindergarten and EC to Lake Santeetlah

Thursday, May 23rd

2nd Deep Creek and Rec Park**

Friday, May 24th

**Kindergarten End of Year celebration
Begins at Noon, MDCS Gym**

Monday, May 27th

No School, Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 28th

3rd NOC white water rafting

Tuesday, May 28th

Ms. Londa's class to Lake Santeetlah

Tuesday, May 28th

5th grade to East Laport Park**

Wednesday, May 29th

**8th Grade Commencement
Last Day for Students
11:30 dismissal ~ NO AFTER SCHOOL**

June 5 - 29

**Summer Reading and Math Camp
More information to follow.**

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	

You Can Do This!
TEST-TAKING TIPS

REST zzz
nom nom **EAT BREAKFAST**

PREPARE know the facts

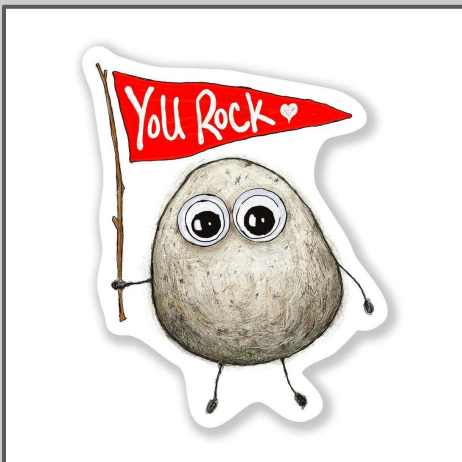
FOLLOW ALL DIRECTIONS
Use a No. 2 Pencil

If you don't know an answer **SKIP IT** come back to it at the end

STEADY PACE BE NEAT
not too FAST or too SLOW

CHECK YOUR WORK

RELAX do as well as you can!





MDCS Garden Sale!

Tomatoes
Peppers
Basil
Cucumbers
Strawberries
Foliage

Items for sale during
morning drop off and
afternoon pick up.

Cash only!

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

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!

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](#)