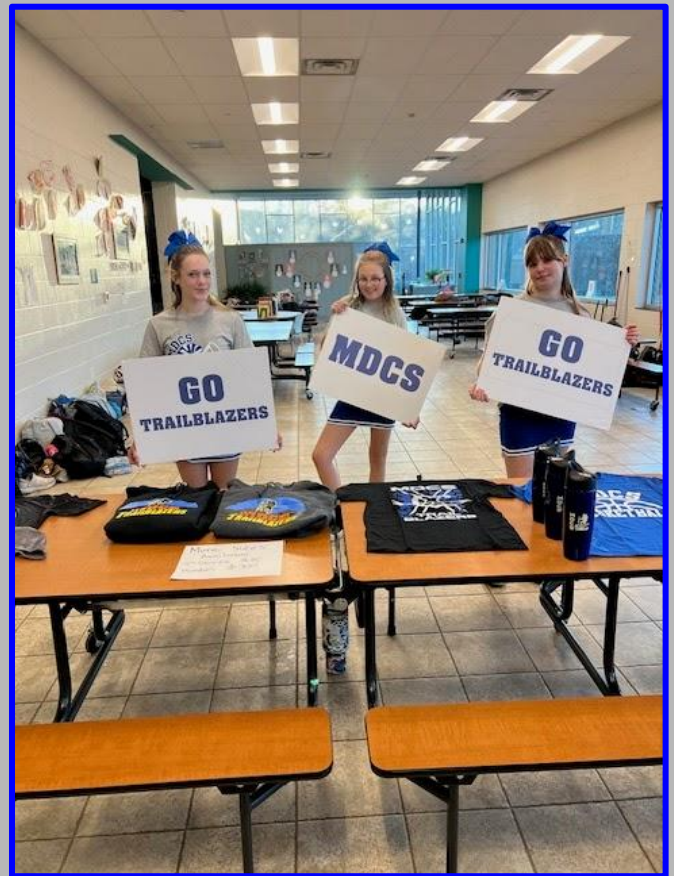


Trailblazer Happenings

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Date of Issue: Monday, December 1, 2025



**MDCS
Cheer Team**



We are CREW, not passengers!

Dates to Remember	** Students MUST wear field trip shirt
Monday, December 1	Home Basketball Game, 4:00pm
Tuesday, December 2	Picture Retakes and 8th grade class photos
Thursday, December 4	Ornament Day ~ Ms. Brooks Kindergarten Class
Friday, December 5	KB, 1-4, and EC to WCU Bardo Center, Nutcracker Performance** (NO PARENT TICKETS AVAILABLE)
Friday, December 5	MS Stem Team to WCU for Stem Competition**
Monday, December 8	1st to Carly & Cass, Sylva**
December 8-12	Scholastic Book Fair, Mr. Matthew's room
December 9	Exhibition Night & Book Fair Open Until 6:00pm
Thursday, December 11	EC to Jackson County Library and Park**
Friday, December 12	Grade 4 to Atlanta Aquarium** Return to campus approximately 6:00pm
Friday, December 12	Pizza Lunch Fundraiser ~ Supports MDCS Archery Team
Monday, December 15	K-2 to Cherokee Cinemas** (NO PARENT TICKETS AVAILABLE)
Wednesday, December 17	K-2, Smoky Mountain Center Performing Arts, Velveteen Rabbit** (NO PARENT TICKETS AVAILABLE)
Thursday, December 18	MDCS Board Meeting 5:30, Jackson County Library or Google Meets

Dates to Remember	** Students MUST wear field trip shirt
Friday, December 19	Community Circle, hosted by 1st grade
Friday, December 19	NO AFTERCARE
December 22 - January 5	Winter Break
Tuesday, January 6	Students return to campus, 3rd quarter begins

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Dear families,

Get ready—the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! This is a great opportunity to build your child's home library with new books they'll dive into again and again.

The easiest way to let your child shop the Fair independently is by creating an eWallet. It's easy to set up and easy for others to add funds.

Create an eWallet, and you'll also have the opportunity to contribute to Share the Fair – the giving program that supports students at our school who need help buying books. Consider participating so that no child leaves the Fair empty-handed!

Here's everything else you need to know about the Book Fair:



Dates: December 8th -12th

Location: Room #7

Family Event schedule and location: Family Night Tues, 3-6 PM

The fair will be open Monday-Thursday from 9 AM- 4 PM. Friday 9 AM - 1 PM



For full details, and to create an eWallet, visit our school's Book Fair homepage:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/mountaindiscoverychtrschr>

More than ever, we need to get students reading. Studies prove* that children with more books at home have higher-level reading skills, and attain more years of education overall.

Lastly, this is a great opportunity to be a Book Fair volunteer! When you give your time, it helps make our Fair an unforgettable reading experience where *every purchase* benefits our school directly.

Happy reading,

The Co's

Principal

Mountain Discovery Charter School

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/mountaindiscoverychtrschr>

*Scholastic Research & Validation. (2023). Scholastic Home Libraries Topic Paper. New York: Scholastic

Thanks to generous donations from Stanberry Insurance, Bryson City Outdoors, Ilda, Mountain Flora, and Lulus, each MDCS student has \$10 to spend at the bookfair with their eWallet!



With Thanks



We would like to thank Savannah Sutton for taking the time to write a grant to Great Smokies Health Foundation. Thanks to their generous donation, we were able to purchase two AED defibrillators for MDCS.

Thanks to the generosity of the Cherokee Preservation Foundation we are able to continue with our STEAM programming here at MDCS!

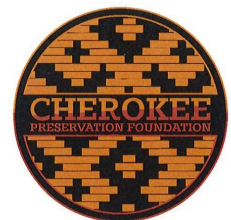


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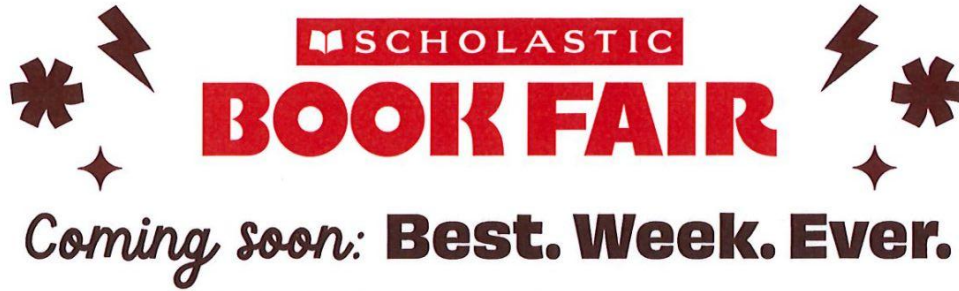
For Press Release

Local School Systems Receive Funding to Bridging the Gap with STEM-E

Cherokee, NC — Seven local school systems and four schools were awarded the “Bridging the Grant with STEM-E” grant from **Cherokee Preservation Foundation**. This CPF funding will increase accessibility to STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) by providing elementary through high school students with mobile science unit field trips, exploration in entrepreneurship, STEAM study within their classrooms, and teacher STEAM professional development. In all, this grant will provide the teachers and students in the far Western North Carolina area tools for increasing STEAM literacy for a stronger future workforce. Students and Teachers from Cherokee Central, Cherokee County, Clay County, Graham County, Haywood County, Macon County, Swain County, New Kituwah Academy, Mountain Discovery Charter, Shining Rock Classical Academy, and Catamount School will be included within the grant. This grant partnership includes the schools, WRESA (Western Region Education Service Alliance) and The Mountain Satellite Office of The Science House of NC State.



Volunteers Needed!



Volunteers wanted!

Dear Families:

I'm excited to announce that our school will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair, which takes place from **Dec 8th – 12th** at **MDCS room #7**.

It's one of the most anticipated events of the school year for students—but we need volunteers to make it happen. Your help is crucial in making the Fair a truly unforgettable experience for our children. We hope you'll consider offering your time and talents to get it running!

If you're available to lend a hand at this upcoming event, please contact me and share which Fair activities best suit you. Opportunities to assist include:

• Advertising • Decorating • Fair set up • Helping shoppers • Checkout • Fair pack up •
Please email me, Nicole Owen at ndexter1324@gmail.com

I look forward to hearing from you.

Gratefully,

Nicole Owen
Book Fair host
Ndexter1324@gmail.com

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Please contact Nicole
Owen to volunteer
ndexter1324@gmail.com



After School Care Families:
The front office closes at 4:00pm.
If you need to reach the after
school program, please call
828-371-0601.

Eww, germs!



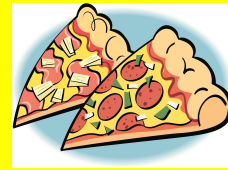
**We are in need of hand
soap for the after school
bathroom. If you can,
please donate!**

Thank you!

[MDCS Youtube](#)

Did you know that
MDCS has a
youtube channel?
Check out the
latest [video](#)!

Remember to like
and subscribe



**Lunch Fundraisers
for December**

**Friday, December 12
Pizza lunch ~ Proceeds
go to the MDCS
archery team**

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE

Lots of ways to help

Nov. 21st
Subway
&
Staff Appreciation Meal

Dec 8-12
Scholastic
Book
Fair

Staff Appreciation Meal
Dec 19

**BECOME A V.I.P
TODAY!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE
EVENTS, CHECK OUT HAPPENINGS,
OR GET IN TOUCH

Donations
of time, food,
& money
needed

**VOLUNTEERING IN PASSION
V.I.P.**

volunteer@mountaindiscovery.org

**Families, since we had to
cancel Exhibition Night, we are
opening the school from 4:00 -
6:00 pm on Tuesday, December
9th. Please come by and visit
the classrooms and enjoy the
students' work. And remember,
the book fair will be open until
6:00 pm!**

Basketball Schedule

Day	Date	Location	Start Time
Monday	12/1	HOME vs. Catamount	4:00
Tuesday	12/2	AWAY (girls only) @ Heritage	3:15
Thursday	12/4	AWAY (boys only) @ Heritage	3:15
Monday	12/15	AWAY @ Haywood Christian	4:00
Wednesday	12/17	AWAY @ Catamount	TBD
Monday	1/12	AWAY @ Victory (boys)	TBD
Wednesday	1/14	HOME vs. Asheville Pisgah	4:30
Wednesday	1/19	Home vs. Haywood Christian	4:00
Wednesday	1/21	Home vs. Heritage	4:30
Monday	1/26	HOME vs. Victory (boys)	4:30
Wednesday	1/28	AWAY @ Asheville Pisgah	4:30



If you'd like to support our MDCS Trailblazer athletes by purchasing a banner, please contact **Miss Brook, Mr. Micheal, or Ms. Lisa** for more information.