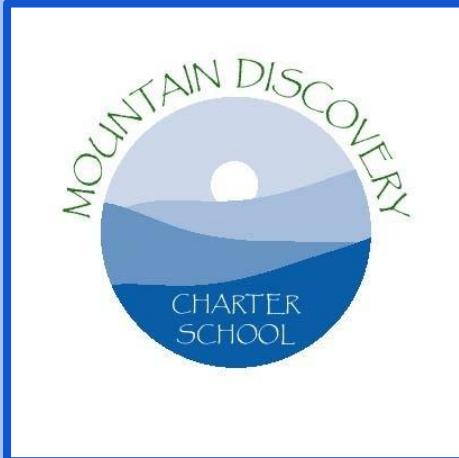


Traillblazer Happenings

www.mountaintdiscovery.org

<https://mountaintdiscovery.org/2021/08/23/mdcs-weather-station/>

Date of Issue: Monday, February 16, 2026



Attention Attention Attention

ALL of MDCS will attend the Drum Tao Performance at the Bardo Center on Thursday, February 19

- ★ **Buses will leave at 8:30am**
- ★ **All students need to wear their MDCS shirt**
- ★ **If you miss the field trip bus, you can try and meet us at the Bardo center as the school will not be staffed**
- ★ **Buses will return to school by approximately 12:30pm**

MDCS

We are CREW, not passengers!

Dates to Remember

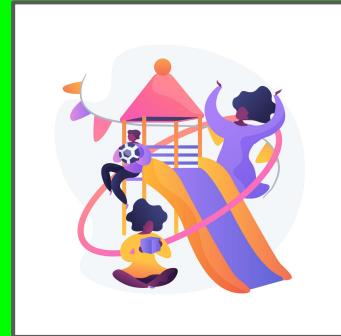
	** Students MUST wear field trip shirt
Monday, February 16	School Wide Conference Day, No class for students
Monday, February 16	All aftercare bills are due
Tuesday, February 17	7th to NC Arboretum**
Tuesday, February 17	4th & 5th to Sk8Way**
Wednesday, February 18	Envirothon to Joyce Kilmer Forest 5:00pm return to campus**
Wednesday, February 18	8th SCHS tour
Thursday, February 19	ALL students to WCU Bardo Center**
Thursday, February 19	MDCS Board Meeting 5:30, Jackson County Library or Google Meets
Friday, February 20	Subway Lunch Fundraiser
Friday, February 20	Talent Show Audition Forms Due
Monday, February 23	Mobile Stem Lab 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th
Wednesday, February 25	Envirothon to Lower Needmore**
Thursday, February 26	Virtual Archery Tournament, 3:30 MDCS Gym
Friday, February 27	Talent Show Auditions
Friday, February 27	Pizza Lunch
Friday, February 27	Community Circle ~ Success & Failure hosted by 5th grade

Dates to Remember

	** Students MUST wear field trip shirt
Tuesday, March 3	Envirothon to Balsam Mt. Nature Center**
Wednesday, March 4	3rd Ms. Makayla to Oconaluftee Center GSMNP**
Wednesday, March 4	Envirothon to Deep Creek**
Friday, March 6	Middle School Dance
Sunday, March 8	Daylight Savings Time Begins ~ Spring Forward
Monday, March 9	Envirothon to Swain Business Park**
Thursday, March 12	3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Production Night, MDCS Gym
Thursday, March 12	NO AFTER CARE
Friday, March 13	Community Circle ~ Hosted by Kindergarten
Friday, March 13	NO AFTER CARE
Friday, March 13	Open Enrollment Ends
March 16-30	Spring Break
Tuesday, March 31	Students Return!

Morning/After Care Families

As a reminder, all aftercare bills are due TODAY, Monday, February 16th! Please contact Mr. Micheal if you need to make payment arrangements.



Aftercare will **NOT** be available March 12 or 13



We are forever grateful for all of our Valentines. Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who share their kiddos with us everyday!

MDCS Talent Show

Dates to Remember

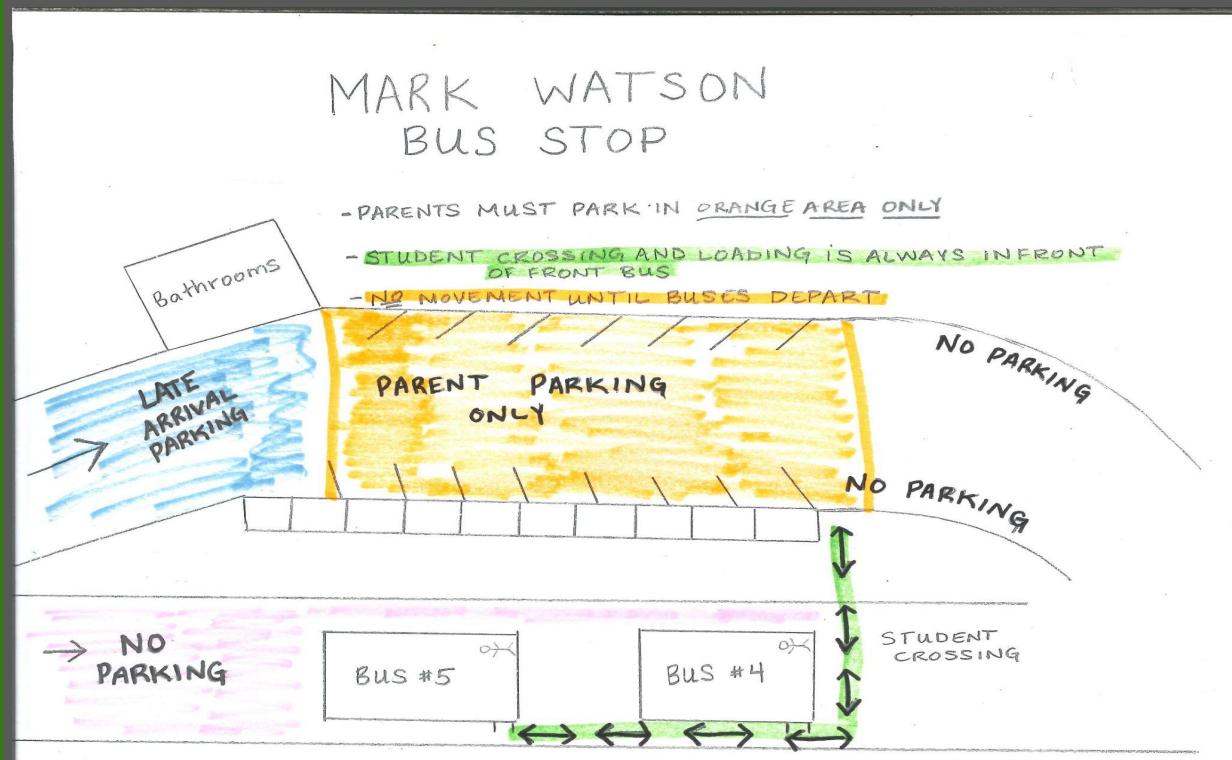
- Feb. 20 Audition sign up sheets due
- Feb. 27 Audition Day
- Apr. 10 Talent Show

MDCS Board Meeting Agenda

Financial Overview
Piper Sandler
Audit Engagement
IDEA Re-Payment
Mission Revision
Charter Renewal
Documents

Bus Schedule

Please do not pull up any further than the back of Bus #5.



Jackson Plaza Stop

In the area between the light posts and buses, no vehicles may move before the buses leave. Make sure bus lights are off and buses are moving before exiting the area.



Mountain Discovery Charter School is looking for highly qualified teachers for 3rd, 5th and Middle School Math who will challenge students by providing a rigorous and caring learning environment for the 2026-2027 school year. We believe that all staff are “CREW” and not passengers. Therefore, potential candidates should strive to be part of the larger community by being involved, willing to change, and work outside your comfort zone to make the whole school better.

Please reach out to
admin@mountainDiscovery.org for
questions
To apply:
<https://mountainDiscovery.schoolsprings.com/>





YOUTH SOCCER REGISTRATION

DATE **FEBRUARY 9TH,
26 THROUGH
MARCH 6TH, 26**

Boys & Girls
4-13 Years Old

Venue
Swain Recreation Department
240 West Deep Creek
Road Bryson City, NC
28713

Reg Fee: **\$50**

(828)488-6159 or email recpark@swaincountync.gov

News from Swain County Rec Department



Swain County Recreation Department

 **Lifeguard Positions – Now Hiring**

Location: Deep Creek Waterpark / Outdoor Pool

Type: Seasonal / Part-Time

Pay Rate: \$15 per hour

Position Overview:



The Swain County Recreation Department is seeking Lifeguards to help ensure a safe and enjoyable swimming environment for the public. Training opportunities may be available for required certifications.

Key Responsibilities:

- Monitor and supervise swimming activities
- Enforce pool rules and safety regulations
- Provide first aid, CPR, and emergency response as needed
- Assist with rescues and emergency situations
- Maintain pool safety, cleanliness, and water quality

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must be at least 16 years old
- Lifeguard, CPR, and First Aid certifications (or willingness to obtain)
- Strong swimming ability and sound judgment

Application Deadline: March 9, 2026

 **How to Apply:**

[Email: recpark@swaincountync.gov](mailto:recpark@swaincountync.gov)



Local Artists Wanted

SWAIN COUNTY RECREATION
DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING FOR
LOCAL ARTISTS TO SHOW CASE
THEY'RE WORK INSIDE AND
OUTSIDE FACILITIES! PLEASE
REACH OUT FOR MORE
INFORMATION

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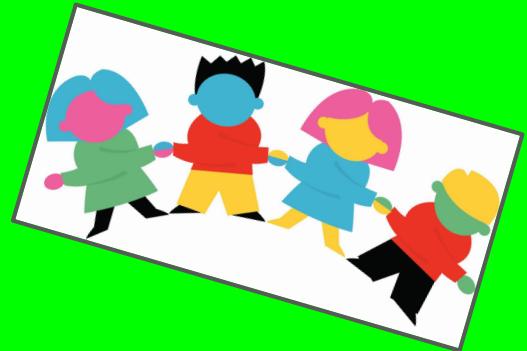


Miss Brook's Weekly Health Challenges

February 16 - 22

Kindness

Tell at least one person each day something kind. Try to make them smile and feel special.



Sit Ups

Who can do 20 sit ups the fastest? Wondering how to complete a standard push-up? Lay back and touch the ground above your head, when you sit up, touch your toes.

Does anyone have a laser engraver and a few hours to spare? Marysue has some great ideas for staff and bus driver appreciation! Thank you for your help!

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

Upcoming lunch fundraisers.
As always, forms and money will be due the Wednesday BEFORE the fundraiser.

Friday, February 20 (Subway)
Friday, February 27 (Pizza)

Calling all Volunteers

We appreciate you all and your dedication to MDCS!

VIP Newsletter

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[Contact us](#)

[Bus Stop](#)

[V.I.P. Website](#)

