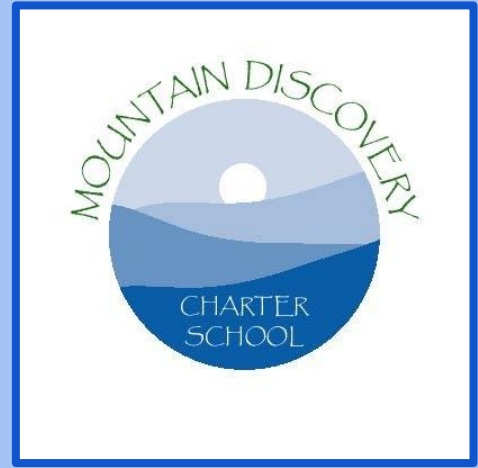


Trailblazer Happenings

www.mountaindiscovery.org

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

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Mr. Matthew's middle school craft lab creating baskets from poplar bark.



We are CREW, not passengers!

Summer Reading Camp

890 Jenkins Branch Road North
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Mountain Discovery Charter School is happy to announce the Summer Program at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

“Summer Reading Camp” will be designed for rising 1st - 5th grade students not meeting proficiency standards based on the Read to Achieve legislation. The program will run from June 8-26 from 8:30 - 1:30. It will include intensive reading instruction in both a group and individual settings.

Teachers will be focusing on phonics instruction, reading fluency, and reading comprehension. We will also take several field trips designed to help build background knowledge for students as they develop their reading comprehension skills.

Please reach out to your child’s teacher if you have any questions or concerns. Students must be registered to attend. You will receive a confirmation email if your child has been accepted into the program.

The following allows access to the sign-up form: [Summer Reading Camp Sign-Up](#)

Sincerely,
Tracy Wharton, Director of Finance and Accountability
twharton@mountainDiscovery.org



FAMILY DESIGN FOCUS GROUPS



Nearly half of all adolescents have had a mental health disorder at some point in their lives.* Facing these challenges can be difficult for the entire family.

The CaroNova team along with Ann Rodriquez, Stacy Morgan, and Diane Coffey invite you to join us for a focus group we are hosting with family members of youth who have experienced mental health challenges. We want to hear your experiences and ideas around connecting your child(ren) to school-based mental wellness supports.

DETAILS:

- Join one (of three) virtual sessions
- Participation involves brief pre-work, attending a virtual 1-hour session, and completing a post-session survey
- Participants will receive a \$25 virtual Amazon gift card

SESSION DATES & TIMES:

Thursday, May 21

7 - 8 p.m.

Tuesday, June 23

7 - 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 27

9 - 10 a.m.

REGISTER HERE



* Source: Leeb, R.T., Danielson, M.L., Claussen, A.H., Robinson, L.R., Lebrun-Harris, L.A., Ghandour, R, et al. (2024). Trends in Mental, Behavioral, and Developmental Disorders Among Children and Adolescents in the US, 2016–2021. *Prev Chronic Dis* 21:240142. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.5888/pcd21.240142>

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Middle School EOG Testing Schedule

6th Grade	7th Grade	8th Grade
		May 18 (Mon) ~ Math 1
May 19 (Tue) ~ Math	May 19 (Tue) ~ Math	May 19 (Tue) ~ Math
May 20 (Wed) ~ Reading	May 20 (Wed) ~ Reading	May 20 (Wed) ~ Reading

3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade EOG Testing Schedule

3rd Grade Ms. Makayla	3rd Grade Ms. Londa	4th Grade	5th Grade
May 18 (Mon) ~ Math	May 18 (Mon) ~ Math	May 18 (Mon) ~ Math	
			May 19 (Tues) ~ Math
		May 20 (Wed) ~ Reading	May 21 (Thur) Science

Test Retakes

Your teacher will notify you if your student needs to re-take an EOG

Read to Achieve (3rd Grade ONLY)	Middle School Science	Math (3rd and 4th)	Reading (3rd-8th)	Math (5th-8th)	Science (5th)
May 20 (Wed)	May 21 (Thurs)	May 22 (Fri)	May 22 (Fri)	May 26 (Tues)	May 27 (Wed)

Dates to Remember

**** Students MUST wear field trip shirt**

Wednesday, May 20	Kindergarten to Hayesville Rec. Department**
Wednesday, May 20	1st to Cherokee splash pad and playground**
Thursday, May 21	Ms. Lendy's class to Santa's Land**
Friday, May 22	Ms. Krista's kinder to Deep Creek
Friday, May 22	3:10 Dismissal
Monday, May 25	NO SCHOOL ~ Memorial Day
Tuesday, May 26	Ms. Brooks Kinder & EC to Splash Country**
Tuesday, May 26	Ms. Krista's Kinder End of Year celebration, Deep Creek
Tuesday, May 26	2nd Grade to Great Smoky Mountain Railroad** 4:00pm return time
Wednesday, May 27	Middle School to Lake Santeetlah
Wednesday, May 27	4th & 5th Rafting
Thursday, May 28	4th Grade to East LaPorte Park**
Thursday, May 28	5th to Deep Creek**
Friday, May 29	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS ~ 11:30 Dismissal 8th Grade Commencement NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Upcoming Commencement Ceremony
Friday, May 29

- Commencement concludes our community circle events for the year.
- ALL are invited to attend!
- The ceremony will begin at 8:30
- Please consider bringing a chair
- 8th grade leaves for their beach trip immediately after the ceremony,



Attention MDCS Families!

Do you have any used digital cameras or phones you are no longer using? We would like to create a lending closet for our students to borrow cameras for our field trips.

Please contact [Ms. Lisa](#)

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](tel:828-371-0601)

**Community Coffee
Circle
Hosted by Capital
Campaign
Friday, May 29**

[MDCS Youtube ~
Check out the latest!](#)

Please check lost and found! We have numerous jackets & sweatshirts that are missing their owners

