# Trailblazer Happenings

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## Pumpkin Patch and Corn Maze FUN!
## MDCS Kinders, 1st graders, and 2nd graders had an aMAZING time at Eliada Farm last week!



















We are CREW, not passengers!

| Dates to Remember | ** Students MUST wear field trip shirt |
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| Tuesday, November 3 | Envirothon to Cradle of Forestry** |
| Wednesday, November 4 | 3rd to Young Harris Planetarium** |
| Thursday, November 5 | Kindergarten, 1st, and Ms. Lendy's class to Smoky Mountain Center (Finding Nemo)** |
| Friday, November 6 | 6th to Darnell Farms** |
| Friday, November 6 | Pizza Lunch Fundraiser Supports Ms. Lendy's class |
| Saturday, November 7 | Community Clean-up day |
| Saturday, November 7 | Archery Tournament @ Summit Charter, Cashiers |
| Tuesday, November 10 | NO AFTERCARE |
| Tuesday, November 10 | Exhibition Night |
| Wednesday, November 11 | NO SCHOOL |
| Tuesday, November 17 | Bright Star Children's Theater @ MDCS |
| Wednesday, November 18 | Make-Up Picture Day |
| Thursday, November 19 | 1st and EC Ripley's Aquarium** |
| Thursday, November 19 | MDCS Board Meeting, 5:30pm Jackson Public Library and Google Meets |
| Friday, November 20 | Pizza Lunch hosted by 8th Grade |
| Saturday, November 21 | Archery Tournament Icard Elementary School |

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| November 23, 24, & 30 | Tooth Bus |
| Tuesday, November 24 | NO AFTERCARE |
| November 25 - 27 | Thanksgiving Break ~ NO SCHOOL |
| Monday, November 30 | Students return to campus |

**November Design Principle**
**Service and Compassion**
**We are crew, not passengers. Giving back with an outward focus, not inward. We're all in this together.**
**Join us for community circle, Friday, November 20th**

**MDCS Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders were treated to a special presentation by B&B Disposal on Friday. They learned all about the importance of proper trash disposal and how the trash compactor truck works.**
**Thank you B&B Disposal!**





# Exhibition Night

**MDCS Families!**

**The students are gearing up for our annual Exhibition Night, when the students showcase their hard work and share all the exciting adventures they have together here at MDCS. The entire campus and gym will be open for you to browse and meet everyone in the community. Please make plans for this very special evening.**

**Tuesday, November 10th**
**5:00 - 7:00 pm**
**Main campus parking is only available to those who request a handicap pass, please email admin@mountaindiscovery.org**

**We will provide bus shuttle service for families starting at 4:45pm, from the Ingles parking lot. Please park on the left side of Igles for loading and unloading of the buses. The shuttles will run continuously through Exhibition Night, with the last shuttle leaving at 7:00 pm.**








[Volunteer Sign Up]

10/8/2026

For Press Release

**Local School Systems Receive Funding for Future ready through STEM-E grant**

**Cherokee, NC —** Eight local school systems and four schools were awarded the "Future Ready Through 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, Jackson 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 Open Way Learning (OWL).

WRESA
Western Region Education Service Alliance

CHEROKEE
PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

We would like to thank the Cherokee Preservation Foundation for their generous grant supporting STEAM literacy. With this money we were able to support the STEM-E club, the Smart Tank groups, and the mobile STEM lab



# Happy Halloween







**Make up picture day**
**Wednesday,**
**November 18th**
**This is for those students and staff members who were absent for picture day in October.**

**Miss Brook's Weekly Health and Physical Challenges**

***Service***

**Can you find one way each day to be helpful at home and helpful at school? What did you do? Did it make you feel a certain way?**

***1 foot hop***

**How many hops can you do on 1 foot without the other foot hitting the floor? What foot was better? How did your family members do compared to you?**



**Community Clean Up Day**
**November 7**
**9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**We need your help sprucing up the campus!**

- **Winterizing the gardens**
- **Trimming trees and shrubbery**
- **Trimming the trees above the buses**
- **Cleaning gutters**
- **Cleaning outside light fixtures**
- **Sweep the stairs that lead to the gym**
- **Clean gym doors and windows**
- **Blow leaves**
- **Reinforce the car barriers in the lower lot**
- **Tree Removal (we know of one that needs to be removed)**
- **Road/driveway repair**

**Parents and Caregivers, please bring any tools you may need, trimmers, gloves, rakes, and brooms, leaf blowers.**

**We will have warm coffee, tea, and hot cocoa! Thank you for your generosity, we appreciate you all.**

**Have you checked out the MDCS Youtube channel lately?**

**Please consider joining the MDCS Strategic Planning Committee!**

Please reach out to Tracy if you have any questions.

**NC Smiles will be on campus**
**Nov. 23 (Mon), 24 (Tues), and 30 (Mon). Sign up forms were sent home with your student (s). This program provides cleanings, x-rays, cavity fillings, and other procedures at low cost or free.**

**You can still register online!**