

Moorcroft K-8



"Great Happens Here"

Newsletter

October 2016

School Hours

8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Mon - Thurs.

8:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Fridays

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Principal's Corner - Mr. Moss - Principal

School has begun and we've just wrapped up the month of September. We finished taking the MAP assessments. We'll be meeting with teachers and students to see how they did, compared to Spring of last year. We're also anxious to see how our new Kindergarten students did. At Moorcroft K8, we take this data very seriously and use it to drive what we do with your students each and every day. We create groups based on scores and abilities. We help these groups gain the necessary skills that are needed to progress into the next skill. These benchmark assessments occur three times a year, and give us good information to make decisions and help students understand the need to try their best! I love seeing your students, talking to them, taking time to give them individual attention, and getting to know them better. I'm am so proud of their accomplishments and am very thankful that the staff at Moorcroft K8 is there for the students and will do anything to help them achieve and be successful.

Can you believe how quickly the year is going so far? We have many things happening during the month of October. The end of the first quarter (wow!) is October 14th. We will be having our first quarter awards assembly on October 20th from 2:15-3:00, to be followed by evening parent/teacher conferences beginning at 3:30. These conferences are scheduled by Mrs. Helmer in the office and she does a great job trying to help families that have more than one student attending our school. Morning conferences will be the next day, Friday, October 21st from 8:00am-10:00am. The 5th-8th grade will not be scheduled, so please come at your

convenience and visit with a great group of teachers, who value and care so much about your children. If you are unable to come during your scheduled time, please visit with your child's teacher directly and they will be more than willing to set up a time with you.

We are also looking for some parents to volunteer their time to help with our school improvement process. You are one of our important stakeholders and we want to hear your constructive input. If you are willing to be part of our school improvement team, please contact myself, Mr. Moss, at school.

Again, I'm honored and privileged to be part of your child's experience at MK8. Go Wolves!



School Book Fair

During Parent Teacher Conferences week there will be a Scholastic Book Fair in the Library!

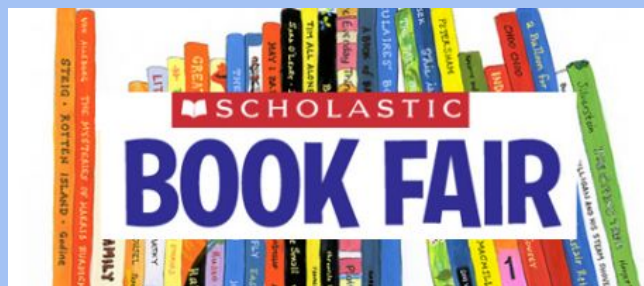
Dates & Times:

Monday, October 17th - Friday, October 21st

Monday - Wednesday : 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

Thursday : 8:00 am to 7:00 pm

Friday : 8:00 am to 10:00 am



Music Notes:

I can't believe fall is already here! Things are busy as usual in the music room as students get back into the routine of schoolwork and following Expectations! We are so happy to welcome our new High School Band Director, Nathan Towell. He is also taking over the beginning band classes for middle school as my schedule is full with 400+ students. I wanted to let everyone know about our planned events so you have something to look forward to. Be sure to come by anytime and say hello as my door is always open.

-Ward Johnston (Moorcroft Music)

- Thursday, October 20th 2:15-3:00pm: 1st Quarter awards assembly
- Friday, November 11th 8:15-9:00am: Veterans Day featuring Moorcroft 3rd grade.
- Tuesday, December 13th 5:00pm-6:00pm: Holiday concert featuring Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades
- Thursday, December 15th 1:30-2:15pm: 2nd Quarter awards assembly
- February, 2017 (date TBA) 3rd and 4th grade "Concert of LOVE"
- May, 2017 (date TBA) All school "Montage" (Talent Show)



Moorcroft K8 Parent Advisory

The annual Trick-or-Treat Street will be held on Saturday, October 29th from 5:00-8:00 pm at the Moorcroft Town Center (the old Elementary School gymnasium). The Moorcroft K8 Parent Advisory will be combining with the Moorcroft Police Department to provide a fun, safe place for kids to enjoy Halloween. Festivities include a cake walk, games, treats, and prizes. A Haunted House will be available for the brave of heart as well as a "Not So Spooky Spook House" for the little ones. Come join the festivities and have a safe, enjoyable Halloween.

A Holiday Bazaar and Craft Fair is being planned for November in the Moorcroft Town Center gym. If you are interested in having a booth please contact Stevie Phillips at 307-756-6140

Notes from the Nurse

With the coming of fall and change of seasons, we will again be greeting the onslaught of colds, runny noses, sore throats and flu.

Always a troubling time for parents. What to do? Do I let it run its course, go to the doctor? What?

Many times, in a parents' heroic attempt to save their child from pain and discomfort, they actually compound a world-wide threat of Antibiotic resistance.

(<http://www.cdc.gov/drugresistance/threat-report-2013/>). Antibiotic resistance is one of the world's most pressing health issues. Illnesses which were once easily treatable with antibiotics are now resistant to the antibiotics. Once dangerous infections could easily be remedied, but no longer. And the primary reason is due to misuse and abuse of antibiotics. It is important to remember that antibiotics **cannot treat viruses**. They can only treat bacteria. When taken for a viral infection, we contribute to antibiotic resistance, which in turn makes antibiotics (when we need them) less effective against bacteria.

This train of thought can be confusing, so to help you make the best decision for your child, and yourself, please remember that antibiotics have no effect on viruses, only bacteria. Common infections caused by viruses are:

Colds and most sore throats

Most coughs and bronchitis

Many sinus infections and many ear infections

Flu

Illnesses caused by bacteria and would respond well to antibiotics are:

Whooping Cough

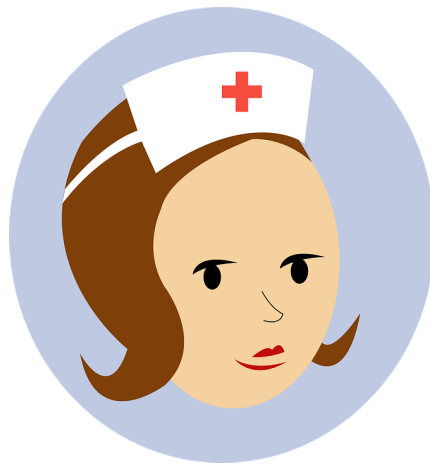
Strep Throat

Urinary Tract Infections

Each year in our nation, 47 million excess and unnecessary prescriptions are written to treat viral infections. “Antibiotics are lifesaving drugs, and if we continue down the road of inappropriate use we’ll lost the most powerful tool we have to fight life-threatening infections,” says CDC Director Tom Frieden, M.D..

To help your child feel better during cold and flu season, use pain relievers and fever reducers, warm compresses, lots of liquids and rest. And of course, TLC!
When in doubt, always consult your medical professional.

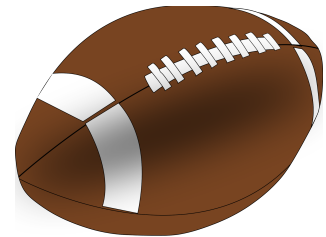
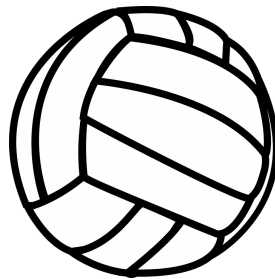
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Homecoming Week
October 10th - 14th
Monday - Marvel Superhero
Tuesday - Retro
Wednesday - Western
Thursday - Disney
Friday - Green & White

Upcoming October Events

3rd	PAC Meeting @ 3:30
6th	JH FB @ Home vs. Newcastle (5:30)
6th	JH VB @ Home vs. Newcastle (4:00 & 5:00)
8th	JH XC @ Horseshoe Invite in Dayton
10th-14th	Homecoming Week October 10th-14th
11th	JH VB @ Home vs. Twin Spruce (4:00 & 5:00)
11th	JH FB @ Home vs. Twin Spruce (8B) (6:00)
13th	JH XC @ Powder River Meet
14th	Last Day of 1st Quarter
17th-21st	Scholastic Book Fair in the Library
20th	Parent Teacher Conferences (3:30-7:00)
20th	1st Quarter Awards Assembly (2:15-3:00)
21st	Parent Teacher Conferences (8:00-10:00 am)...No School
27th	GBB @ Hulett NE JH GBB Quad (3:00/4:00/5:00/6:00)
29th	WR @ Gillette Loren Jackson Memorial (9:00)
31st	Halloween





K-8 Specials Rotation October 2016

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	26 C – Music D – Art A – PE B – Library	27 D – Music A – Art B – PE C – Library	28 A – Music B – Art C – PE D – Library	29 B – Music C – Art D – PE A – Library	30 C – Music D – Art A – PE B – Library	1
2	3 No School Professional Day	4 D – Music A – Art B – PE C – Library	5 A – Music B – Art C – PE D – Library	6 B – Music C – Art D – PE A – Library	7 C – Music D – Art A – PE B – Library	8
9	10 D – Music A – Art B – PE C – Library	11 A – Music B – Art C – PE D – Library	12 B – Music C – Art D – PE A – Library	13 C – Music D – Art A – PE B – Library	14 D – Music A – Art B – PE C – Library	15
16	17 A – Music B – Art C – PE D – Library	18 B – Music C – Art D – PE A – Library	19 C – Music D – Art A – PE B – Library	20 D – Music A – Art B – PE C – Library	21 No School Parent Teacher Conferences	21
23	24 A – Music B – Art C – PE D – Library	25 B – Music C – Art D – PE A – Library	26 C – Music D – Art A – PE B – Library	27 D – Music A – Art B – PE C – Library	28 A – Music B – Art C – PE D – Library	29
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