



# MCC SCHOOLS

## September 2021 Newsletter

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### 2021 School Year

We are very excited to welcome our students to school for the 2021-2022 school year. Like last year we will begin the year by taking things slow, emphasizing safety, helping kids get used to school after the summer break, taking things one day at a time, and meeting our students where they are at. As much as we all want things to be back to normal, we still have some health safety measures in place at the start of the school year. As we transition back to school, we must take these precautions to keep everyone as safe as possible. We surely appreciate how our families have been understanding and flexible. We'll need that support again as we begin the school year.

Priority #1 is to make sure you keep anyone home who is sick especially with COVID 19 symptoms. At school we will screen temperatures daily, clean frequently touched surfaces, keep students spaced out in classrooms, wash hands more often, and adjust to further measures if need be. Our hope is that school will feel more normal to our students this year as we start the year. Masks are required on our school buses due to federal rules. Right now masks are not required in our school buildings, but want families to know that they are strongly recommended by CDC. If anything changes in terms of masking requirements, we will use our alert system to notify our families. We understand some people may disagree if we have to add further restrictions. We ask that people are understanding and expect people to treat each other kindly regardless of viewpoints in all of this. Please know that when we make any decisions on restrictions or safety measures we are doing our best to provide quality education while following laws and requirements and trying our best to protect our students. Working together and cooperating like last year will put us in the best position to maintain in-person schooling and keep everyone safe.

Based on the time this article was written, enrollment is 438 for K-12. This is up from 425 last spring. In addition to the 438 K-12 student, we have 27 students joining us for Preschool and Head Start.

We made a few building improvements this past summer. New carpet was installed in Viking School in all of our classrooms. The final phase of replacing the high school roof was completed this year. Viking Classrooms all received new desks and book shelves. A new football equipment shed built by our construction class last spring was installed. Many new Chromebooks and iPads were added to update our inventory and replace older models.

We also added some new staff members to the MCC Team: New teachers include: Lexi Homme, Grade 5; Abigail Audette, Title I; Dusty Dahl, FACs; Emma Viken, Social Studies; and Katie Olson, Science. New staff members include: Tabby LeClaire, HS Paraprofessional; Becky Gust, Newfolden Kitchen; and Gordon Barrett, Custodian. We are still in need of substitute paraprofessionals, kitchen helpers, bus drivers, and teachers. If you are interested in helping by being a substitute please contact Sue Tuthill in the district office (218) 874-8530 or [stuthill@mccfreeze.org](mailto:stuthill@mccfreeze.org).

#### Building Project Information Update:

The school building project vote held on August 10 did not pass. The vote was 353 - Yes and 381 - No. Based on the results, we know we need to work on a different plan that our community can support as we still have important needs in terms of space and quality that need to be addressed.

At the last school board meeting the board held a discussion and will be planning steps to start work towards a new plan. The school board will be seeking community member assistance in this work. If you are interested in being part of this community planning team, please reach out to a board member or contact Superintendent Lund (218) 874-8530 or [jlund@mccfreeze.org](mailto:jlund@mccfreeze.org)

Superintendent Jeffrey Lund #mccstrong

Superintendent/Elementary Principal: Jeffrey Lund - High School Principal Brian Longerbone - Dean of Students Matt Nelson  
[www.newfolden.k12.mn.us](http://www.newfolden.k12.mn.us) - District Office: (218) 874-8530 - Office Hours: M-F 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**STUDENT HEALTH CONCERNS**

We are asking for strict adherence to the rule if you are sick please stay home. This is for the safety of all students and staff. For any health related questions, please call the school and ask for Nurse Julie or you can e-mail her at [jdahlman@mccfreeze.org](mailto:jdahlman@mccfreeze.org).

**FREE-REDUCED LUNCH FORMS**

Even though meals are free this year, please take time to complete the free and reduced lunch forms. Just filling out the form will give you a free Family Pass to attend our High School athletic events. Forms were sent home in mailing but if you need a new form, please contact the school office or you can apply online by going to: <https://www.lunchapplication.com/>. Qualifying helps our food service program and it helps many of our academic programs as well. These dollars help us provide supplemental education services to students that need extra help. This is a yearly application. Turn in paper forms to any school office. For questions, contact Patty Wagner in the Newfolden Elementary Office (218) 874-8805.

**RIGHT TO KNOW INFORMATION**

The district is posting its student/parent right to know information on its school web site. It contains information related to Asbestos, Air Quality, and Pesticide use. If you would like to view information go to school district page, click on Menu, and find Right to Know Link. Please contact Superintendent Jeffrey Lund if you would like further information or have questions.

**DISTRICT APP**

Search the Google Play or Apple Store for Marshall County Central, MN. The app content matches our school web site and has settings that allow you to customize the news and notifications you would like to receive.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Each month we will issue a monthly calendar for our families. We will include a copy in the monthly newsletter. We have found there are just too many changes that happen to the calendars we used to issue and send home. Printing by month will help ensure calendar is up-to-date.

**FREEZE KIDS CARE PROGRAM**

We are beginning our sixth year of Freeze Kids after school child care this year. Thank you to our families and coordinator Michele Audette for the program's success. The program can have 20 students. We have openings for spots and will be held on a first-come/first-serve basis. If program is not full we have drop-in spots available.

Hours of the program are from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on school days only. Families must complete a registration and make first weeks deposit. Drop-ins or partial week participants are accepted with one weeks notice. Registration forms and parent contracts are available on the school web site or you can request them from the school office. We will not reserve forms via e-mail to preserve integrity of first-come/first-serve. We will maintain a waiting list if the program fills. Rates are \$40 per week for a 5 day school week. If you have any questions about Freeze Kids, you may contact the district office (218) 874-8530.

**IMPORTANT HANDBOOK REVISIONS**

**HS Eligibility:** Grade reports will be run third week of school and then weekly after. If student has failing grade, they can practice but will miss at least one contest. For 2 or more failing grades student will not be able to practice or play in at least 2 contests. Athlete regains eligibility after penalty once grade is improved and they bring signed form to coach/advisor.

**Open Lunch:** Open lunch is allowed for students 9-12 who are in good academic standing.

**Cell Phones:** Students will be expected to keep cell phone in locker or in a cell phone holder in each classroom to avoid distractions.

**Attendance Family Vacations:** Administrator approval required for any vacation 3 days or longer. We also ask that you avoid vacations last week of academic quarter.

Please review handbook to view other updates and changes. It can be found online: <https://bit.ly/3jJOF7v>. All updates are highlighted in yellow.

Marshall County Central schools offers early childhood educational opportunities for families with infant children to age 4.

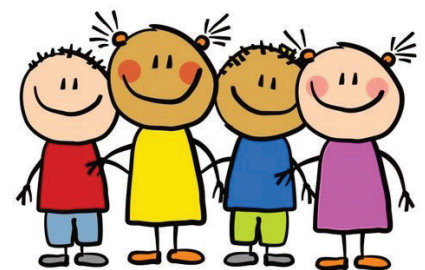
Our classes return to Thursdays twice a month most months throughout the school year. There are two session times. The first session is held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and the second session is held from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Amie Buck is our Preschool/ECFE Teacher. Paraprofessional Melissa Hestekind will assist. Programming includes free play time, activity time, story time, and snack. Information is also provided to parents to support their child's education.

We are excited to bring back this opportunity for our youngest learners and families.

For questions about ECFE please contact Viking Elementary School (218) 523-4425 or e-mail Amie Buck: [abuck@mccfreeze.org](mailto:abuck@mccfreeze.org)

- September 9 - ECFE Kick Off
- September 23 - Autumn Colors
- October 7 - Fire Safety
- October 21 - Pumpkin Party
- November 4 - What is a Veteran?
- November 18 - Thankful Giving
- December 2 - Teddy Bear Clinic
- December 16 - Holiday Splendor
- Jan. 6 - Field Trip to Sanford Kid Zone
- Jan. 20 - Winter Wonderland
- February 3 - TRF Library Field Trip
- February 17 - Happy Hearts
- March 10 - Colors are all Around
- March 24 - Spring has Sprung
- April 7 - Baby Animals
- April 21 - Touch a Truck
- May 5 - Mommy, Grandma, and me
- May 19 - Year End Picnic at the Park



## Important Health Related Information:

**Positive Test Results:** Any individual who tests positive for COVID-19 is expected to isolate 10 days from symptom onset date. Please notify school office if child or anyone in household tests positive.

**Vaccinated Persons:** All individuals who have received a COVID-19 vaccination are exempt from quarantine status, regardless of household or non-household close contact, unless they are experiencing symptoms.

**Non-Household Close Contact:** An individual who is determined to be a close contact of someone who does not live in the home is expected to quarantine for 7 full days from the last contact.

**Household Close Contact:** An individual who is a close contact of someone within the household is expected to quarantine for 10 full days from symptom onset. Please notify school office if child or anyone in household tests positive.

### Daily Screening:

All students and staff are asked to screen daily and stay home if symptoms are present. It is important that if your child is ill that you keep him/her home until 24 hours after his/her symptoms have improved. This includes being fever free without the use of medication, no vomiting or diarrhea, improvement of a cough, congestion or runny nose, for a minimum of 24 hours. If you have any questions, consult Nurse Julie or our office staff.

**No self-quarantine upon return from travel.**

**If you are required to quarantine, you may not test out of your quarantine time period.**

### If your child must isolate or quarantine:

Please keep us informed. Office staff will notify your child's teacher and we will ask teachers to connect with you to help you receive materials and information during the isolation or quarantine period. Feel free to remain connected with your child's teacher and use Google Classroom or their preferred learning tool to find assignments for your child. Office staff will help make arrangements to pick up or send out work. Nurse Julie will be in contact with you to help you know the date you can return to school or to help assist you with any questions you may have.

# SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> No School - In-Service	<b>2</b> No School - In-Service VB vs. LOW @ TC Youth Football 6 pm MCC	<b>3</b> Football vs. Fertile @ MCC	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Labor Day No School Youth Football 6 pm TC	<b>7</b> First Day of School JH FB Jamboree @ MCC VB @ KCC	<b>8</b> Fall Sports Pictures @ TC	<b>9</b> First Day of Preschool ECFE Kickoff 4:30 & 6:00 VB vs. BGMR @ TC Youth Football 6 pm TC	<b>10</b> Football @ WAO	<b>11</b> Newfest Youth Football @ Fertile
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> First Day of Head Start JH Football vs. WAO @ TC	<b>14</b> VB @ RLF Youth Football 6 pm TC	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> School Picture Day VB @ SAC Youth Football 6 pm MCC	<b>17</b> Football vs. KCC @ MCC	<b>18</b> Youth Football @ Ulen
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> JH Football @ KCC VB vs. WAO @ MCC	<b>21</b> School Board Mtg 7:30 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> ECFE Autumn Colors 4:30 & 6:00 Youth Football 6 pm TC	<b>24</b> Football @ B-GMR	<b>25</b> VB Parkers Prairie Tourney Youth FB @ Clearbrook
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> JH FB vs BGMR @ TC	<b>28</b> VB vs. KCC @ TC Youth Football 6 pm TC	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> FB@ Grygla/Goodridge VB vs. SAC @ MCC	<b>Oct-1</b>	<b>Oct-2</b> Youth FB @ Crookston



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MCC PARENT & STUDENT UPDATE

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## BOXHOLDER

### OFFICE AND DEPARTMENT PHONE DIRECTORY:

District Office: (218) 874-8530

HS Office: (218) 874-7225

Newfolden Elementary: (218) 874-8805

Viking Elementary: (218) 523-4425

HS/NE Kitchen (Karin): (218) 874-8805 x 231

Viking Kitchen (Candy): (218) 523-4425

FREE & Reduced Meal Questions (Patty) (218) 874-8805

Transportation (Adam): (218) 874-7291

Building & Grounds (Darwin): 218-874-7225 x 164

Superintendent Jeffrey Lund: (218) 874-8530 x 305

Principal Brian Longerbone (HS): (218) 874-7225 x 304

Elem. Dean of Students Matt Nelson: (218) 874-8805 x 202

Freeze Kids Care:

- During day: (218) 523-4425 (Michele)
- 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (218) 874-7225 x 125

Preschool/Head Start: (218) 523-4425

Community Education (Missy): (218) 874-7225



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