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Hello MMS Students and Families,

We are five weeks in!!!! WOW! This year is moving quickly and interims are upon us. In this mailing along with interim reports for your child, our office has included useful information for you and your student to navigate the remaining 4 weeks of our 1st quarter. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions. Happy Fall!

Interim reports:

You should find your child's progress report in this mailing. For quarter one, we mail everyone's home. For quarters 2, 3, and 4 we will only mail print-outs for students with a D or an F in a class. This is because every parent has access to view their child's grade every single day. If you are new to the district or need parent information to set up a Progress Book account, please email Emily Ridgway at ridgwaye@mcburg.org or notify Ms. Warfield in the office and we will get you the necessary information to set up your account. Additionally, if you do not have access to a computer to set up an account, please let us know and we will continue to send paper copies to you every quarter.

CELEBRATION - State Report Cards - Value-Added Components (student growth measures):

The ODE released report cards last week and Mechanicsburg Middle School performed well on the Value-Added components, **receiving A's for all four parts for THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR!!** These components measure our **student growth** for the 2018 spring assessments and represents a 3 year average. **Some other exciting highlights just released to celebrate:**

- MMS was **TOP** in the county in 7th Math, 8th ELA, 8th Math, 8th Science, and Algebra!
- MMS was 2nd in the county in 6th ELA and 6th Math

This recognition just highlights our goal of prioritizing the learning of all students. This information, along with achievement and gap closing help our staff identify where we need to adjust and improve our instructional practices to help our students reach their fullest potential. We will continue to teach, support, and encourage our students to find their passion, gifts, and talents to become the best version of themselves.

For more information, please visit the Ohio Department of Education's website @ education.ohio.gov

Parent/Teacher conferences September 24 and September 26:

Please contact our office at 834-2453 x 1200 to schedule an appointment with a teacher if you wish. If you are unable to attend, don't hesitate to reach out via email to individual teachers. Email addresses are last name then first initial @mcburg.org (example: schipferm@mcburg.org) and can be found on our website. Students find more academic success when parents and teachers have a team mentality. We encourage you to reach out!



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Positive Support - Open Letters:

School can be a challenging time for some students and sometimes they just have a bad or “off” day. I was hoping I could interest parents into writing general letters of encouragement to their own child or others that could be delivered to the student when staff observes they just might be in need of a positive boost and reminded how important they are and proud you are of them. If you are interested, please submit letters in a sealed envelope with the child’s full name on the front. We will hopefully collect one for every student over the next couple of weeks and share them when it looks like it’s most needed.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

- **September 27** - Early Release, 12:45pm
- **September 28** - No school, Teacher Professional Development day
- **October 10** - 2 hr late start, students report @ 9:10am
- **October 18** - End of Quarter 1
- **October 19** - No School, COTA day
- **October 22** - No School, Teacher Work day
- **October 31st** - BOO in the U, 5:30-7:30pm, Come visit the school during Trick or Treat. If you’d like to set up a booth or pass out candy, please contact Elizabeth Porter @ portere@mcburg.org.
- **November 6th** - Picture Make-ups/Re-takes - This day is for students who were absent on the original picture days or for those who would like re-takes.
- **November 20** - 1 hour early dismissal, students dismissed @ 1:15pm
- **November 21-25** - No School, Thanksgiving Break
- **November 26** - No School, Teacher Waiver Day

Best Regards,

Marlo Schipfer