

MESA ALTA JUNIOR HIGH NEWSLETTER



September, 2023

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your unwavering support in fostering a nurturing learning environment. Your commitment to your child's education and our core values of respect, responsibility, and safety truly make a difference in our school community. Together, we're helping our children grow and thrive.

MONDAY EARLY RELEASE BEGINS!

To provide time for staff professional development schedules, Bloomfield School District will have **Monday Early Release Days to begin September 11, 2023. The final Monday Early Release Day is April 29, 2024.** MAJH will release at 1:50 on all early release days. It is important that you are prompt when picking up your child so that staff can return to the building for scheduled events.

BEGINNING OF YEAR NWEA ASSESSMENT RESULTS

7TH Grade: 164 students tested

- 41% - 1st-20th percentile (low)
- 31% - 21st-40th percentile (low average)
- 21% - 41st-60th percentile (average)
- 5% - 60st-80th percentile (high average)
- 2% - 81st-100th percentile (high)

8TH Grade: 182 students tested

- 47% - 1st-20th percentile (low)
- 29% - 21st-40th percentile (low average)
- 17% - 41st-60th percentile (average)
- 4% - 61st-80th percentile (high average)
- 3% - 81st-100th percentile (high)

"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents."

Jane D. Hull

SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH Signs of Suicide (SOS) Prevention Program

SOS is an evidence-based youth suicide prevention program that has demonstrated an improvement in students' knowledge and adaptive attitudes about suicide risk and depression.

Designed for grades 6-12, SOS teaches students how to identify signs of depression and suicide in themselves and their peers, while providing materials that support school professionals, parents, and communities in recognizing at-risk students and taking appropriate action.

Presentations are occurring this month. Opt-out forms will be going home prior to the events.

★ Important Upcoming Dates ★

(Athletics Schedule on Page 2)

September 4 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY (No School)

September 11 Early Release Mondays begin (1:50 pickup/release)

September 12 SOS* Presentation (7th Grade)

September 15 First Day Hispanic Heritage Month

September 19 SOS* Presentation (8th Grade)

September 29 Homecoming (2 Hr Early Release)

October 9 Indigenous Peoples' Day

October 10 Picture Day

October 31 Halloween

*SOS = Signs of Suicide; Opt Out Form will be provided.

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Fall Athletics Schedules

Football

Aug 23	4:15 PM	@ Hermosa	Hermosa Middle School
Aug 30	4:15 PM	@ Heights	Heights Middle School
Sep 6	4:15 PM	@ Mesa View	Mesa View Middle School
Sep 13	4:15 PM	vs Shiprock	Bobcat Stadium
Sep 20	4:15 PM	@ Aztec	Koogler Middle School
Sep 27	4:15 PM	vs Tibbetts	Bobcat Stadium
Oct 4	4:15 PM	vs Kirtland	Bobcat Stadium

Volleyball

Aug 22	5:15 PM	@ Kirtland	Kirtland Middle School
Aug 24	5:15 PM	vs Hermosa	Mesa Alta Gym
Aug 29	5:15 PM	@ Shiprock	Tsé Bit'a'i Middle School
Aug 31	5:15 PM	vs Heights	Mesa Alta Gym
Sep 5	5:15 PM	@ Mesa View	Mesa View Middle School
Sep 7	5:15 PM	vs Aztec	Mesa Alta Gym
Sep 12	5:15 PM	vs Mesa View	Mesa Alta Gym
Sep 14	5:15 PM	@ Heights	Heights Middle School
Sep 19	5:15 PM	@ Aztec	Koogler Middle School
Sep 21	5:15 PM	vs Shiprock	Mesa Alta Gym
Sep 26	5:15 PM	vs Tibbetts	Mesa Alta Gym
Sep 28	TBA	@ Basin	Kirtland Middle School
Oct 2	TBA	@ Basin	Kirtland Middle School
Oct 3	TBA	@ Basin	Kirtland Middle School

Student Athletes Eligibility Reminders

- Check PowerSchool often to ensure you are maintaining a 2.0 or above
- If you are assigned ISS/OSS on game days, you will not be eligible
- Please refer to the information provided at the mandatory fall sports meeting for more detailed information regarding eligibility requirements

As a reminder, our student athletes are expected to be role models and demonstrating behavioral expectations at all times.



Problematic Student Behaviors

Unfortunately, we have already begun to see some problematic student behaviors. Some of these include:

1. Writing vulgarities/racial slurs in the bathroom.
2. Classroom disruptions impacting the learning environment
3. Inappropriate boundaries w/other students and staff
4. Waste on the bathroom floor and smeared around

Please have a conversation with your child to reinforce behavioral expectations at school. If your child is a witness to any of these activities, please remind them to report the incident to staff or administration immediately. Thank you for your support and assistance in this matter.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses **2** days a month..

They will miss **20 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **30 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **1 YEAR** of school by graduation.

When a student misses **4** days a month..

They will miss **40 DAYS** a year.

They will miss **60 HOURS** of math over the school year.

They will miss **120 HOURS** of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over **2 YEARS** of school by graduation.