



Huskies
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HUSKY REPORT

**Parent
Teacher
Student
Association**

Moreland Ridge Middle School

MRMS Family,

Welcome back from Christmas break and to the start of second semester. As we begin the new semester, now is a prime opportunity to establish new goals. I encourage you to take time to visit with your student and discuss with them what changes they would like to make this semester that will allow them to get the most out of their schooling. Have them write these goals in their planner, or another visible location, so they can look at them each day to keep them motivated throughout the semester. Now is also an excellent time to restock their school supplies. Other areas to update are phone numbers, e-mails, or addresses if these have changed since the beginning of the school year. You can provide this to the front office. This information allows us to contact you in a variety of ways and for different needs. For example, the nurse may need to reach you for a sick or injured child who needs to be picked up from school.

Attendance in school is one of the key determining factors in student success. At MRMS, we have a rich tradition of excellent attendance. The greater the number of days a student is absent, the more likely they will fall behind in their studies and have difficulty catching up. In the past several years, attendance has ranged from 94.2% to 95.0%. Our goal is to achieve a 95% attendance rate or higher. To achieve this goal, a student may only miss eight days of school. Some students miss more than this, while others miss none. Currently our school attendance rate for this year is 94.9%. Your commitment to your student's education is appreciated.

MAP testing will take place in April. The testing dates are as follows: Communication Arts will test April 3-5, Math will test April 11-13 and 8th grade only will test in Science on April 17-18. Testing will take place from 8:00 - 9:00 am daily. If possible, please try to schedule any doctor or orthodontist appointments outside of this period.

Thank you to all the students and their families for their contributions during the various Holiday Service Learning projects in each grade. Getting middle school students to broaden their view of the world around them is an important component of middle school education, and this project allowed that opportunity. Middle school students are some of the most compassionate individuals you will meet, and is one reason why I love working with this age group so much.

Sincerely,

Mr. Kevin Grover, Principal



A Note from the PTSA President

Dear Husky Parents and Students,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I am excited as we head into 2012, as this seems to be the perfect time for reflection, gratitude and looking ahead. Thank you to everyone for all the support you have given to PTSA, MRMS and your students during 2011 and we look forward to new opportunities as we move into the new year and second semester.

We are starting out the year by finalizing the Reflections contest. Thanks to all the students who participated and for sharing your talents in a variety of ways. Please join us at our February Unit meeting as we recognize MRMS students who received an award in each of the categories. PTSA will be celebrating Salute the Schools week January 23 to 27. During this week, we will show our support to all the people at school who help our students succeed. We also have our second and final Friday Fun Night planned for February 24. For those of you included on the e-mail distribution list for donations and volunteering, watch for emails over the next couple weeks regarding these events. Thanks in advance for your support!

It is also that time of year when PTSA begins planning for the 2012-2013 Executive Board. We will have a few positions open. If you have any interest or would like additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me. I will put you in touch with the Nominating Committee. PTSA is a great way to be involved at school, meet other parents and make new friends!

Did you know that MRMS PTSA provides a

“One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: To rise above the little things.”

~ John Burroughs

Moreland Ridge PTSA Officers 2011-2012

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(MRMS Principal)

Don't ever hesitate to contact us if we can be of any assistance....we are here for the benefit of all our children!

\$500 scholarship to a graduating Senior that attended Moreland Ridge? More information is included in this newsletter, but the deadline for submitting the application and required documents is February 24. The Scholarship Committee will meet in March to determine the scholarship recipient. If you have a student that is eligible, we hope they will take the opportunity to apply.

My sincere wishes to each of you for a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year! As always, feel free to contact me with questions, concerns or to volunteer. I am always happy to help in any way I can!

Michele Michael
MRMS PTSA President
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Mission, Vision & Values The Parent Teacher Association

Membership is open to anyone who believes in the mission and purposes of Parent Teacher Association. Individual members may belong to any number of PTAs and pay dues in each. Every person who joins a local PTA automatically becomes a member of both the state and national PTAs.

Together we are a powerful voice for children. With your help, we can continue to work toward PTA's goal of a quality education and nurturing environment for every child.

PTA Vision: What the future will look like if PTA accomplishes its mission.

Making every child's potential a reality.

PTA Mission: The overall purpose of PTA

- A powerful voice for all children,
- A relevant resource for families and communities, and
- A strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child.

PTA Values: What PTA stands for

Collaboration: We work in partnership with a wide array of individuals and organizations to accomplish our agreed-upon goals.

Commitment: We are dedicated to promoting children's health, well-being, and educational success through strong parent, family, and community involvement.

Accountability: We acknowledge our obligations. We deliver on our promises.

Respect: We value our colleagues and ourselves. We expect the same high quality of effort and thought from ourselves as we do from others.

Inclusivity: We invite the stranger and welcome the newcomer. We value and seek input from as wide a spectrum of viewpoints and experiences as possible.

Integrity: We act consistently with our beliefs. When we err, we acknowledge the mistake and seek to make amends.

FRIDAY FUN NIGHT – Mark your calendars for the next Friday Fun Night to be held on February 24, 2012 from 7:00 – 9:00 pm! As always, tickets will be sold in advance for \$4.00 or purchased at the door for \$5.00. Watch for additional information coming in February.

SCHOLARSHIP – Do you have a graduating senior that attended Moreland Ridge? MRMS PTSA offers a \$500 scholarship to a senior who meets the following eligibility requirements:

Applicant must have, at some time, been a Moreland Ridge Middle School student.

Applicant must be classified as a senior in good standing enrolled in Blue Springs South High School, Blue Springs High School, or Valley View High School.

Applicant's 7th semester cumulative GPA must be 3.0 or higher.

Applicant must be a current member of the PTSA unit at their Blue Springs high school.

Applicant must have applied for admission to an accredited college/university or trade/technical school for the upcoming fall semester and must be planning to take a minimum of twelve (12) semester credit hours or its equivalent.

To apply for the scholarship, applicants can obtain an

application through their High School Guidance Office or online at www.bssd.net. The deadline for submitting the completed application and required items is February 24, 2012.

PTSA MEETINGS – Join us for our next PTSA Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 5:45 pm in the Media Center....Unit Meeting at 6:45 pm, followed by 8th Grade Recognition.


SPIRIT ITEMS – We have spirit, yes we do...we have spirit – how about you? MRMS spirit items are available at any time by sending a list of the items you would like in an envelope marked PTSA. Orders can be turned in to your student's homeroom teacher and the items will be sent home within a week. Cash and checks payable to MRMS PTSA are accepted. Or, you can place an order directly with Michelle Brown by contacting her at cmmzpb@sbcglobal.net or 204-7383. Items available include:

- Drawstring gym bag (black or green) - \$10.00
- Water bottle - \$4.00
- Locker mirror - \$3.00
- Fold and zip tote bag - \$3.00
- Dog tag necklace (black or green) - \$2.00
- Post-it flags - \$2.00
- Carabineer Clip - \$1.00
- Pen or pencil - .50 cents
- Combo bag (includes one of everything) - \$20.00


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BOXTOPS - We will be collecting Box Tops again in February so keep saving. We had 21 PACK's turn in Box Tops for a grand total collected of 4,133! The top two runners up were Mrs. Kolar's PACK--240 collected and Mrs. Barnett's PACK--238 collected. The winning PACK with a total of 953 collected is Mrs. Doolin's class! They will receive donuts and juice during their PACK.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Girls Winter Basketball Schedule

1/5/12 @ Home vs. Campbell 4:00
 1/9/12 @ BSSHS vs. DWMS 4:00
 1/10/12 @ Pembroke Hill 4:00
 1/12/12 @ Home vs. SVMS 4:00
 1/17/12 @ BHMS 4:00
 1/23,24,25 Tournament TBA

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 01-23,24,25 Tournament TBA

MAP Testing Schedule 2012

April 3rd, 4th and 5th for all grades, Communication Arts, 7:50 to 9:00.
 April 11th, 12th and 13th for all grades, Math, 7:50 to 9:00.
 April 17th and 18th, for 8th grade only, Science, 7:50 to 9:00
 Jan. 16, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL
 Feb 7, PTSA meeting and 8th grade recognition
 Feb. 10, 6 -week term ends
 Feb. 17, Grade cards sent home
 Feb. 20, Presidents' Day – NO SCHOOL

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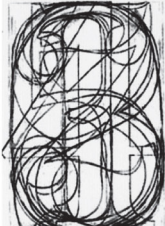
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Blue Springs South HS PTSA Scrapbook Day



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH
9:00AM—9:00PM**

**Blue Springs South High School Commons
1200 SE Adams Dairy Parkway, Blue Springs**

**Cost: \$30 per person or save \$5 by signing up with a
friend \$50!**

Students \$20—must have a student ID

Admission Includes:

Large roundtable workspace for your supplies—2 per table

Lunch & Dinner

Door Prizes

Make & Take's from The Scrapbook Workshope and local vendors

**A chance to catch up on your scrapbooking and spend the day with
friends!**

**Electricity for your personal die cutting machines is limited and will be
assigned on a first paid basis.**

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Do you need electricity for a die cutting machine: _____

**Make checks payable to: BSSHS PTSA
Mail to: Jennifer Casey, 4201 SE Willow Ridge Dr.,
BSMO 64014**

**casey3@sbcglobal.net or 816-985-4150 with questions
When payment is received your table will be assigned and secured.**

"Unleash the Power of the Huskies" and join PTSA today!



In Middle School, parents, students and businesses are all invited to join PTSA. Every membership helps to support our students and our school through student activities, school sponsored socials, Reflections program, Husky newsletter, student directory and scholarships, just to name a few. You can also visit www.pta.org/benefits to view the educational and corporate sponsored benefits that are also available to you as a PTSA member.

Individual memberships cost \$7.00 each and Business memberships are \$20.00. Own a business or know of any that would like to support MRMS PTSA? Business memberships will be recognized in the Husky newsletters, student directory and on the PTSA bulletin board in the school cafeteria.

Everyone who joins PTSA will receive a coupon pack. Additionally, all students who join PTSA will also be included in monthly drawings throughout the school year. Please return the bottom portion of this form along with the money to join to your students homeroom class. Both individuals and businesses can complete the form below.

Thanks for your support of MRMS PTSA! Any questions regarding membership, please contact Heather Kahmann, VP-Membership, at 808-2132 or email at hkahmann@sbcglobal.net.

MRMS PTSA 2011-2012 MEMBERSHIP FORM

** Payment must accompany Membership Form. Cash and checks payable to MRMS PTSA are accepted. **

Parent Name: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

Address: _____

Parent Email Address: _____ Contact Number: _____

For Individual Memberships (\$7.00 each), please complete the following & circle Parent or Student:

Name on Membership: _____ Parent Student

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For Business Memberships (\$20.00 each), please complete the following:

Business Name: _____ Contact Person: _____

Business Address: _____ Contact Number: _____

** Business memberships, please also attach a business card to be used in the newsletter and directory! **

TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS _____ x \$7.00 = _____

TOTAL NUMBER OF BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS _____ x \$20.00 = _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED = _____

For PTSA Use: Paid with Cash _____ OR Paid with Check _____, Check # _____, Date _____

2011-2012 Reflection Contest Winners

Theme: Diversity Means

Visual Arts - 1st Place - Abbie N. Nicas - 6th Grade
 Visual Arts - 2nd Place - Amanda Collier - 8th Grade
 Visual Arts - 3rd Place - Rushmil Thakker - 6th Grade
 Visual Arts - Honorable Mention - Amanda Collier - 8th Grade
 Visual Arts - Honorable Mention - Hailey Jenkins - 8th Grade
 Photography - 1st Place - Regan Jones - 6th Grade
 Photographpy - 2nd Place - Bailey Righi - 8th Grade
 Photography - 3rd Place - Ashley E. Lickteig - 8th Grade

Literature - 1st Place - Sareen Khakh - 7th Grade
 Literature - 2nd Place - Samantha Morse - 7th Grade
 Film Production - 1st Place - Marissa Wood - 8th Grade
 Musical Composition - 1st Place - Jacob Reynolds - 8th Grade
 Simon Mall \$30 Gift Card Winners: Ashley Lickteig, Rshumil Thakker
 All Moreland Ridge winners will be recognized at the February 7th PTSA Unit Meeting.

Membership

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS - For students who have joined PTSA, the December winners are: Gabrielle Nettles, Alex VanDyke, Joshua Paulsen, Libby Wickham, Micheia Gutierrez, Orion Radford!

These students won MRMS spirit items, AMC movie tickets, or gift cards. Student drawings will continue to be held monthly. We will be drawing for more spirit items, gift cards, or free entry into Friday Fun Night!

MUFFINS AND MUSIC - Congratulations to the following homeroom classes that reached their PTSA Membership Goal of 75% class participation: Mr. Middleton, Mrs. McMullen, Mr. Adams, Mr. Velder, Mrs. Straka, and Ms. Perrin! The Music and Muffins membership celebration took place on December 20th in the cafeteria.

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS NEEDED - Know of a business that may like to join PTSA? Business memberships demonstrate that they value education and the role of PTSA in our community and school!

Please share the membership form included in this newsletter. Business Memberships will receive a certificate and decal they can proudly display in their business.

Check out the businesses on pages 4 and 5 that already support MRMS PTSA!

DON'T FORGET ABOUT COUPONS - Remember, you can turn in your coupon, that you received with your PTSA membership for a free pen or pencil anywhere MRMS spirit items are being sold. Hang on to your Friday Fun Night Coupons. There will be another Friday Fun Night in February!

DO YOU HAVE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD? - If you have not received your PTSA cards please contact Heather Kahmann at hkahmann@sbcglobal.net or at 808-2132.

THANK YOU - I would like to extend a big *thank you* to all the parents, students, family members, staff and businesses that have already joined PTSA this year! MRMS PTSA supports many student activities, programs, school projects, staff recognition, etc. We appreciate all individual and business memberships, and it is never too late to join. We are headed in the right direction with 495 individual memberships and 10 business memberships. Our membership goal for the 2011-2012 year is 575. With your help I know we can meet this goal and exceed it!

Thank you for your continued support of MRMS PTSA!

Heather Kahmann, VP-Membership
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