

# **MOUNT HOLLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

### **DECEMBER 2024**

Dear Mount Holly Families,

Please read the information and items of concern listed below for all parents and guardians. Thank you in advance for your support of these items. Below is Mount Holly's information for December.

- Winter is coming, and cold winter mornings have started. The cold mornings usually result in more students being tardy to school. Let's not let that happen this winter. In November, we had 286 tardies. Please stay in the habit of getting your students to school before the 7:45AM bell (being there before the 7:40AM warning bell is even better). When the 7:45AM bell sounds, the front doors to Mount Holly are locked. At that time, for safety reasons, parents are to walk their child to the front office and sign them in for the day. After ten (10) tardies, we will have a meeting with the parents to see how we can help get the student to school on time. Thank you for all of your support to get all of our Mustang students to school before 7:45AM.
- On cold mornings, the safety patrol and adult morning duty staff will remain inside at the doors to monitor students and traffic.
- Thank you for all the contributions to the Hoodies for Rasheed drive. Your gestures of kindness meant a lot to the family and to the children at Levine Children's Hospital.
- On December 12, 2024 from 10AM – 10PM, we will have a Mount Holly Spirit Night with Panda Express in which 50% of the proceeds will go to support Mount Holly Elementary. You can order online (enter 3831320 in the fundraiser code box) or in-person (show the flyer on your smartphone or hard copy). We hope that you can support our Spirit Night at Panda Express. The flyer is attached to this message and will be posted on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MountHollyMustangs>.

#### **REPEATED INFORMATION**

- Early Dismissal ends at 1:50PM. You will only be able to get your child from school after 1:50PM for a medical appointment and you **must** present the appointment notification when you come to sign out your child.
- It is good when parents can come and have lunch with their child and we have had quite a few parents come to lunch so far this year. When parents come to lunch with their child, parents and the child are invited to the stage for lunch. The student cannot bring a friend/classmate to have lunch with them.
- COVID protocols for Rock Hill Schools has been updated. Please visit the Rock Hill School website and visit the Nursing Services Department link ( <https://www.rock-hill.k12.sc.us/Page/11943> ) to see the latest information on protocols and COVID testing locations.

## **Important Dates for December and January:**

### **December**

- 2-6 Reindeer Den
- 6 Picture Make Up Day
- 10 Winter MAP: Reading
- 10 Chorus Club & 2nd Grade Holiday Traditions Concert at 6:30PM Cafeteria
- 12 Winter MAP: Math
- 12 Panda Express MHES Spirit Night 10AM-10PM
- 13 5th Grade GT Presentation to Parents 8:30AM-9:30AM
- 13 CHMS Music Dept performing for 4th & 5th Grade 1:15PM
- 16 Santa Pictures
- 17 4H Club Afterschool
- 20 Early Dismissal for students at 11:15AM
- 23-27 Winter Break
- 30-31 Winter Break

### **January**

- 1-3 Student Winter Break
- 3 No Student Attendance; Teacher Work Day
- 6 Students Return / First Day of Semester
- 13 Report Cards
- 14 Carrol School - 5th Grade
- 16 Carrol School - 5th Grade
- 17 100th Day of School
- 20 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- 21 4H Club Afterschool
- 21 Carrol School - 5th Grade
- 23 Carrol School - 5th Grade
- 30 Adventure Air Spirit Night 5:30PM - 7:30PM
- 31 Early Dismissal for students at 11:15AM
- 31 January Terrific Kid Ceremony 8:30AM

