**Mount Holly Elementary School**

**Principal’s Message**

**October 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 October.

* During the month of September, we had 303 tardies to school. For the parents who arrive around 7:43AM, I am usually at the door with passes for students whose cars are in line at 7:45AM when the bell rings. My practice of giving out passes has not helped our tardies. I am changing my practice of giving out passes at 7:45AM. Starting on Monday, October 7, 2024, the doors to the school will close at 7:45AM. Parents will be required to walk their child or children to the office and sign them in for the day. We need our students at school and in their classroom at 7:45AM. For the parents who usually arrive at 7:40AM or later, please make a concerted effort to get to school by 7:35AM. Thank you for your support as I make this change.

**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 October and November:**

**October**

2 Spirit Night at Mario’s Pizza

3 4K to Curtin Farms

4 NWHS Give back at 8:30AM for 5th Grade

10 Terrific Kid at 8:30AM (rescheduled from September)

10 Hornets Book Bus 1PM

11 Student and Staff Holiday – No School

14 Teacher Professional Development Day – No School for Students

17 Litter Trashes Everyone Presentation 1P-2P

21-25 Red Ribbon Week

21 Report cards go home

22 BIMAS Screener

25 Fall Pictures

31 Walk at School Day during Specials

**November**

1 Early Dismissal for students at 11:15AM

1 October Terrific Kid Ceremony 8:30AM

5 Election Day- No school for All

6-7 3rd Grade to the Museum of York County

8 Veteran’s Day Celebration

19 4H Club Afterschool

22 November Terrific Kid Ceremony 8:30AM

26 2nd Grade attends Winthrop University Basketball Game

27-29 Thanksgiving Break

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