



# **WELCOME TO MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL**

**INFORMATIONAL NIGHT FOR CAREGIVERS**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2023**

**Be the change  
you want to see  
in the world**



- **DR. JILL PASQUINI-TORCHIA,  
HEAD OF SCHOOL**

- **JUDY AVERILL, PRINCIPAL,  
GRADES PK-2**

- **ANDREA MCCALLUM,  
PRINCIPAL GRADES 3-5**

- **MEREDITH BALISE,  
PRINCIPAL GRADES 6-8**

- **HEATHER DEAN, SOCIAL  
EMOTIONAL LEARNING  
COORDINATOR**

# **Main Office Administrative Assistants:**

**Jennifer Saalfrank, Jessica Keefe, Elementary School Administrative Assistants**

**Sarah Magee, Rose Mason, Middle School Administrative Assistants**

## **School Nurses:**

**Stephanie Saad, R.N., Grades PK-2**

**Lauren Cassidy, R.N., Grades 3-5**

**Kara Bachand, R.N., Grades 6-8**



**Contact us:**

**Mountain View Elementary  
School-413-529-1545**

**Mountain View Middle  
School-413-529-1530**

**Email: first initial, last  
name @epsd.us**



## **Hours of Operation:**

**Elementary School 8:45-3:10**

**Middle School 8:10-2:35**



TO REPORT YOUR CHILD ABSENT, PLEASE  
CALL THE SCHOOL.

YOU WILL BE CONTACTED BY THE SCHOOL IF  
YOUR CHILD IS NOT IN ATTENDANCE AND A  
PHONE CALL HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED.  
REASON FOR THE ABSENCE.

- **EXCUSED**: STUDENT BRINGS A NOTE FROM  
PHYSICIAN
- **ABSENT**: PARENT / GUARDIAN HAS  
NOTIFIED THE SCHOOL TO REPORT THE  
ABSENCE
- **UNEXCUSED**: PARENT / GUARDIAN HAS  
NOT NOTIFIED THE SCHOOL TO REPORT THE  
ABSENCE AND THE STUDENT DOES NOT  
BRING A NOTE FROM PHYSICIAN

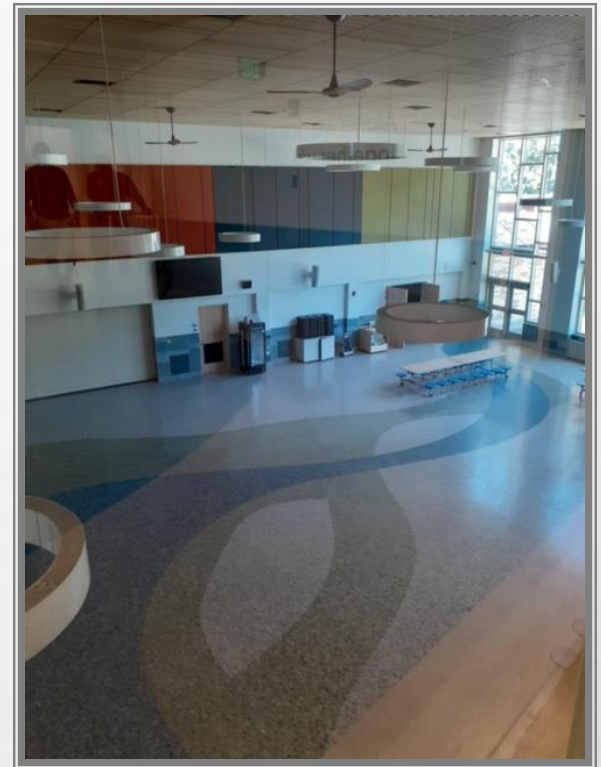


# **IMPORTANT DATES**

- **Thursday, August 31, 2023, is the first day of school for students in grades 1-8.**
- **Kindergarten screenings will take place on August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup>.**
- **Kindergarten and preschool students begin school with a full day on Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Mountain View Open House: Grades PK-2, 9/21 5:00-6:30, Grades 3-5 9/21 6:30-8:00, Grades 6-8 9/20 6:00-7:30**
- **Picture Day is September 27<sup>th</sup>.**

# FOOD SERVICE

- **MEALS WILL BE UNIVERSALLY FREE FOR STUDENTS IN MA FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR.**
- ***EVEN THOUGH MEALS WILL BE FREE FOR ALL, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR ALL FAMILIES TO STILL COMPLETE THE HOUSEHOLD APPLICATION FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS.***
- THE FREE AND REDUCED PRICE APPLICATION WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE P-EBT BENEFITS ELIGIBILITY, AS WELL AS ELIGIBILITY FOR WAIVERS OF CERTAIN FEES (BUS PASSES, ETC.)
- THESE DOCUMENTS ARE ON THE EPSD WEBSITE AND WILL BE SENT TO YOU FOR DISTRIBUTION TO FAMILIES AT THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.





# **TRANSPORTATION FEE SCHEDULE**

- **K-5 MORE THAN 2 MILES FROM MVS – FREE**
- **K-5 1.5-1.99 MILES FROM MVS – PAY FEE**
- **K-5 LESS THAN 1.5 MILES FROM MVS – PAY FEE AS “FILL THE BUS” SEATS ARE MADE AVAILABLE**
- **GR. 6 MORE THAN 2 MILES FROM MVS – FREE**
- **GR. 6 LESS THAN 2 MILES FROM MVS – PAY FEE AS “FILL THE BUS” SEATS ARE MADE AVAILABLE**

# TRANSPORTATION FEES

- **1 CHILD – FULL YEAR - \$300; 1 SEMESTER - \$150**
- **2 CHILDREN – FULL YEAR - \$500; 1 SEMESTER - \$250**
- **3 OR MORE CHILDREN – FULL YEAR - \$600; 1 SEMESTER - \$300**



## **Morning Drop off Elementary**

- **Student drop off begins at 8:30 as this is when adult supervision begins. Students should not arrive before 8:30. Cars will not be allowed into the loading zone before 8:30.**
- **Students must arrive by 8:45, so they are not marked tardy.**
- **There will be staff to greet students each morning beginning at 8:30. Mountain View drop off will take place in the car drop off lane by the elementary entrance to the school. \* If you wish to walk your child to their line, please park your car in a designated parking spot and walk your child to their teacher.**

## **Afternoon Pick Up Elementary**

- **You received pick up cards for your child with your back to school mailing.**
- **Please bring the card with you when you pick up your child at dismissal so that we can pair your child with the correct individual picking up.**
- **Mountain View pick ups will occur at the elementary entrance to the school. All caregivers must park their cars and report to the location where their child dismisses. Each classroom teacher will be holding a sign by homeroom.**
- **If your child rides the bus, feel free to recycle the cards.**

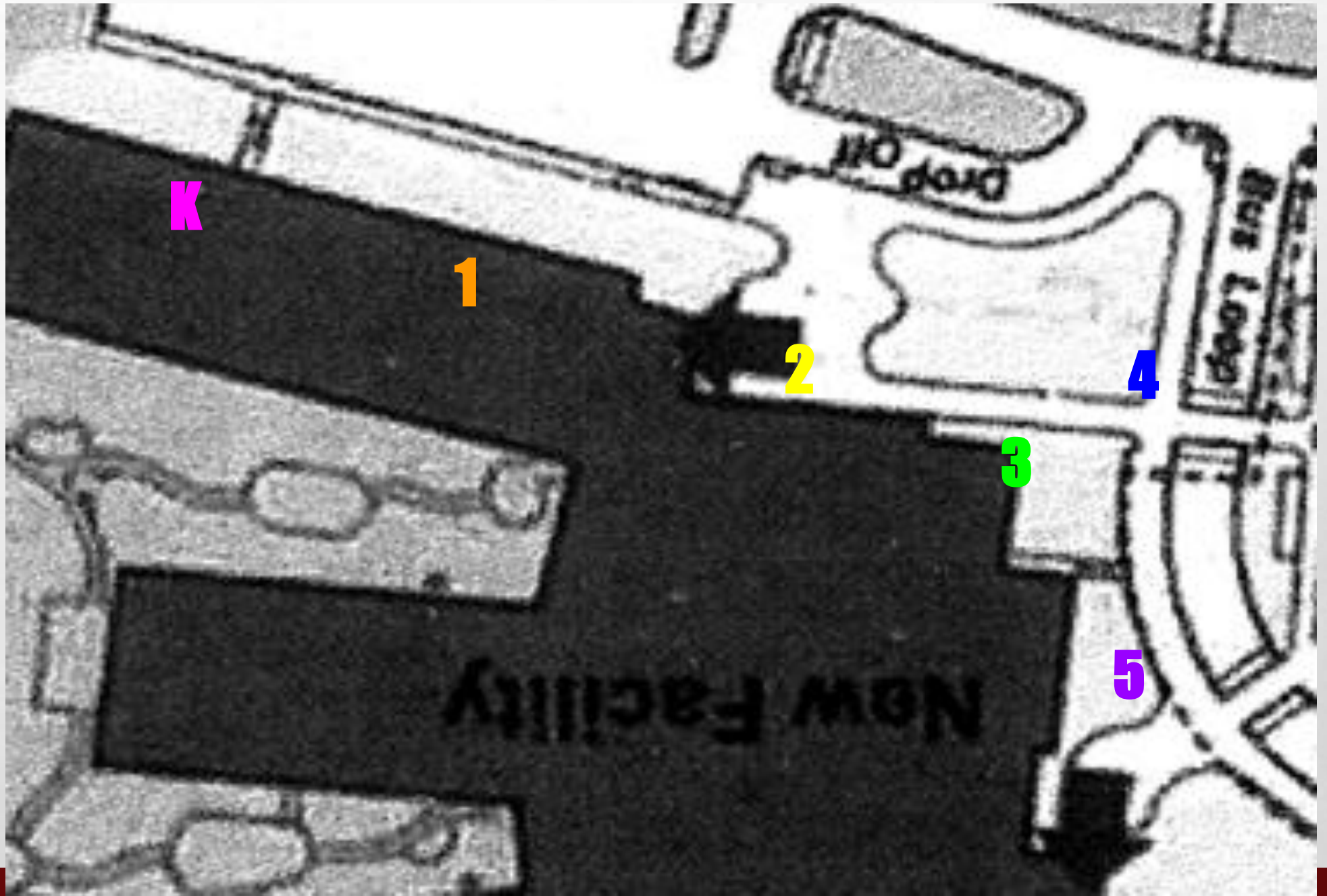
### **Morning Drop off Middle School**

- Students should not arrive before 7:55. Students must arrive by 8:10, so they are not marked tardy.
- There will be staff to greet students each morning beginning at 7:55 and students will report directly to their homeroom.
- Middle School drop off will take place in the car drop off lane by the middle school entrance to the school.

### **Afternoon Pick Up Middle School**

- Middle School students will exit Mountain View at 2:35 through the middle school exit.





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New Facility

Drop Off

Bus Loop

## Specials Grades K-5

- Art
- Music
- Physical Education
- Library
- STEAM (Grades 1, 3, 4)
- Health (Grade 5)



## Specials Grades 6-8

- Art
- Music
- Physical Education
- Library (Grades 6-7)
- Health
- STEAM (Grade 8)



***\*Specials will change daily throughout the year. Students will need a change of clothing for physical education on their PE day.***

- **As parents and caregivers, you are your child's first and most important teachers, and play a vital role in their social, emotional, and academic development. Your child's classroom teachers and the staff at MVS are here to support you in this, and the Second Step program is one of the tools they use.**
- **The Second Step® program helps make social-emotional learning (SEL) part of children's daily lives, in and outside the classroom. When implemented holistically, it creates positive systemic change that builds safe learning environments and addresses the needs of children, educators, and communities.**
- **Second Step programs combine discussions with fun activities and family resources. The programs help children learn social-emotional skills such as responsible decision-making, working together to solve problems, managing strong emotions, and getting along with others. These skills can help children succeed academically and socially.**



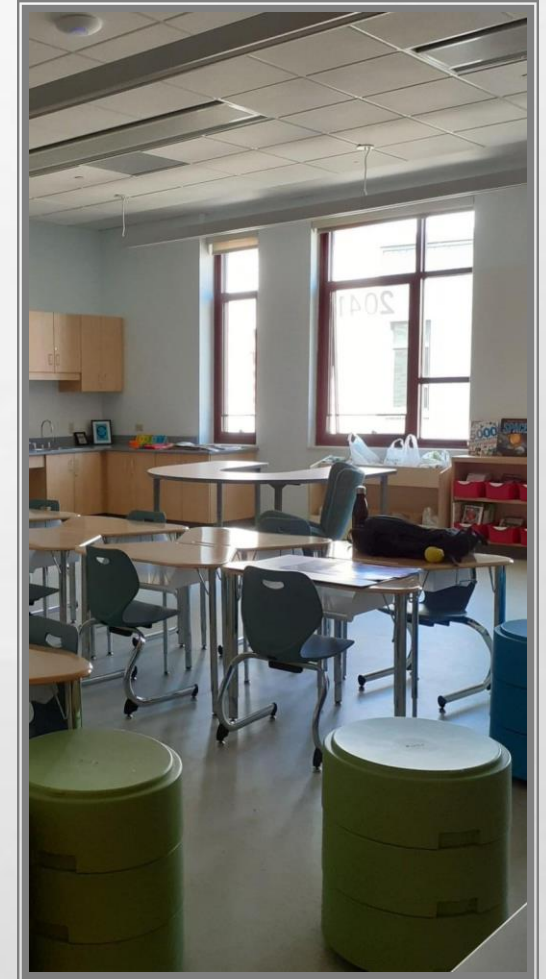


# Student Supplies

For **Grades PK-5**: Some suggestions include a child-sized backpack, sharpened pencils with erasers, pencil top erasers, a small box of crayons, child-safe scissors, a pencil sharpener, a small soft pencil case, over-the-ear headphones, and a water bottle.

For **Grade 6**: 1.5 inch binder with six subject dividers, 6 different color pocket folders, pencils with erasers, small soft pencil case, 1 blue pen, 1 black pen, 1 red pen, highlighters (2-3 different colors), over-the-ear headphones.

For **Grades 7-8**: Either 1 large 3-ring binder with five subject dividers OR 5, 1.5 in binders, 2 folders, 2 composition books (wide or narrow ruled), scientific calculator, white lined paper, pencils with erasers, pens, highlighters, small soft pencil case, basic protractor.





# **WHAT DO STUDENTS NEED EACH DAY?**

## **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:**

- **STUDENTS SHOULD BE SENT TO SCHOOL EACH DAY WITH A BACKPACK, A FILLED WATER BOTTLE, AN EASY-TO-EAT SNACK, AN EXTRA SET OF CLOTHES, AND COMFORTABLE SHOES.**
- **FREE BREAKFAST IS AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS FROM 8:30-8:45 EVERY DAY. STUDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO EAT BREAKFAST AT SCHOOL AND MAY EAT BREAKFAST BEFORE THEY ARRIVE.**

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL:**

- **STUDENTS SHOULD BE SENT TO SCHOOL EACH DAY WITH A BACKPACK THAT FITS INSIDE A LOCKER, A FILLED WATER BOTTLE, AND COMFORTABLE SHOES.**
- **FREE BREAKFAST IS AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS FROM 7:55-8:10 EVERY DAY. STUDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO EAT BREAKFAST AT SCHOOL AND MAY EAT BREAKFAST BEFORE THEY ARRIVE.**

**\*FREE LUNCH IS ALSO AVAILABLE TO ALL STUDENTS OR STUDENTS MAY BRING LUNCH FROM HOME.**

# Cell Phones

- *Cell phones must be turned off and in backpacks and/or lockers during school hours. Students should not have their cell phones on their person at any time in the building.*
- If a cell phone is activated (incoming call/text or in use by internet, etc.) then the phone will be collected, and sent to the office.
- On the first offense, the student may pick up the cell phone from the office at the end of the school day.
- If there is a second offense, then the parent/guardian may need to pick up the student's cell phone from the office and the student will receive consequences.
- Any future cell phone violations will result in parent/guardian and administration conferences with further consequences. Cell phones will not be returned until the conference is held.  
**Filming or recording at school or on buses is strictly prohibited.**
- The school is not responsible for lost or broken cell phones.



# LOST AND FOUND



- **LOST AND FOUND BOXES WILL BE HOUSED IN EACH CAFETERIA.**
- **DURING THE LAST WEEK OF EACH MONTH, WE WILL POST PICTURES OF MVS LOST AND FOUND ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.**
- **UNCLAIMED ITEMS WILL BE DONATED TO THE EASTHAMPTON COMMUNITY CENTER AT THE END OF EACH MONTH.**

# Before and After School Programs

- EASI-32 week after school program, 3, 4, or 5 days until 5:30, project-based enrichment learning activities

Contact: [rbooxbaum@collaborative.org](mailto:rbooxbaum@collaborative.org) for Grades 1-2  
[mlevy@collaborative.org](mailto:mlevy@collaborative.org) for Grades 3-5

- Champions Before and After School Childcare, 5 days, vacations, 7:00 a.m.-6:00

Contact: [ch001166@discoverchampions.com](mailto:ch001166@discoverchampions.com)

Phone: 413-883-8558

- Bus Transportation to and from Young World and Our Lady Childcare Centers

\*\*Fees may apply and transportation is subject to space on the bus through the 'fill the bus' program.





The background of the image is a dense, out-of-focus pile of light-colored wooden blocks and letters. A semi-transparent red banner is positioned diagonally across the lower half of the image. On this banner, the word "QUESTIONS?" is written in a large, bold, white, sans-serif font. Below the text, there is a small, dark red, five-pointed star icon.

**QUESTIONS?**

