



HUSKY Report

April
"2007"

Welcome from the MRMS Principal

Moreland Ridge Middle School

Greetings,

We are in the home stretch! The last grading period is underway, MAP testing is complete, and hopefully the cold and wet weather is behind us for good. Thank you for your assistance to prepare your student to perform his/her best on MAP. From all indications, the students attended well (97%), came rested from a good night's sleep, ate breakfast, and tried their best. You can't ask for more than that.

During the remainder of the school year and into the summer, Moreland Ridge Middle School, along with the entire district, will receive new lights, water fixtures, and heating and cooling upgrades. This will not interfere with students, as the work will be completed over the weekends and at nights. However, it will positively affect their learning and physical environment. Through the implementation of "smart" technologies and a comprehensive energy reduction program, the work accomplished across the school district through this project will:

Save 6 million gallons of water per year, enough water to supply 164 homes.

Save 7,518,218 kilowatt hours of electricity per year.

Save 14,462,000 cubic feet of natural gas per year.

Reduce the amount of CO₂ exhausted into the atmosphere by 9,204 tons per year, the equivalent to taking 1,592 cars off the road per year.

MRMS has recycled paper for several years. During this current school year, a total of 96.7 square yards of landfill space have been saved by recycling paper. If you would like to recycle your paper with us, you can find the bins on the east side of the building.



Our student council also collects and recycles used printer ink cartridges. All proceeds earned are placed in a student activity account. During the course of this year, Office Depot and Target have contributed over \$300 to MRMS because patrons have purchased items at these stores and designated MRMS as the recipient of these school programs. Your students benefit through these programs as teachers enhance their instructional supplies with these funds.

June 1 is the last day of school (a half-day for students). As it approaches, keeping students focused on school becomes more difficult. Parents can help by asking their student more questions about school. Often open-ended questions such as, "Tell me about the novel you are reading in communication arts," as opposed to, "Did you do anything in school today?" help emphasize the importance of school all year long. In addition, students will recognize that you still expect them to do their best until the last day of school.

Another topic associated with spring is the reminder of the school dress code policy. Our students have followed the dress code very well this year, but spring sometimes presents new challenges. We ask that you review the policy with your child as it is explained in the school handbook. If you don't have a copy, you may view it online at www.bluesprings-schools.net by clicking Moreland Ridge and then Student Handbook. Cell phones, iPods and other various electronic devices are starting to become more prevalent at school. Students know that these items should be left at home.

If brought to school, all electronic items must be turned off and stored in lockers. Also, the use of these items is not permitted on the bus to or from school. Possible consequences for not following this policy are confiscation of the item, in-school detention, and/or suspension of bus privileges.

Since this is the final Husky Report for the 2006-2007 school year, I would like to thank our wonderful PTSA for all they do on our students' behalf. Thanks also go out to all of the parents for allowing us to work with their students this year. It has been a memorable year, and I look forward to next year. For our eighth graders who are leaving us after this school year, best of luck as you enter high school.

Mr. Kevin R. Grover
Principal

From the President~Kristi Bates

It seems as if "spring has sprung" and then winter reached out as if to say "I'm not through yet!" I look at our blossoming trees and the lilac bushes that FINALLY all bloomed this year, only to see them turn a wilted brown, unable to resist the cold wintry air. Like "old man winter" resisting the change to spring, I find myself resisting some changes in this season of my life. Part of me wants to hold on to the comfort that I feel having a middle-schooler, for I have twice before experienced the weaning of their dependency on me. The realistic part of me acknowledges that it is a natural progression of life, to become more independent, to blossom on their own. I am caused to realize that we need to embrace change when the proper time comes. Let's face it- spring is officially here, whether it *feels like it or not!* So let's embrace those changes, and **LET THE FLOWERS BLOOM!**



Calendar of Events

APRIL

16 th -20 th	Cafeteria/Custodian Worker Week
21 st	8 th Grade Band to Worlds of Fun Festival
23 rd	Vocal Music Concert/PTSA mtg. 6:45 p.m. (6 th /8 th /Honor Choir)
24 th	8 th Band Concert @ BSSHS 7:00 p.m. Variety Show Auditions
25 th	8 th Grade <i>Career Day</i> Variety Show Auditions
26 th	Job Shadow Day
27 th	Civil War Day (8 th Grade) Variety Show Auditions
30 th	BS Middle School Relays-Track (@BSHS) NJHS School Supply Drive

MAY

1 st - 4 th	NJHS School Supply Drive
3 rd	Cookie Dough Pick-Up 2:45-7:00 p.m.
7 th	Student-Led Conferences (6 th Grade)
8 th	Student-Led Conferences (6 th Grade)
9 th	7 th Grade Mixer (during school)
10 th	Student-Led Conferences (6 th Grade) 6 th Grade Mixer (during school)
11 th	NJHS Induction Ceremony 1:30
12 th	Vocal Music to Worlds of Fun Festival
14 th	Show Choir Concert/ Fine Arts Evening 7:00 p.m.
14 th -18 th	Iditarod Days Week
21 st -24 th	MRMS Boys & Girls Basketball Camps 3:00-5:00 p.m.
23 rd	Book Fair "Family Night"
24 th	8 th Grade Mixer 7:00-9:00 p.m.
25 th	8 th Grade Field Trip

PTSA 2007-2008

New

Executive Board Members

President:	Jennifer Casey
1st Vice Membership:	Nancy Mickelson
2nd Vice Way & means:	Lisa Anderson/Linboom
3rd Vice Programs:	Sandra Trader
Treasurer:	Laura Dodson

Did You Know...

National PTA and Barnesandnoble.com have developed a discounted online bookstore for PTA members featuring over one million titles of books, textbooks, audio books, CDs, DVDs, and videos. You will save 5 percent on all purchases ordered from this site in addition to any normal site discounts of up to 40 percent. New titles and special discounts will be featured periodically.

Don't forget to visit the MRMS PTSA website which can be accessed at www.bluesprings-schools.net. Once on the district website, click on PTA, then Middle School, and then MRMS. Our website will be updated on a regular basis, so CHECK IT OUT!

"My Favorite Place

STATE REFLECTIONS

2006-2007

Winners

Musical Composition

1st Place: Brady Anderson

Photograph

2nd Place: Jenna Warmund

Honorable Mention: Joshua Davidson

Literature

2nd Place: Emily Royer

3rd Place: Elizabeth Myrick

GREAT JOB to our students for outstanding work! Each of the students will be invited to the Reflections Showcase on Saturday April 28th at (Clarion Hotel Sports Complex) for recognition from Missouri PTA during our Leadership Conference. Brady Anderson— because Brady was 1st place at state his entry has now gone on to be judged at the National Level.

OUTSTANDING!