

MAY 2025 Newsletter

Important Dates

May 2: District In-Service

- No school
- No Extended Care

May 16: Street Law - Mock Trial

- Begins at 9:00am in the gym
- Middle School families are invited

May 5 - 9: Staff Appreciation

May 19, 20, 21, 22: Water Days!

Watch for your teachers email regarding volunteer sign-ups and specifics

May 23: Kindergarten & 8th grade graduation

- Begins at 9:30
- Middle School in gym
- Kindergarten- In their classrooms

May 23: Last Day of School

- Early Release @ 11:30am
- No Extended Care

Date June 2 - July 25: Summer Program

- Sign up - <https://pdf.ac/2Y8DC1>

Staff Appreciation Week

[MDS Volunteer Sign-Ups.xlsx](#)

Monday 5 - Staff Breakfast!

Tuesday 6 - Bring your teacher their favorite flower, real or handmade! A thank you for helping me grow!

Wednesday 7 - Spoil Your Teacher Day
Bring a favorite treat, do an extra chore, make their lives easier!

Thursday 8 - Write a '**THANK YOU**' note reminding your teachers just how special they are!

Friday 9 - Lunch will be catered by the Parent Committee!

Upcoming Events

Staff Appreciation

We love the staff at MDS! They are with our kids all day every day, ensuring a beautiful and nurturing environment to learn and grow! Now is the time to make sure they know just how appreciated they are!

Mock Trial

Middle school families are invited to join us for the mock trial. Please plan to arrive by 8:45, as we will need to get started promptly at 9:00 to ensure that the trial and jury deliberations will be complete before lunch. If you are unable to attend in person join us via live-stream on the MDS [Facebook](#) page.

Water Days!

Join us as a volunteer as the students enjoy a variety of water activities. Teachers will be sending emails for volunteer sign-ups and snack donations!

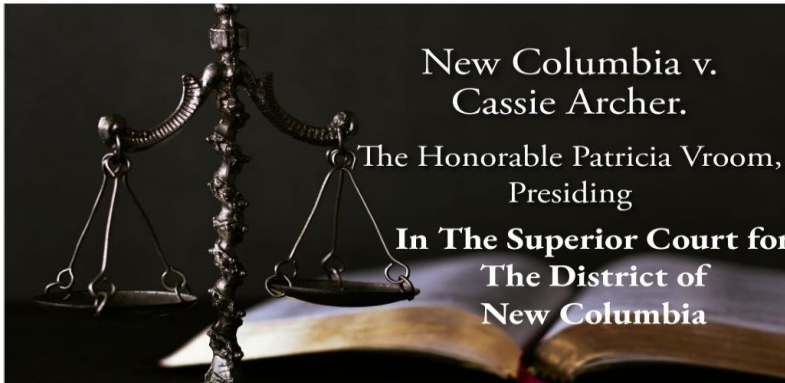
8th Grade Graduation

MDS celebrates its graduates with a special graduation ceremony at the end of the school year, recognizing their accomplishments and hard work throughout their time here at the school. The ceremony takes place in a festive atmosphere, with proud family members and friends in attendance. During the ceremony, graduates receive their diplomas and are recognized for their individual achievements. The school community gathers to celebrate the accomplishments of these students, wishing them well as they move on to the next phase of their educational journey. The graduation ceremony is a momentous occasion for both the graduates and the MDS community.

SPRING FLING



Our Spring Fling was a great success! Many thanks to our music teacher Mr. Murphy for putting together a spectacular production and Leyla Forrest for volunteering as our DJ. As well as a heartfelt thank you to all of our students and families who volunteered their time and energy organizing and volunteering with cookies & refreshments, Uniform Swap and Bookfair! We are so glad to have been able to share such a lovely evening with our community.



New Columbia v.
Cassie Archer.

The Honorable Patricia Vroom,
Presiding

In The Superior Court for
The District of
New Columbia

Mock Trial

To be held May 16th at 9:00 a.m.

The Middle School Street Law Team is proud to present its annual Mock Trial! It will be held on Friday, May 16th at 9:00 a.m. in the school gym. Parents and other family members of the participants are welcome to attend. They should arrive by 8:45, so they can be seated in time for a prompt start to the trial.

This year's trial is a criminal case: *New Columbia v. Cassie Archer*. The defendant, the President of the Phi Gamma Fraternity at Columbus University, is charged with **Second Degree Murder** and **Criminal Hazing** for her role in a fraternity pledging incident that ended in the death of a pledge during "Hell Week."

The Street Law students have been working very hard all semester, preparing for the trial. We think you'll be impressed!

Book Fair



What an amazing turn-out at the Spring Bookfair! Our community clearly loves literacy! All purchases benefit our school by earning rewards for all kinds of educational resources and most importantly connect kids with books! We are especially thankful for our parent and student volunteers who make this happen, there would be no bookfair without you!

Food Drive

Congratulations to the winning class JEIII who collected 180 food items! In appreciation, the food bank bought pizza for their efforts!

A big shout out to our JEII class who was the 2nd runner collecting 136 items! Overall, an outstanding effort by staff, students and parents! Thank you so much!



Jackalope Winner

Congratulations to our winner Amzie Cox! She was our lucky winner in getting the mama Jackalope, her babies, plus one of our brand-new water bottles with the school's name and Jackalope. We collected \$288, the winner would take \$144. She donated back to for our Staff Luncheon! Thank you for your generosity!

Summer FUN 2025

We are very pleased to announce that this year we will be offering a Summer Program. There will be four two-week sessions. Each week has a new and exciting theme to learn about while keeping our academics sharp with hands on materials, engaging games and books. The enrollment form can be found on our website. Spots are limited so sign up today!

SESSION I: Dive into the Deep!

Get ready to make a splash as we dive into the wonders of the deep blue sea! From playful dolphins to mysterious deep-sea creatures, you'll uncover the secrets of the ocean and the amazing animals that call it home. Create your own underwater creature and even learn how to "speak whale!" With hands-on projects we will have a tidal wave of adventure. This session is perfect for young marine biologists in the making. So, grab your snorkel and set sail for a fantastic session!

SESSION II: Unearth the Prehistoric Past!

Get ready for a ROAR-some adventure at MDS, where we will dig deep into the world of dinosaurs! Travel back in time to when T. rex ruled the land, Velociraptors prowled the plains, and Triceratops clashed horns in epic showdowns. You'll become a junior paleontologist as you excavate fossils, decode dino footprints, and even create your own Jurassic-inspired creatures! With hands-on activities and thrilling educational videos, this session will be larger than life. So, grab your explorer's hat and get ready for a prehistoric journey you'll never forget!

SESSION III: Scales, Tails, and Adventure!

Slither, crawl, and snap into action in our Radical Reptiles session, where we will dive into the wild world of lizards, snakes, turtles, and more! Get up close with real-life reptiles, uncover their amazing superpowers (like color-changing skin and lightning-fast strikes). From hands-on encounters to reptile-inspired crafts, this session is packed with slithering, scaly fun. So shed your fears and get ready for a summer of cold-blooded adventure!

SESSION IV: Unleash Your Inner Artist!

Grab your paintbrushes, stretch your imagination, and get ready for a summer bursting with color! From painting to doodling, you'll explore all kinds of creative techniques while letting your artistic side shine. Get inspired by nature, music, and even a little messy fun as you splatter, and sketch your way through the ultimate art adventure. This session is your chance to create masterpieces and make memories. Let's make the world a more colorful place!

Half Day: 9am-12pm

\$400/2 weeks

Full Day: 9am-3pm

\$475/2 weeks

Extended Day: 7am-5:00pm

\$550/2 weeks

Peg's Corner

We're approaching the end of MDS' and what a magnificent year it's continuing to be! After a frolicking Spring Fling, including a rollicking "*Music Through the Decades*," we're anticipating more end-of year fun, leading to Graduation Days on 5/23.

Hats off to our faithful PAC parents for their dedicated planning and coordinating work, along with thanks to every community member – families, staff and friends – for creating the most lively, convivial, vibrant and fruitful year yet! A COOL summer to all, with anticipation for seeing familiar Faces in it and in the year of adventure to come!



Peace and all good to all.