Hello, Mountain View families!

Maintaining a safe learning environment is one of our highest priorities. Our school and the school district regularly plan and practice various responses to emergency situations. This letter serves to inform you of some of the procedures we will follow to protect our students during an emergency.

What happens during an emergency? School administrators, along with support from district office and city/county agencies, will evaluate the incident and initiate the appropriate response to either evacuate outside or away from buildings, or secure the campus in a lockdown, modified lockdown, or shelter in place. School personnel works closely with public safety officials during emergencies.

Students may be kept on campus. In the event of a hazard or other immediate danger to health and safety outside of the school, public safety officials may direct the school to keep students on campus, even after school hours, until it is safe enough for the all-clear signal to be given.
- If such an emergency occurs and when the all-clear is given, the school will begin a controlled release dismissal, in which students will be released only to an adult who has been identified as a parent, guardian or emergency contact. Please keep your emergency contacts updated through Parent Portal.
- The school district is prepared to provide food, water and the medications listed on your child's Medication Administration Release form to your child if we are directed to hold students on campus.

Students may be relocated off campus. An emergency situation may require students to be relocated to a location different from their home school. Our district high schools will serve as relocation sites for all K-8 schools. Updated information sent by telephone auto dialer, email and text messaging will provide parents with the off-site reunification details.

What to do if your child is kept on campus during an emergency.
1. To keep phone lines free for emergency use, PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL. We understand and respect your concern for your child, yet it is essential that the telephone system be available for emergency communications. Additionally, if our school is in lockdown, staff members will NOT be available to answer the phone as they will be working to protect your children and themselves from any danger. The district will keep parents informed and updated regarding specific school responses through phone calls and emails during an emergency situation. Information and updates will also be shared via www.dysart.org and social media on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram on @DysartUSD.
2. Do not come to the school unless instructed to do so. We realize how difficult it will be for you to keep your distance from the school, but this will be crucial to keep the surrounding streets and parking lots clear for any necessary emergency vehicles.
3. If you speak with or text your child, please remind them that it is important to follow the directions of their teachers and public safety officials. Dysart works hard to keep diligent safety protocols in place and appreciates your cooperation and support. If you have questions about this letter or aspects of the school’s safety procedures, please contact us.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Sartor
Principal and Assistant Principal

Upcoming Dates

10/4 - Monday early release, 1:45
10/11 - Monday early release, 1:45
10/12 - Picture Retakes Day! 9-1:30
10/12 - PTA General Meeting
10/13 - Governing Board Meeting, 6pm
10/14-10/15 - Early release 1:45pm for Parent Teacher Conferences
10/14 - Parent Teacher Conferences evening
10/18-10/22 - School closed for fall break
10/25 - Monday early release, 1:45
10/26 - MVS Site Council, 4:15pm
10/29 - PTA Fall Carnival

Call the Attendance Line if your child will be absent!

623-876-7453
Available 24/7

Middle School A & B Days
Every Tuesday and Thursday is an “A” Day. Every Wednesday and Friday is a “B” day. Mondays are:
10/4 - B day 10/11 - A day
10/18 - Fall Break 10/25 - B day

Student Arrival Reminders
Please remember: Students are not allowed on campus prior to 8:40a.m. unless they are scheduled to be here for an extracurricular activity or tutoring. There is NO supervision outside before 8:40a.m.

Please remind students not to ride bikes, scooters, or skateboards on school grounds. Advise students not to throw, toss, or bounce balls before or after school in front of the building. This can be a danger as other students and families are close by, and cars are in the drive. As stated in the Student Parent Handbook, bikes, scooters, and skateboards must be walked in crosswalks and on school grounds.

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Safety Reminders

If your student rides a bike or scooter, please have your student bring a bike lock/u-lock to lock up each day. We want to ensure that all students’ bikes and scooters are secure!

Please remind your students that they should not be arriving to campus prior to 8:40 a.m. unless they are here for an extracurricular activity or tutoring.

If the activity or tutoring begins prior to 8:00 a.m., please wait outside and the teacher is responsible for coming to the front door and letting the students inside. If the activity begins at or after 8:00 a.m., please wait until the front office opens at 8:00 and either the teacher will come down or the office will send the students to the classroom.

Office Reminders

Photo ID Required for Student Pickup
Please remember that a current photo ID is required to pick up a student, visit a classroom or cafeteria, or volunteer. Please always have a photo ID with you when you come to our campus. Please remind all emergency contacts to have their photo ID if they are picking up your child from MVS.

Parent Portal
We strongly encourage all of our parents to create their parent portal account at the start of the year. You will need to use whichever email address is currently on file for you to create your account. Once created, you will have access to your child’s attendance record, current grades, and links to pay online for field trips, athletics, device protection fees, etc. Each parent can have their own account and can see all of their children from one account.

New State Regulations regarding Excused Absences
In Arizona Revised Statute 15-901(A)(2), the Arizona Department of Education has defined excused absences as:

- Illness
- Doctor/Medical Appointment
- Bereavement
- Family Emergency
- Suspensions
- Family Vacation (Principal approved)

When calling the attendance line, please make sure you are clear as to the reason for your child’s absence. If the parent or guardian does not indicate one of these absences, the absence will not be excused.

MVS Social Worker
If you need to get in touch with Ms. Julie, our social worker, she can be reached at Julie.Phan@dysart.org. Check out her website for great resources!

Picture Retake Day, October 12th!
If your student was not here on fall picture day, or if you would like your child to take a new photo, retake day will be on October 12th. Teachers will send students to get their pictures taken on this schedule:

9:00-9:45 - Morning Preschool and Kindergarten
9:45-10:15 - 1st grade
10:15-10:45 - 2nd grade
10:45-11:15 - 3rd grade
11:15-11:45 - 4th grade
11:45-12:15 - 5th grade
12:15-12:45 - 6th grade
12:45-1:15 - 7th and 8th grade
1:15-1:30 - Afternoon Preschool

Parent Teacher Conferences Week 10/11-10-14
Remember that Parent-Teacher Conferences are held the week of October 11th. Please reach out to your student's teachers to schedule your time slot!
Free & Reduced Lunch Applications
While the federal school lunch program has extended free breakfast and lunch to all students for the 2021-2022 school year, if any parent would like to complete an application for Free & Reduced Lunch, the application can be found online at Schoolcafe.com.

Work for Absent Students
If your child is absent and you would like to request that teachers prepare homework to send home, please contact the teacher directly via phone or email. Please do not leave the request for work on the attendance line, as the office may not have the opportunity to contact each teacher.

Contact Teachers
If you need to contact your child's teacher, you can find their email on the “Teacher Pages” link on the MVS website. You may also call the front office to be transferred to their classroom before or after school. Once students arrive at 8:40 a.m., all phone calls will be transferred to the teacher's voicemail. If you wish to meet with your child’s teacher, please make an appointment with them beforehand.

MVS PTA
Kona Ice is coming Oct 15th, 1:45-2:30, and Oct 29th, 3:15-4:40p.m. at the park.

PTA is selling new spirit gear! Check out the new designs at www.SpiritGearDirect.com/Shop

Come to the PTA Fall Carnival on Friday, October 29th! Look out for more information after fall break!

Today, PTA's role is more important than ever in connecting parents, teachers and administrators, and supporting critical school needs. We want every family in our schools to join PTA, because we can do more together than apart. To become a member of our award winning PTA today, visit us at MVSPTA.com or contact us at mountainviewschoolpta@gmail.com

Arizona Tax Credit Contributions
Did you know that all of the extra-curricular activities that MVS holds for our students are paid for from Arizona Tax Credit donations? Our athletics, fine arts, tutoring, and STEAM activities are possible only through the tax-credit donations of our community members.

What types of things are Tax Credit funds used for?
Great question! Tax credit money can be used to pay for:
- Stipends for teachers who sponsor activities and clubs
- Supplies and equipment for extra-curricular activities
- Registration fees for participation in societies (National Junior Honor Society), for competitions (like the Spelling Bee or History Day competition), or to attend conferences.
- Athletic uniforms and equipment for middle school sports
- Activities or presentations to reinforce the application of character traits to include PBIS or Character Education programs

At MVS, we have a host of clubs and activities for students to choose from, and they all depend on tax credit donations to run each year!

Per Arizona state law, married couples filing jointly may donate up to $400 per year; individuals may donate up to $200 per year. This tax credit is available to all who reside in Arizona and have a tax liability at least equal to that of their donation. (Tax credits are not available for businesses.) You can receive a dollar-for-dollar state tax credit. You can select a category to support and 100% of your donation will go to the activity and school of your choice. You do not have to be a parent of a child enrolled at a Dysart school to benefit from this law. Donations can fall under four categories:
- 5500 - School May Designate
- 5501 - Athletics
- 5502 - Fine Arts
- 5505 - Enrichment

You can make a tax credit contribution online or you can complete a tax credit contribution form and bring your payment to a Dysart school or mail the form and your check to:

Dysart Unified School District No. 89
Attn: Tax Credit Program
15802 North Parkview Place
Surprise, AZ 85374