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Hello, Parents! The countdown is on for fall break, but we are plugging away until the last minute. Here are a few updates for you this week:

Spirit Wear: spirit wear is going on from Student Council and will end Oct. 4th. They can get forms from the www.mjtimes.org site under bear wear.

Journalism: Speaking of mjtimes.org, make sure you check the site out for all student and school news. After fall break, my weekly updates will be located there as well!

Yearbooks: Yearbooks are on sale for 37.00 until Oct.21st then they go up to \$40.00. There is a link to buy them on the website as well. It is www.yearbookforever.com

Parent PD: Did you know we have already had Math Night, Tech Night, and Suicide Prevention Night for parents? The next event is Community STEM Night, and we encourage you to take advantage of this family activity!



The poster for Community STEM Night is designed as a puzzle. The top section, on a yellow background, features the title "Community STEM Night" in bold black letters, with the date "Thursday, October 24, 2019" and time "5:30 - 7:30pm at the ATC" below it. A red puzzle piece on the left contains a molecular structure, and a yellow puzzle piece on the right contains gears. The middle section, on a white background, says "YOU ARE INVITED... to join us for an exciting evening of STEM exploration!" and provides details about a Design Challenge, an author visit by Jeffrey Bennett, and K-12 STEM stations. The bottom section, on a yellow background, lists contact information for Kristi Dragan and Jill Gilbert. On the right side, a grey box titled "Interactive STEM Stations:" lists seven participating schools and their activities, such as exploring NASA rovers, coding robots, and virtual reality experiences.

Community STEM Night
Thursday, October 24, 2019
5:30 - 7:30pm at the ATC

YOU ARE INVITED...
to join us for an exciting evening of STEM exploration!

Check out Wilson County School's new Imagination Station STEM bus. Our students are working on a Design Challenge to transform the interior (happening this Spring)

Author of *Max Goes to Mars* & *Max Goes to the International Space Station*, **Jeffrey Bennett** will be here to autograph books & share "Global Warming Demystified" (6:30pm, auditorium)

We'll also have several K-12 STEM Stations for you to engage with some challenging & fun problem solving activities.

For Questions OR to Set up a table, contact:

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Interactive STEM Stations:

- 1. MJHS Technology Club (Mr. Brindos)**
→ Explore NASA Rover & Items from STEM Courses
- 2. West Elementary (Jennifer Crockett)**
→ Code, Go Robot Mouse, & Dash Robots
- 3. Zspace (Greg Johnson)**
→ zspace units for hands-on virtual reality experience
- 4. Gladeville Middle School (STEM PLC)**
→ Eggs-periments
→ Battleship
- 5. Lebanon High School (Missy Bunch)**
→ Biotechnology information/demo table
- 6. The Sattler Foundation (April Dugger)**
→ Exposure to Aviation & Aerospace
→ Summer camp information
- 7. Carroll Oakland (Stephanie Porter)**
→ fun with Orobots

Interactive fun for your whole family to explore!

PTO MJMS Spirit Night: Jason's Deli will host this event on **September 30th from 5-9 p.m.** Be sure to tell the cashier you are with MJMS when you place your order, and they'll donate 15% back to our school! [Commit to Eat](#)

Cookie Dough Celebration: Friday, September 27, is a BIG day for us at MJMS. We will celebrate the LAST parade with MJHS, have a pep rally to celebrate fall sports, and celebrate the success of our cookie dough fundraiser. Please send 25 cents for your child to buy a snow cone while we are outside.

Cookie Dough Funds: The big-ticket item for our fundraiser profit is to get the school pressure washed for what we believe is the first time EVER (long overdue). The work will

begin on October 5th. I hope you will drive by and see the work! Also, we will be buying a new BEAR costume so that we'll have a mascot, hopefully by basketball season! Finally, we'll be buying some more black paint to paint the large exterior garage doors to match our newly painted exterior doors and rails (still a work in progress). **Are there any parents who will help paint the garage doors? They will require a tall ladder, so no children/teens please. We have 6 doors that need help!**

Self-Efficacy: Self-Efficacy was defined by Bandura in 1977 as reflecting "One's confidence in performing a particular behavior and overcoming barriers to that behavior." Every day we are working to instill that belief in our students. Our attitude rubs off on them, and we appreciate all YOU do to raise children who believe in themselves and their ability to meet the goals they set for themselves.

More Thank You's: More prizes for teachers came in this week, some from people I could find in the computer and some I could not. Thank you for the ear muffs, the movie candy, and the \$5 to Starbucks cards. Much appreciation and many already given out! M&M bar to the amazing Nurse Monica after dealing with the tummy bug all day, Starbucks to a teacher for helping a sick student, Starbucks to a teacher for sharing ALL her resources with three new teachers, Raisinettes to a teacher who got up in front of 40 parents to teach them about the computers...you get the picture. Our teachers and staff rock, and little things like this mean SO much to them!

Custodian Day: National Custodian Day is actually October 2, but we are celebrating it on October 17th (long story, lol). **Would you like to contribute to that?** We have 2 custodians that work from 7 am = 9 pm and 3 more that work 3-11 pm. They work HARD. I cannot even begin to tell you all they take care of, and it isn't pretty. **Ya'll, they deserve more than I could ever do for them, so send in your donations and we will divvy out the contributions and MAKE THEIR DAY!**

Here is a recap of important dates coming up:

- **Important Dates**
 - Here and Now – TE21 testing to help us monitor progress
 - Friday, September 27 – Parade, pep rally, cookie dough celebration, Best Buddies dance (after school)
 - Saturday, September 28 – Cross Point work day 9-11 – You are welcome to come paint doors and police the campus!
 - Monday, September 30 – Jason's Deli spirit night, 5-9 pm
 - Friday, October 4 – Last day to by spirit wear
 - Saturday, October 5 – Pressure washing BEGINS!!
 - Monday, October 7 – FALL BREAK BEGINS (office open 8-2 daily)

Bear Pride in the Middle!

Candis Angle

PS. Have you noticed we are getting the horrible ditch by Sonic mowed and cleaned out? ☺ ☺