

From th Desk of Mr. Spence

The first quarter of our school year is over and it is time for us to evaluate how successful our students were in their classes. Mr. Perkins is very committed to a common and equitable approach to policy and procedure throughout our school district. This commitment has led us to a new way of recognizing honor roll students. Our new Honor Roll is:

Principal's List	4.0
Honor Roll	3.5 – 3.99
Merit Roll	3.0 – 3.49

I do challenge you as a parent to give yourself a grade on how you supported your child's learning. Ultimately your child is responsible for his/her own learning but as parents we can monitor their progress and establish planned time for them to study. **Two of our biggest learning stumbling blocks at MMS are that students do not always do their homework and they do not budget enough time to study for tests.** Let's work together on this one.

On the other side of that coin our staff recognizes their responsibility towards each student's learning. We must first be effective at telling the students what we want them to learn. We must then monitor their progress to insure each student learns and then we must fairly and effectively test what we expected them to learn. My dream is that test day will be celebration. The student and the teacher should celebrate mutual success on test days.

What's New and Coming at MMS

1. We had a very excellent speaker, Mark Brown on campus last week. He is a nationally decorated speaker who talked to our students about "Bullying".
2. Mid- East Mobile Career Lab for 8th grade Oct. 26 – Oct. 30
3. Important dates:
 - Nov. 3 6th grade AAA
 - Nov. 5 Parent/teacher conferences 2:00 – 8:00 (Call school to schedule. 685-2561)
 - Nov. 6 7th grade AAA
 - Nov. 10 Picture Retake
 - Nov. 10 **Parent Teachers Organization meeting 6:00 pm.**
 - Nov. 16 Fall Band and Choir Concert.
 - Nov. 24 Turkey Dance, games, or movie 12:45 – 2:45. Admission is Free and concessions will be sold.

Hunters will be excuse for two days only with proper documentation turned in before absence. Days absent do count towards the 6 permissible parent excuse days that can be used without a doctor's excuse. Gooooo Colts!