



MHSD NEWSLETTER

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BACK TO SCHOOL, 2018

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Welcome to Back!



I would like to welcome everyone to the 2018-2019 school year here in the Mountain Home School District! I hope you had a great summer with your family. There are several things I would like to update you on as we head into the new school year. The first major update is to our security systems at all of the Mountain Home School District schools. School safety and security is a priority in all of our schools. We have worked closely with local law enforcement on the best practices for

keeping schools, students, staff, and patrons safe in all Mountain Home School District facilities. Our primary focus this summer was to install building access control systems into all the schools. These systems will allow us secure all the outside doors leading into the school. During the school day, all outside doors at each school, including the front doors, will be locked. To be granted access into the building, parents and patrons will be required to use a video system that is monitored in the office of every school. Parents and visitors will push a button at the front door of each building. Once the button is pushed the video system displays the live video of the visitor to the office staff who will unlock the door electronically from the office. **Parents, patrons, and visitors will be required to show ID prior to being allowed into the school building during the school day.** This will occur at all the buildings. Before school and after school the system will be turned off so the flow of students and parents is less restrictive. Once the school day starts, all doors will be locked and the above procedure followed. I have no doubt that on the first few days of school there will be some frustrations with this system as students, parents, patrons, and staff all adjust to this new safety measure. Please understand this is being done to provide additional safety for students and staff. Law enforcement has recommended additional safety measures that we will followed as well to better secure our schools and provide a safe learning environment for your children.

This summer we also completed a major upgrade to the electrical systems in all of our schools. This will provide more electrical outlets in every school to meet the growing electrical demands that come with the increase in technology in education. These two major projects were made possible due to your continued support of our plant facility levy.

This fall the school district will complete the Chromebook rollout to our high school students. This will make the Mountain Home School District a 1:1 computing device district. This means every student in our district will have access to a computing device. These devices have been paid for primarily out of Department of Defense Education Act grants the district received. This project greatly enhances student's education as they move forward in this age of technology.

You will also notice some minor projects in our buildings that have been completed as well. These include new exterior paint at East Elementary, hallway and cafeteria painting at Mountain Home High School, as well as paint and carpet projects around the district. Each year moving forward the district will utilize money from the community supported plant facility levy to address painting and flooring throughout the district. I hope you and your children have a great year! As always, if you should have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at (208)587-2580 or email me at gilbert_jg@mtnhomesd.org.

Sincerely,

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