

COYOTE Caller



December 8, 2025



MCS MUSIC IN MOTION

Lots of music making is going on these days at MCS. PreK music students just learned a new song called "Aiken Drum" where students help provide ideas to create a character who lives on the moon! K/1 students now know three movement dances which demonstrate musical contours. We also have lots of students volunteering to share their voices as we explore mini "solos" during music class. The 2nd grade is working hard on learning the basics of music notation through catchy poems such as "Miss White" and "See a Pin." We love practicing our rhythm learning with some fun rhythm games! In 3rd grade, we have started rotating from our glockenspiels to the larger xylophones and metallophones as we finish up our unit. 4th grade is also finishing up their ukulele unit. We have been doing a lot of work learning to strum different patterns, and we just learned our second chord.

Music clubs are also in full swing. Our 4th grade chorus had a fantastic Veteran's Breakfast performance and we are now working on learning some new warm ups before we dive into Spring Sing repertoire. We are on our third session of 2nd grade drumming club, and our Fall session of ukulele club performs today at our school-wide assembly!



Music Classroom Rubric

I earn one score for my effort, and I earn a separate score for my skill level.

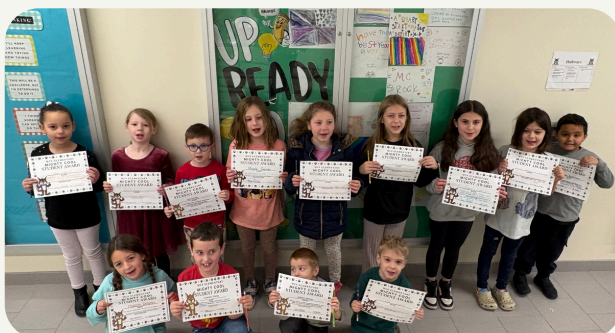
1 Does Not Meet Skill: I usually need help. This is a brand new skill for me. Effort: I need to work on making good choices or getting my work done. I have earned the number: 1	2 Approaching Skill: Sometimes I need help. I am starting to understand. Effort: I need some help knowing what to do. I have earned the number: 2
3 Meets Skill: I can do it by myself. I make little mistakes. Effort: On my own I did what was asked of me. I have earned the number: 3	4 Exceeds Skill: I can do it without mistakes. I can help others. Effort: I did what was asked of me and so much more. I have earned the number: 4



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 12/8: Winter Book Battle Begins
- 12/13: MCS Birthday- Wear Red/Coyote Gear
- 12/19: Report Cards Go Home
- 12/19: Holiday Best Spirit Day
- 12/22: PJ Day Spirit Day
- 12/23: Hat Day Spirit Day
- 12/24-1/4- Holiday Break

MIGHTY COOL STUDENTS





This month, we proudly recognized a wonderful group of student helpers who have dedicated their time to supporting our school community. Their commitment, kindness, and willingness to step up have made a meaningful difference at MCS. Thank you to all of our helpers for their service over the past month, we are grateful for the positive impact!



At Friday's monthly assembly, the 3rd and 4th Grade Dance Club wowed the audience with an amazing performance that highlighted the new skills they've been working hard to build. Their energy, teamwork, and confidence were on full display! A big thank you to Ms. Nygren and Mrs. Williams for their dedication and leadership over the past two months. Their guidance helped our dancers shine on stage!



Our 3rd and 4th grade Ukulele Club wrapped up their fall session with a fantastic performance at this month's assembly! Students showcased the skills they've been practicing, including strumming patterns and their newly learned chords. Their hard work, focus, and teamwork truly shined on stage. We're so proud of our ukulele musicians and Ms. Hastings, bravo on a wonderful performance!



SCHOOL COUNSELOR CORNER



This month's focus is Empathy. One way to think about Empathy is "understanding and connecting with other people's feelings." Empathy is a practice that can help us grow strong relationships.

Perspective-taking skills we are building include:

- Working to understand what others may be seeing, thinking, or feeling in different situations
- Considering how best to respond after understanding other people's points of view

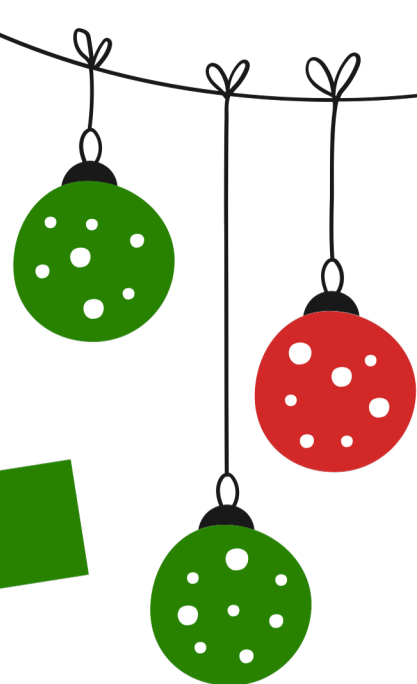


Our monthly challenge in school will be to fill the 'Grinch's Heart' by doing acts of empathy



MCS SPIRIT DAYS

2025



FRIDAY
12/12

Celebrate Margaret Chase

Smith's Birthday

Wear your red or coyote gear to show your appreciation for her leadership in Maine

FRIDAY
12/19

Holiday Best

Dress in your craziest holiday sweater/outfit and vote for your staff favorite

MONDAY
12/22

Holiday Pajamas

No need to dress up today, come in your comfy pajamas

TUESDAY
12/23

Winter Hat

Keep your head warm today by wearing your favorite hat to school



HAPPY *Birthday*

Margaret Chase Smith

Born December 14th 1897

US House of Rep. (1940-1949)

US Senator (1949-1973)

"When people keep telling you that
you can't do a thing,
you kind of like to try it."





SANFORD HOLIDAY RESOURCES



**SCAN TO ACCESS A LIVE DOCUMENT THAT WILL
CONTINUE TO UPDATE WITH RESOURCES
THROUGHOUT THE SEASON**