

August 22, 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Moreland Ridge students and staff members participate in Positive Behavior Support (PBS). The purpose of PBS is to help schools create positive learning environments that lead to increased opportunities for all students to learn and decreased discipline problems.

As part of our program, we have established the “Blue Springs **BEST**” that identifies our school district’s expectations: **B**e Responsible Students; **E**xpect Your Best; **S**how Safe Behavior; and **T**reat Others Respectfully. Further, we have defined what it means to behave in ways that exemplify those expectations in all areas of the school, including the hallways, cafeteria, classroom and restrooms.

During August, students learn the behavioral expectations. Then, throughout the school year students are recognized for displaying appropriate behavior. Teachers and staff members are on the lookout for students following Blue Springs **BEST** expectations. When they catch a student displaying the appropriate behavior, students receive a “Way to Go!” ticket. We will hold monthly drawings for those students who have received one or more “Way to Go!” tickets. They also may use their “Way To Go!” tickets to “buy” various items at any time.

At the end of each semester, MRMS sponsors a field trip during the school day for students who achieve certain criteria. The criteria for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester field trip is listed below. All students learned about the 1<sup>st</sup> semester field trip requirements during PACK today. The MRMS extracurricular activities are listed on the reverse side. To learn more about these activities, please visit the Activity Fair in the cafeteria at Curriculum Night.

Please call or email us if you have questions or seek further information. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
MRMS Husky Student Wellness Committee

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### **1<sup>st</sup> Semester Field Trip Requirements:**

1. **Attendance** – Student is present at school 95% of the days during 1<sup>st</sup> semester. 95% attendance during 1<sup>st</sup> semester equates to missing 4 days or less if there aren’t any snow days.
2. **Academic Achievement** – Student earns a grade of C- or higher in each class during 1<sup>st</sup> semester.
3. **School Discipline** – Student receives no office referrals during 1<sup>st</sup> semester.
4. **Reading** – Student is prepared with book and reads silently during every 1<sup>st</sup> semester PACK reading day.
5. **School Activities** – Student participates in extracurricular activities and qualifies by meeting ONE of the following (see reverse side for complete list) during 1<sup>st</sup> semester:
  - a. 1 MSHAA recognized sport **OR** 2 school-sponsored activities
  - b. **OR** 1 school-sponsored activity plus 15 “Way to Go” tickets

### **1<sup>st</sup> Semester MSHAA Recognized Sports:**

Football — 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys

Cross Country — 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> boys & girls

Volleyball — 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls (try-outs)

Special Olympics – 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys & girls (participants only)

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Semester MSHAA Recognized Sports:**

Basketball – 8<sup>th</sup> boys & girls (try-outs)

Track – 8<sup>th</sup> boys & girls

Special Olympics – 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys & girls (participants only)

Debate & Forensics – 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys & girls (try-outs)

### **MRMS School-Sponsored Activities:**

#### **Year Long Activities:**

Student Council (elected)

NJHS (invite only)

Science Club

Patriots Club (must qualify)

Yearbook (invite only)

Thespians/Drama Club

Butterfly Garden

Jazz Band (auditions)

Huskyvision (auditions)

FCCLA

Honor Choir (auditions)

Show Choir (auditions)

FCA

Intramural Cheer and Dance

Managers for MSHSAA Sports (selection process)

Pep Club

Math Club (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade only)

#### **Semester One Only:**

Intramural Flag Football

School Play (auditions)

Scholar Bowl (try-outs)

Intramural Basketball

Intramural Softball

Intramural Wrestling

#### **Semester Two Only:**

Math Club (6<sup>th</sup> grade only)

Intramural Volleyball

Intramural Soccer

One Acts (try-outs)

Variety Show (try-outs)

Winter Guard (try-outs)

Intramural Basketball

***IMPORTANT: To meet participation criteria, student must participate for the entire season and/or activity. Attendance is taken for all sports and activities. For try-out or audition activities, student must be selected for participation to count it as an activity.***