
MOC-Floyd Valley Community School District



Fostering learning, excellence and civic responsibility

Dutch Dialog

September 2021

From Superintendent Russ Adams

Striving and Thriving – Together!



Strive for Excellence

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Last year, at MOC-Floyd Valley, we did an admirable job of teaching and learning in the midst of a global pandemic. We created as much normalcy and continuity as we could for our students, while at times operating in survival mode. While it doesn't feel as disorienting this year, there is no doubt that we are again entering the year with some uncertainty and trepidation, and we will undoubtedly need to pivot and adapt. Nevertheless, our theme for the year is not surviving, it is *striving and thriving – together!*

We always have a choice in what we focus on and how we function. By choosing to *strive*, we are focusing on personal responsibility and commitment to the collective good. We are putting our best effort into whatever we are doing, and we are influencing those around us in a positive, contagious manner. This is what leads to *thriving!* Maybe not immediately, but by developing resiliency and a growth mindset, we are, indeed fostering learning, excellence, and civic responsibility!

We, at MOC-Floyd Valley, are honored to serve the students and families that make up our school district and invite you to *strive and thrive* with us. Let's make it a great year – “the choice is ours!”

With Gratitude and Respect,

Russ Adams
Superintendent of Schools

No School

There will be **no school** on Monday, September 6, due to the Labor Day holiday.



Friday Dismissals

School will be dismissed two hours early (1:15pm) on Fridays - for staff development.

In the unlikely event that we have a weather-related late start on one of the scheduled professional development Fridays, we will cancel the early dismissal and attend until our regular 3:15 p.m. dismissal time.

Schedule Change:

Please note:

Thursday, September 2nd - school will dismiss at 1:15 p.m.

Friday, September 3rd - school will dismiss at regular time, 3:15 p.m.

HEALTH FORMS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Medication Authorization Forms, Asthma Inhaler Permission Forms and Dental Screening Forms are just a few of the authorization forms that can be found on our website. Parents must fill out a medication authorization form if medication needs to be given to a student during school hours. Now you can find all the information on our home page. Just click on Resources at the top of the page, then Parent Resources and then look for the Health Forms Tab.

MOC-Floyd Valley Activity Pass Information

Admission to all activity events is now \$6.00 this year.

We have changed how activity passes are sold this year. You may purchase passes on the Varsity Bound website. Purchasing an activity pass is a great way to save money as the admission price has increased this year.

Use the link below to copy/paste into your browser:

<https://ia.varsitybound.com/schools/mocfloydvalley>

Click on the 'tickets' link and then select 'Buy Now'. Follow the instructions listed. You will need to sign up for a Varsity Account.

There is an app, in the app store, as well. This is a handy app to have on your phone so that you have quick access to your pass to use at the gate on game day.



Bus Information for Everyone

We are fortunate to have a team of drivers who are committed to transporting your children safely to and from school and school activities each day. We recognize how precious every student is, and want to make sure that we do all that we can to keep them safe – not only in school – but as they travel to and from school.

Below are a few things that parents and other drivers can do to help our drivers keep our students safe:

- 1) NEVER pass a stopped school bus while the stop-arm is extended – from either direction! This happens more than one might think – both on school grounds and at route stops in town and rural roads. The fines are steep, and more importantly, lives are at stake!
- 2) NEVER drive through or park in the bus loading and unloading areas at the buildings during the restricted times. There is too much congestion and the visibility is far too dangerous!
- 3) If you need to communicate with a driver, contact the school office or district office and the message will be relayed to the driver via radio. Drivers have been instructed not to allow anyone other than student passengers on to the bus. They have also been instructed not to stop and visit with anyone other than student passengers while transporting students.

We also try to clearly communicate student expectations while riding the school bus. Parents, please review these rules and expectations with your children and encourage them ride safely and respectfully!

MOC-Floyd Valley Community School District Bus Rules & Expectations

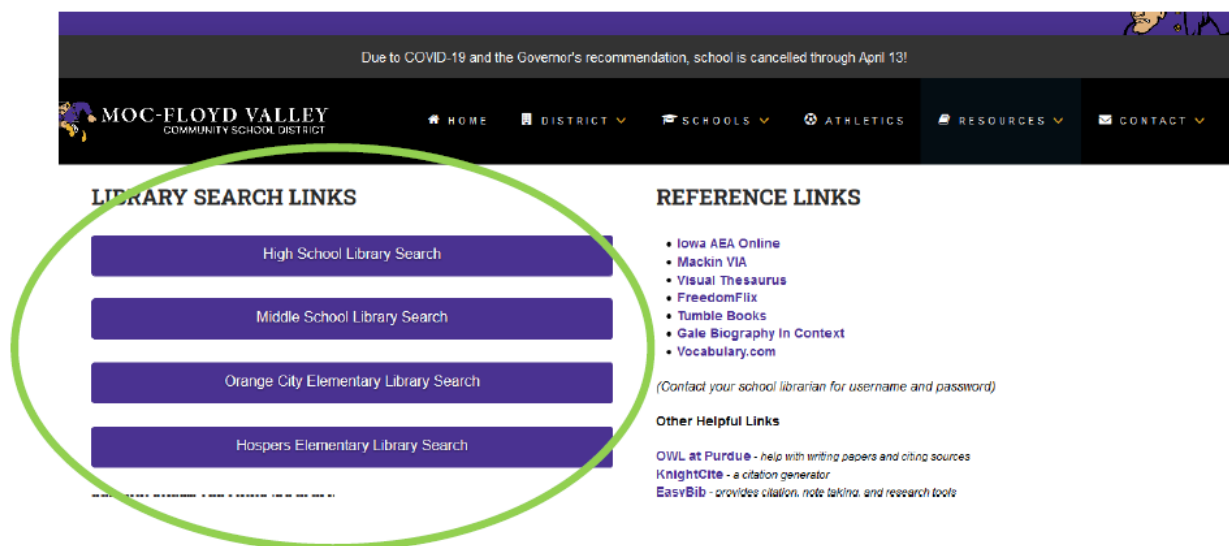
A safe, orderly, and respectful environment for everyone is the expectation on the school bus. Whenever students are riding a school bus, whether on a regular route each day or on a field trip, they are responsible to follow these rules. Parents are urged to encourage good bus riding habits so that the driver may direct his or her attention to the surrounding traffic and to safe loading and unloading procedures.

1. To ensure safety, the driver must be totally in charge. Students must respond promptly when instructions are given.
2. Students are asked to be quiet when the bus stops at railroad tracks.
3. Animals, oversized objects, glass containers, or any inappropriate materials (i.e. tobacco and related material, alcohol, and other prohibited items) are not allowed on the bus, as designated by School Board Policy.
4. Students must observe classroom and school-wide expectations as covered by the Student Handbook. Ordinary conversation is permitted. Horseplay, unruly behavior, fighting, abusive and obscene language or gestures are unacceptable. Kicking, hitting, pushing, spitting, yelling or screaming, littering or other inappropriate behaviors are forbidden on the bus, just as they are at school or on the school grounds.
5. Students must keep feet, backpacks, book bags and other items within the seating areas at all times. As much as possible, the aisles and stairwell must be clear of items and objects at all times.
6. All body parts must be kept inside the bus window at all times.
7. Students must remain seated in the same seat until they are dropped off at their bus stops. Moving about the bus while it is in motion is unsafe and unacceptable. A student must move out of a seat promptly if requested to do so by the driver or monitor.
8. Students will use the emergency door only in cases of emergency.
9. If a student causes damage to the bus, parents will be expected to pay for that damage.
10. Regular schedules must be observed. The bus will not wait for tardy students. Students must be at the bus stop 5 minutes before the scheduled pick up time.
11. Students should get on and off the bus only at their designated stops.
12. For safety reasons, students should not take pictures on the school bus. The resulting flash can be a hazard to the driver's vision.
13. Failure to follow these rules may result in a range of consequences up to and including suspension from transportation.

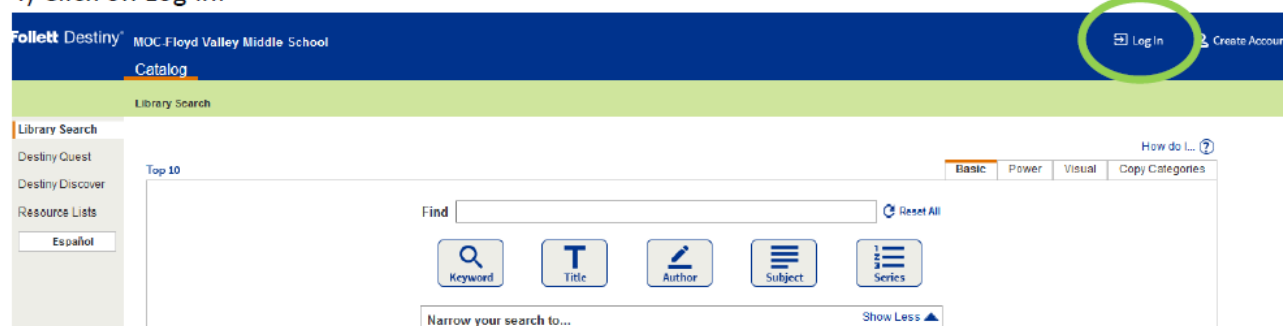
Cameras have been installed and are utilized to maintain order and safety on our buses.

How to Place a Hold on School Library Materials

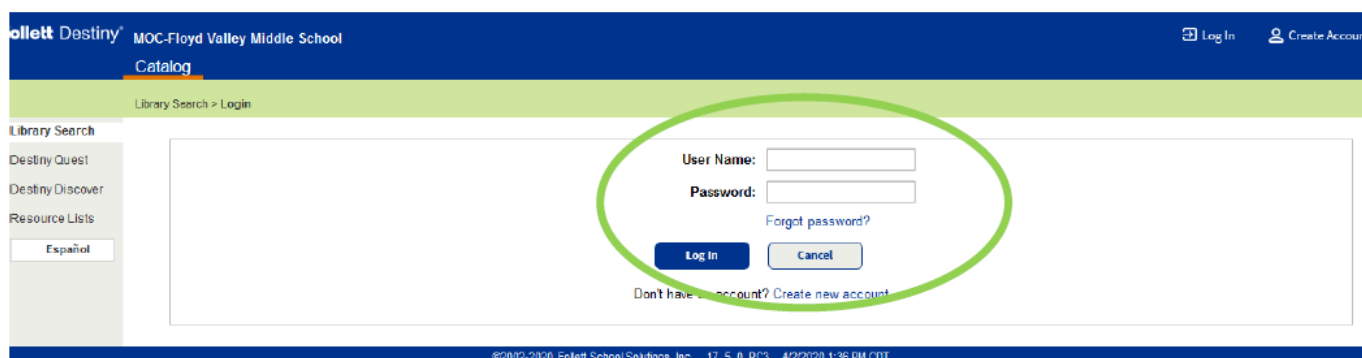
- 1) Go to our school's home page (www.mocfv.org)
- 2) Go the Resources tab and select Library from the drop down menu
- 3) Click on your school's library search . . .



- 4) Click on Log In.



- 5) Log in using your school user name (eg. 20josmit) and password.



6) Search the library catalog.

7) Look through search results.

8) When you find a title you would like to reserve, click on the title and you should see a screen with the book you selected. Click on Hold It. Mrs. De Zeeuw will be able to see hold requests and get books ready for you..

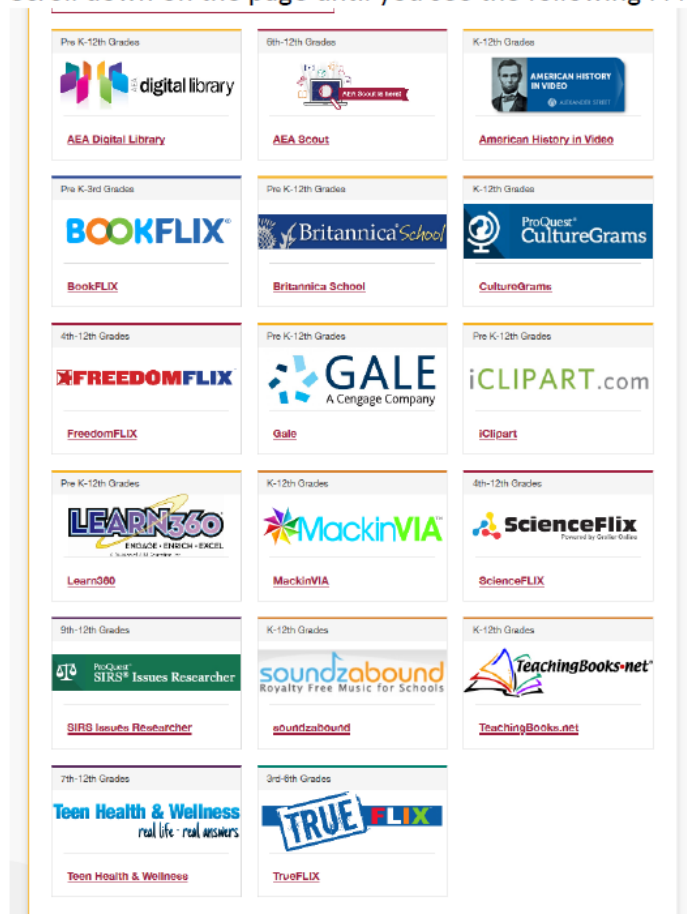
9) Log out when you are finished searching.

Contact Mrs. De Zeeuw at mdezeeuw@mocfv.org if you have any questions or issues.

Online Resources Provided to Schools by NW AEA

<http://www.iowaaea.org/how-we-can-help/iowa-aea-online/>

Scroll down on the page until you see the following . . .



Contact your school librarian for username and password information (mdezeeuw@mocfv.org)

Here's a brief descriptor of the resources . . .

eBooks/Literature

- **BookFlix** targets students in grades PK-3. BookFlix pairs fictional storybooks with related nonfiction books. BookFlix also has 36 pairs of titles available in Spanish. Students can read the books independently or choose to have the books read to them. Lesson plans, assessment activities, and related web sites are included.
- **TrueFlix** is similar in format to BookFlix, but targets an older audience (grades 3-6). Books are nonfiction and have content in both **social studies** and **science** with accompanying resources. Again, students can read the books independently or have the books read to them.
- **FreedomFlix** targets students in grades 4 and up. FreedomFlix provides content about **United States history**, but recently added content on **ancient cultures** as well. All the eBooks include related content. Educator resources include lesson plans, writing prompts and whiteboard activities. Again, books can be read independently or books can be read to students.
- **MackinVia** is an online portal that makes it easy to access **eBooks and audiobooks** that have been purchased by Northwest AEA. MackinVia **eBooks and audiobooks** can also be read and listened to on tablets, mobile devices and smartphones by downloading the free MackinVia app.

- **Cybersmarts and Teen Cybersmarts:** Each collection has five interactive books designed to teach students about staying safe online. Lesson plans, reproducibles and research prompts are included. Both also provide users with a simulated online experience.
- **TeachingBooks.net** includes thousands of teaching resources about fiction and nonfiction books used in K-12. Resources include, meet the author video interviews, book readings, book guides, lesson plans, book trailers, and websites.

Reference/Research

- **Britannica Digital Learning** is available for students in PK-12. Britannica makes it extremely easy to **differentiate content** because it's possible to adjust reading levels without changing the interface. Britannica is perfect for student research and project based learning. Britannica has two Spanish encyclopedias available: Enciclopedia Moderna and Escolar Online. The Annals of American History is a great source for primary source documents.
- **CultureGrams** includes a Kids', World, Provinces and States Edition. CultureGrams provides a perspective on daily life and culture, including the history, customs and lifestyles of the world's people. **Content can be downloaded to Google Drive.**
- **Gale** provides reliable content from magazines, newspapers and reference materials. Content is available for all grade levels. **Download content to your Google Drive or Microsoft 365.**
- **ScienceFlix** focuses on subject-area science content for students spanning grades 4-9. ScienceFlix offers 50 complete units of scientific study and each unit offers videos for building background knowledge, nonfiction articles written at three reading levels and in Spanish, read-aloud features, hands-on experiments, careers section, news stories, vetted weblinks, and educator resources.
- **SIRS® Issues Researcher** delivers the pros and cons on today's complex social issues through full-text articles, multimedia, primary sources, government documents and reference material. SIRS R Issues Researcher also provides many useful educator and student tools to make research easier. **Content can also be downloaded to Google Drive.**
- **Teen Health and Wellness** provides nonjudgmental, straightforward information on today's teen health and wellness issues. **This can be integrated with Google Drive and articles can be saved to Google Drive.**

Digital Media:

- **AEA Digital Library** has digital curriculum resources from leading producers of PK-12 content. This collection includes streaming video, still images, and digital documents for Pre K-3 children's literature, 4-8th grade science, 7-12th grade health and guidance, and the AIME copyright newsletter.
- **iCLIPART.com** contains over 7.8-million royalty-free clipart images, photos, web graphics, animations, fonts and sounds. Use iCLIPART.com images in Web sites, newsletters, brochures, advertisements, announcements, signs -- virtually any graphic design project you can think of!
- **Learn360** is a library of educational videos, video clips, and images. Learn360's newest offering are interactives. You can easily find these by doing an advanced search.
- **soundzabound** offers a wide variety of music, audio themes and sound effects that ensures your copyright safety. Perfect for podcasts, PowerPoint™, videos, news shows, video yearbooks, digital storytelling, presentations, TV broadcasts, web design and more!

Additional Online Resource Available to Students

- **Gale Biography in Context** is a great resource for researching people. Its content is from magazines, newspapers and reference materials. The link to this resource is located on the Library page of the MOC-Floyd Valley website. Click on <http://mocfv.org/index.php/resources/library/> Contact Mrs. De Zeeuw for the password (mdezeeuw@mocfv.org).

SCHOOL HEALTH NEWS:

Ashley Van Voorst, RN - SCHOOL NURSE

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

Throughout your child's time at MOC-Floyd Valley, it is imperative that school/home communication is timely and effective. I am relatively new to this position, however, that doesn't lessen my passion to maximize students learning by creating a healthy environment with quality care. By providing this quality health care, it is our hope that all students will be able to achieve more.

The following suggestions are intended to help you make the fullest possible contribution to your child's success at school.

Regular and punctual attendance is a great factor in school success. Please have your child attend school every day and be on time. Allowing children to stay home unnecessarily makes it more difficult for them to succeed because they are constantly playing catchup. Poor attendance encourages poor attitudes towards future work and obligations.

Keep us informed of any conditions including:

- Medications that your child is taking, or needs to take at school. These include both prescription or over the counter medications.
- Fractures, casts, crutches, stitches, splints; if your child is unable to participate in recess or PE, please send a doctor's note.
- Contagious conditions
- Results of any follow-up tests

Reminders:

Kindergarten students: please turn in your vision and dental requirement, if you have not done so!

3rd Grade students: please turn in your vision requirement, if you have not done so!

7th Grade students: please turn in your Tdap requirement with a certificate of immunization, if you have not done so!

9th Grade students: please turn in your dental requirement, if you have not done so!

Vocal Music News! Vocal Music News!! Vocal Music News!!!

Choral Music Manual - This week, all high school vocal music students received two copies of the choral music manual. The students were asked to take one copy home to their parents. The manual covers all concert/contest performance dates, classroom policies, and a variety of other information! If you have not received one at home, please inquire with your child or call Mrs. Anderson at the high school (737-4871) for another copy!

Dutch Dialog - Please pay careful attention to the "Vocal Music News" article each month in the Dutch Dialog. This will serve to inform you of information pertaining to the Vocal Music Program.

Wreath/Evergreen Fundraiser - The Vocal and String students will have the opportunity to raise money for their future choir and orchestra trips. Sales take place October 12 - October 25th!! More details will come out in next month's Dutch Dialog!!

Thanks so much for your support of music education!!!



CLASS OF 2022 SENIOR PICTURE INFORMATION

Pictures due by November 15th

MOC-Floyd Valley High School will again offer a MEMORY BOOK for the 2021-22 school year. Jack Bonnecroy and Sandy Groom-Meeks will be working to produce this 2021-22 Memory Book. The memory book will be available for students and parents to order next spring.

SENIOR PICTURES:

2022 seniors will need to provide the following pictures by: **Monday, November 15th.**

1. One vertical digital/scanned SENIOR picture
2. One vertical digital/scanned (but will accept an original) CHILD/INFANT picture

ALL photos must have the STUDENT'S name either in the body of the email or on the original picture. We'll accept an attached note or photo in an envelope with the student name.)

****For digital pictures, it is YOUR responsibility to get permission for any copyrighted picture.**

****All digital pictures should be saved as a JPEG file (.jpeg or .jpg) and submitted as an attachment to an email, on a CD or flash-drive.**

****Digital pictures must be at a resolution of at least 300 dpi. The higher the resolution the better the picture will reproduce in the memory book.**

****Submit digital pictures to school via your student on a CD or flash/jump/travel drive **OR** via email.**

Email is preferred. An advisor will copy the pictures off and then give the CD or flash/jump/travel drive back to your student. Pictures may be submitted to Sandy Groom-Meeks via email - sgroommeeks@mocfv.org or Jack Bonnecroy at jbonnecroy@mocfv.org. Please send each picture in a separate email.

News from the Counselor's Desk: Mr. McDonald

COLLEGE PLANNING CHECKLIST:

Sign-up for the ACT test

2021-22 ACT test dates and registration deadlines:

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee Deadline	Photo Upload Deadline
September 11, 2021	August 6, 2021	August 20, 2021	September 3, 2021
October 23, 2021	September 17, 2021	October 1, 2021	October 15, 2021
December 11, 2021	November 5, 2021	November 19, 2021	December 3, 2021
February 12, 2022	January 7, 2022	January 21, 2022	February 4, 2022
April 2, 2022	February 25, 2022	March 11, 2022	March 25, 2022
June 11, 2022	May 6, 2022	May 20, 2022	June 3, 2022
July 16, 2022	June 17, 2022	June 24, 2022	July 8, 2022

ACT.com website for ALL information: registration, test prep, and more information.

www.actstudent.org MOC-FV Code is 163-335

First time registration takes at least 45 minutes.

Keep your username and password.

If NWC is not a test location, Dordt University is a new test location.



September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	HELLO <i>September</i>		1 4:30pm VB-9th TBD 1:15pm Early Dismissal	2	3 7:00pm FB-Varsity Unity Christian 3:15pm Regular Dismissal	4 9:00am VB-Varsity TBD
5 No School-	6 HAPPY <i>Labor Day</i>	7 4:30pm CC-MS LeMars Middle 4:30pm VB-JV TBD 5:00pm CC-JV-V LeMars 5:00pm FB-9th Central Lyon / GLR 6:45pm FB-JV Central Lyon / GLR	8	9 Picture Day- @ Multiple Locations 4:15pm FB-8th Sergeant Bluff-Luton Middle 4:15pm VB-7th Sibley-Ocheyedan 4:15pm FB-7th Sergeant Bluff-Luton Middle 4:15pm VB-8th Sibley-Ocheyedan 5:30pm VB-9th West Lyon 5:30pm VB-JV West Lyon 6:50pm VB-Varsity West Lyon 7:00pm 5th Grade Instrument Display- @ Orange City Elementary	10 Picture Day- @ Multiple Locations 1:15pm Early Dismissal- 7:00pm FB-Varsity Storm Lake	11 8:00am VB-Varsity Sioux Center vs. Multiple Schools 9:00am CC-JV-V Ridge View 9:00am CC-MS Ridge View
12 4:00pm VB-8th Sergeant Bluff-Luton Middle 4:15pm VB-7th Sergeant Bluff-Luton Middle 4:30pm VB-9th TBD 5:00pm FB-9th South O'Brien 6:45pm FB-JV South O'Brien	13	14 4:15pm FB-8th LeMars Middle 4:15pm FB-7th LeMars Middle 4:30pm CC-MS Storm Lake 5:00pm CC-JV-V Storm Lake	15	16 4:15pm VB-8th Sheldon 4:15pm VB-7th Sheldon 5:30pm VB-9th Central Lyon 5:30pm VB-JV Central Lyon 6:50pm VB-Varsity Central Lyon	17 1:15pm Early Dismissal- 5:30pm-7:00pm American State Bank Tailgate- 7:00pm FB-Varsity LeMars	18 HS Band-Pursuit of Excellence-Marshall, MN- 9:00am VB-JV TBD 9:00am VB-Varsity TBD
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26 5:00pm FB-9th BH / RV 6:45pm FB-JV BH / RV	27	28 4:15pm FB-8th Sioux Center 4:15pm FB-7th Sioux Center 4:30pm CC-JV-V Western Christian 5:30pm VB-9th Sibley-Ocheyedan 5:30pm VB-JV Sibley-Ocheyedan 6:50pm VB-Varsity Sibley-Ocheyedan	29	30 4:15pm VB-8th Rock Valley 4:15pm VB-7th Rock Valley 5:30pm VB-9th George-Little Rock 6:15pm VB-JV George-Little Rock 7:25pm VB-Varsity George-Little Rock		

Calendar subject to change. For a complete list of school events and up-to-date information, please visit our website at www.mocfv.org.

MOC-Floyd Valley September Breakfast Menu 2021



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breakfast is served each morning, in all buildings.		1 Toast/Jelly Eggs Fruit Juice Milk	2 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk	3 Cini Minis Fruit Juice Milk
6 No School	7 Pancakes/Syrup Fruit Juice Milk Cereal (MS, HS)	8 Toast/Jelly Eggs Fruit Juice Milk Cereal (MS, HS)	9 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk Cereal (MS, HS)	10 Muffins Fruit Juice Milk Cereal (MS, HS)
13 Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk Mini Bagels	14 French Toast/Syrup Fruit Juice Milk Cereal (MS, HS)	15 Toast/Jelly Eggs Fruit Juice Milk Cereal (MS, HS)	16 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk Cereal (MS, HS)	17 Donuts Fruit Juice Milk Cereal (MS, HS)
20 Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk Mini Bagels	21 Waffles/Syrup Fruit Juice Milk Cereal (MS, HS)	22 Toast/Jelly Eggs Fruit Juice Milk Cereal (MS, HS)	23 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk Cereal (MS, HS)	24 Cini Minis Fruit Juice Milk Cereal (MS, HS)
27 Cereal Yogurt Fruit Juice Milk Mini Bagels (MS,HS)	28 Pancakes/Syrup Fruit Juice Milk Cereal (MS, HS)	29 Toast/Jelly Eggs Fruit Juice Milk Cereal (MS, HS)	30 Breakfast Pizza Fruit Juice Milk Cereal (MS, HS)	Oct. 1 Muffins Fruit Juice Milk Cereal (MS, HS)

MOC-Floyd Valley September Lunch Menu 2021



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 Chicken Tenders/ BBQ Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy Broccoli Garlic Toast Mandarin Oranges Milk	2 Scalloped Potatoes & Ham Green Beans Cheesy Breadstick Kiwi Graham Cracker Snack Milk	3 Grilled Cheese Potato Gems Carrots Fruit Milk
6 No School	7 Pizza Bread Stick/ Marinara Mixed Veggies Bananas Milk	8 Tacos Lettuce/Cheese/ Salsa Baked Beans Tortilla Chips (HS) Pears Milk	9 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Fresh Vegetables/ Ranch Dip Garlic Knots Applesauce Cup Milk	10 Popcorn Chicken/ Dipping Sauce Potato Smiles Green Beans Orange Dinner Roll Milk
13 Chicken Quesadilla/ Salsa Spinach Salad/ Dressing Strawberries Milk	14 Mr. Rib on a Bun/ BBQ Confetti Fries/ Ketchup Baked Beans Fruit Milk	15 Chicken Nuggets/ Ketchup Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy Carrots Dinner Roll Fruit Choc. Chip Cookie Milk	16 French Toast Sticks/ Syrup Sausage Potato Wedges/ Ketchup Peaches Orange Juice Milk	17 Orange Chicken Brown Rice Egg Roll/Sweet n Sour Sauce Stir Fry Veggies Fruit Milk
20 Nachos/Beef/Cheese Sauce Lettuce/Tomatoes Baked Beans Carrots Fruit Milk	21 Italian Pasta Broccoli Garlic Toast Fruit Cup Milk	22 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes/ Gravy Green Beans Dinner Roll Jelly Pineapple Milk	23 Pizza Breadstick/Marinara Lettuce Salad/ Dressing Bananas Milk	24 Egg/Sausage/Cheese Sandwich Potato Gems/Ketchup Fruit Juice Slush Cup Milk
27 Creamed Chicken on a Bun Green Beans Strawberries Sun Chips Choc. Chip Cookie Milk	28 Italian Dunkers Meat Sauce Cooked Carrots Fruit Milk	29 Chicken Fajitas Cheese/Lettuce/ Tomatoes Spanish Rice Baked Beans Tropical Fruit Milk	30 Chicken Patty on a Bun/ Lettuce/Mayo Potato Smiles Broccoli Peaches Milk	

If you would like the calorie/allergen list emailed to you, please contact Stephanie Pottebaum at spottebaum@mocfv.org.

Click this link for allergen and carb info: <http://bit.ly/mocfv-newsletter>

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