

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

MOC-Floyd Valley

December 2025

News From The Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the holiday season, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support of our students and staff. This semester has been full of growth and learning, and we are excited to carry that momentum into the new year.

Weather Notifications

With winter weather approaching, please remember that any delays, early dismissals, or cancellations will be communicated through Infinite Campus contacts, as well as local media outlets such as KTIV, KCAU, and area radio stations. Make sure your contact information in Infinite Campus is up to date so you receive timely alerts.

Health and Wellness

We are seeing an increase in seasonal illnesses. This is a great time to remind students about the importance of:

- *Getting adequate rest*
- *Practicing good hygiene, including frequent handwashing*
- *Staying home when feeling unwell to prevent spreading illness*
- *Your support in reinforcing these habits at home is greatly appreciated.*
- *Attendance Reminder*

The State of Iowa requires schools to follow attendance laws, and MOC-FV is committed to meeting these expectations. Regular attendance is essential for academic success. If your child will be absent, please notify the school promptly and provide any necessary documentation.

Thank you for partnering with us to keep our students safe, healthy, and engaged in learning. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Warm wishes for a safe and joyful holiday season!

GO DUTCH!



Mr. Carlson
MOC-FV Middle School Principal



8th Grade Service Project = Schoolwide Food Drive

The eighth grade yearly service project team invites you to join us in our Food Drive for the Orange City area food pantry located in the American Reformed Church in Orange City. We will be collecting items from December 1 until December 19, 2025. We are asking that the whole school join us in bringing in a few items (1-3) to help others during this time and make it a joyful holiday season for all. With inflation and food insecurity on the rise, we want to help! Items you may bring include canned goods, boxed goods, paper products, and personal hygiene items. Outdated items cannot be accepted. Thank you for allowing us to share this opportunity with you, and we appreciate your generosity. The eighth graders wish you a joyful holiday season.



Exciting Happenings in 6th Grade

1 Minute Update

Science: Matter on the Move - Kids are exploring how particles move in solids, liquids, and gases through a variety of hands-on activities.

Social Studies: City / State projects - Kids are creating new societies, complete with laws and consequences to be displayed in student created models.

Math: Measurement - Mr. Pfaffle has stepped in to help our kids with math. He's doing a spectacular job! Kids are developing proportional thinking to make common unit of measurement conversions.

Literature: Young Heroes - Students have different reading goals for quarter two: read three different genres. We are in the middle of the young heroes unit which ends with a written reflection on modern, young people who have made a difference in their world. Soon, we will read a Christmas Carol, focusing on mood, theme, and character.

English: Real World Writing - We are exploring what writing looks like in the real world through a wide variety drafting experiences. Everything from addressing an envelope to completing a word game to planning and buying groceries.



Look ☺☺ What is Happening in 7th Grade

1 Minute Update

Literature: Research project social and environment issues.

Math: Unit 4 Test (Proportional Relationships and percentages).

Science: Forces can interact without touching.

English: Gratitude Journal and Personal Narrative writing.

Global Studies: Human Rights Project.



8th Grade Minds in Motion

1 Minute Update

Science: Studying fossils

Math: Exploring linear relationships

Literature: Viewing *The Outsiders* movie and writing a thematic essay

American History: Learning what led to the American Revolution

English: Learning how to read and understand poetry and exploring the ethical and safe uses of Artificial Intelligence in school and everyday life.

Working on the annual eighth grade Service Project: a food and supply drive for our local food pantry in Orange City! Our goal is to collect 1000 items to donate!

Making and working on Wildly Important Goals in Leader in Me.



Thanks for Coming to the Fall Book Fair!

Thank you so much for your support of the middle school book fair! It was great to see so many families! We appreciate you encouraging and celebrating reading with your child!

Winter Break ~ December 24 — January 4

Teacher Professional day — January 5

School Resumes on January 6



December 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 No School - Thanksgiving break	2 4:15pm BBB vs LeMars 7 th (H) 8 th (A)	3	4 4:15pm BBB vs Sioux Center 7 th (H) 8 th (A)	5 1:15pm Early Dismissal	6
7	8 4:15pm G Wrestling @Sergeant Bluff-Luton 4:15pm BBB vs Sheldon 7 th (H) 8 th (A)	9 Qrt. 2 6 wk gr. Chk	10	11 7:00pm MS Holiday Concert	12 1:15pm Early Dismissal	13
14	15 4:15pm BBB vs LeMars 7 th (A) 8 th (H)	16	17	18 4:15pm BBB vs Sergeant Bluff 7 th (A) 8 th (H)	19 1:15pm Early Dismissal	20
	Makerspace					
Winter Begins 21	22	23 1:15pm Early Dismissal	24 No School	25 Christmas Day No School	26 No School	27
	Winter Break					
28	29 No School	30 No School	31 No School			
	Winter Break					

January 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<div>1</div> <div>New Years Day</div>	<div>2</div>	<div>3</div>
				<div>Winter Break</div>		
<div>4</div>	<div>5</div> <div>No School- Professional Development Day</div>	<div>6</div>	<div>7</div>	<div>8</div>	<div>9</div> <div>1:15 pm Early Dismissal</div>	<div>10</div> <div>8:00am Dutch Youth BB Tournament @ MOC-FV MS</div>
<div>11</div>	<div>12</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div>	<div>15</div> <div>4:15pm GBB vs Sioux Center 7th(H) 8th(A)</div>	<div>16</div> <div>End 2nd Qrt. 1:15 pm Early Dismissal</div>	<div>17</div>
<div>18</div>	<div>19</div> <div>Begin 2nd Semester 6th Gr Honor Band 4:00pm GBB vs Sergeant Bluff-Luton 7th(A) 8th(H)</div>	<div>20</div> <div>4:15pm GBB vs Spencer 7th(A) 8th(H)</div>	<div>21</div>	<div>22</div>	<div>23</div> <div>1:15 pm Early Dismissal 4:15pm B Wr. MOC-FV</div>	<div>24</div>
<div>25</div>	<div>26</div> <div>4:15pm GBB vs LeMarx 7th(H) 8th(A) 4:15pm B Wr. @ Rock Valley</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div>	<div>29</div> <div>8:00am NWIA MS/HS Honor Orchestra 4:15pm B Wr. @ Hinton</div>	<div>30</div> <div>1:15 pm Early Dismissal</div>	<div>31</div>