

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

MOC-Floyd Valley

March 2026

News From The Principal

Dear Families,

March is here, and with it comes a lot of energy and activity around our building. The days are getting longer, the weather is starting to warm up, and our students can feel that spring is just around the corner. This month is always a busy one, so I want to share some updates and reminders to help keep everyone informed and supported.

ISASP Testing

This month, our students will take the ISASP assessments. These tests help us understand how students are growing and where we can continue to support them. A good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast, and a calm start to the morning can make a big difference. We appreciate your help in keeping routines steady during testing days.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

We look forward to meeting with you during conferences. These conversations are an important opportunity to talk about how your child is doing and what goals we can set together for the remainder of the school year. Your partnership truly supports student success.

8th Grade Trip to Washington, D.C. and New York

Our eighth grade students are excited for their upcoming trip to Washington, D.C. and New York. This experience gives them a chance to see history, culture, and government firsthand. Families involved in the trip will receive more details and reminders as we get closer to departure.

Spring Sports

Spring sports are gearing up, and many of our students are ready to get outside and get active. Sign ups are happening by the office and practices will begin soon. If your child is interested in participating, please be sure that all forms and physicals are up to date. These activities are a wonderful way for students to build confidence and connect with peers.

Using School Time Wisely

As the weather improves, many students understandably want to spend more time outdoors after school. This is a great motivator to use school time well. Encouraging your child to stay on top of assignments during the day can help make afternoons more relaxed and leave more time for fresh air and sunshine.

Screen Time and Online Safety

With longer days and more social interaction, students may also find themselves spending less time online. This is a good moment for families to check in about screen time expectations, healthy online communication, and how to stay safe when connecting with friends digitally. Your conversations at home play an important role in helping students develop responsible digital habits.

Looking Ahead

Thank you for your ongoing support as we move into this busy and exciting stretch of the school year. If you have any questions or need clarification about upcoming events, please feel free to reach out at any time. We appreciate your partnership and look forward to a great month.

Go Dutch!

Mr. Carlson
MOC-FV MS Principal

Exciting Happenings in 6th Grade

1 Minute Update

Science: Working on the natural disasters project. The students are deep in research and preparing presentations. Next up is cells and reproduction to carry us into the spring.

Social Studies: We are in the middle of the Roman Empire study, looking at differences between the wealthy and poor. Next we will look at hypothetical reforms to our own middle school.

Math: Work continues with numbers. Kids are working through mathematical logic and proving what they know on both daily problems and cool downs.

Literature: We are finishing the Middle Ages / Robin Hood reading unit. The test will be next week. The third quarter book projects are coming soon; they will cover an award winning book. Following that, we will examine different kinds of figurative language.

English: We are about to kick off the biggest writing unit of the year: choose your own adventure stories. Students will take a practical look at how the conventions they have learned apply to writing.



Look ☺☺ What is Happening in 7th Grade

1 Minute Update

Science: Types of energy and transfers while building roller coasters.

Math: Unit 6 Expressions, Equations, and Inequalities.

Literature: We will finish reading our *City of Ember* novel! We will also watch the movie and compare and contrast the two.

Global Studies: Food Supply - What does the future of food supply look like?
Globalization - How is the world becoming more interconnected?

English: Students have been working very hard on various pieces of writing. They finished their application letters and then moved on to argumentative essays and compare/ contrast essays. For all of these, they complete prewrites and then use the prewrites to put the writings together. They also help each other edit their writings and then produce final pieces of writing.



8th Grade Minds in Motion

1 Minute Update

Science: Classes are learning about waves and how they affect our daily lives.

Math: Students are beginning to solve systems of equations.

Literature: Students are completing their Holocaust research, and speeches will begin soon.

American History: Classes wrapped up the Constitution unit with an escape room activity and student-led presentations about the amendments.

English: Students are analyzing movie versions of stories and comparing them to real events to build skills as discerning viewers.

Additional Note: Our roller skating trip was a great success, and rink staff shared many positive comments about how respectful and well-behaved our students were.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Augustana University Jazz Fest	3 6:00-9:00pm. Jazz Band night @ Prarie Winds Event Center	4	5	6 1:15pm Early Dismissal	7
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins	9	10 7:00pm Middle School Concert @ MOC-FV Middle School.	11	12	13 1:15pm Early Dismissal	14
15	16 4:00pm – 8:00pm Parent Teacher Conferences	17 St. Patrick's Day 4:00pm – 8:00pm Parent Teacher Conferences	18	19 End of 3 rd Qrt.	20 Spring Begins No School (Teacher Comp Day)	21
<div style="background-color: #c8e6c9; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">ISASP Testing</div> <div style="background-color: #fff9c4; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Scholastic Book Fair</div>						
22	23 Begin 4 th Qrt. 6:30pm-7:30pm 2026 Middle School DC/NYC Meeting @ MOC-FV Middle School	24	25	26	27 1:15pm Early Dismissal	28
<div style="background-color: #e0e0e0; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Makerspace</div> <div style="background-color: #e1f5fe; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">DC/NYC Trip</div>						
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April 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 No School – Teacher Development	3 No School	4
			DC/NYC Trip		Spring Break	
5 Easter	6 No School	7	8	9	10 1:15pm Early Dismissal Qrt, 4 3 Wk Gr. Chk,	11
Spring Break						
12	13 End Exploratory Cycle 5	14 Start Exploratory Cycle 6	15	16	17 1:15pm Early Dismissal	18
19	20	21 NWI 5 th -7 th gr. Honor Choir @ MOC-FV HS 4:30 7 th & 8 th gr. track @ NW College	22 Earth Day	23 4:15pm Soccer vs Sioux Center G(A) B(H)	24 Arbor Day 1:15pm Early Dismissal	25
26	27 4:15pm Soccer vs Sheldon Girls 5:15pm Boys	28 7 th & 8 th gr. Track @Sheldon HS	29	30		