

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023** 

# **MASON MINUTE**

## Weekly District News

### **Bulldog Bright Spot**



Congratulations to Mason High School Athletic Director Connor Thomas.

Mr. Thomas was named as the Region 7 Athletic Director of the Year. Thank you for all that you do for our athletic programs!

## **Native American Heritage Month**

November is National Native American Heritage Month, a time to pay tribute to the rich history and traditions of Native Americans.

All teachers and buildings have been encouraged to recognize, teach, and celebrate National Native American Heritage Month; foster classroom discussions; highlight historical facts and important figures; and support student inquiry. We encourage families to continue these conversations at home as well!



## **School Psychologist Week**



This week is School Psychologist Week! Thank you to our team of mental health professionals who support our students, staff and families!

Thank you to Mindy Sundbeck, Nicole Breier-Hartwick and Molly Chapman!



#### **Lunch Account Statements**

Lunch account statements were mailed home last week. While full meals are free for all students this year, lunch balances are incurred when students make milk only purchases (with lunch from home), ala carte purchases at the middle or high school or extra main or extra item purchases at the middle or high school. Balances can be paid via <u>e-Funds</u> or over the phone by calling 517. 676.6529.

#### **District Mental Health Team**

Supporting our students' mental health is key to helping students feel connected, perform better academically, and succeed in and out of the classroom. Our mental health team has social workers and counselors serving all our buildings and students. Students and families in need of support and resources can learn more about services on the <a href="Health and Wellness web page">Health and Wellness web page</a> and reach out to the team.

#### **Join our Team**



Jobs with Mason Public Schools (MPS) give employees the chance to be a part of a collaborative and dynamic team focused on nurturing the growth and development of our students. Please help spread the word about current job openings with the district.

Interested individuals can review these positions and other job opportunities on the district's employment website.

## **Stay Healthy this Fall**

Mason Public Schools has had reports of multiple illnesses over the past two weeks including Hand Foot and Mouth, Strep, and COVID-19. If you are feeling unwell, please stay home when you have any of the following symptoms:

- A fever greater than 100 degrees; A person MUST be free from a temperature for 24 hours without medication before returning.
- Vomited or had diarrhea in the past 24 hours.
- Severe eye drainage or red swollen eyes.
- A severe or croup sounding cough.
- Severe cold symptoms or constant thick nose drainage.
- Rash of unknown origin.

Always report any absences to your student's school. If you have questions or concerns about a student or staff illness or exposure, please contact the Health Team at <a href="mailto:bulldogrn@masonk12.net">bulldogrn@masonk12.net</a>.



## **Community Education Events**

Registration is open for Fall Enrichment classes. <u>Course offerings</u> and <u>registration</u> can be found on the Community Education website. The Winter Enrichment Guide will be available on Nov. 28.

**Save the Date** for the upcoming Elementary School Dances! Dances will be Saturday, March 16, 2024, and registration for all dances will open Nov. 28.

## **Important Dates**

Wednesday, November 22- Friday, November 24- No School, Thanksgiving Break

