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Superintendent of Schools

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Jonathan Ponds, Ed.D.

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Staff,

Snow Days are Back and We Started with Rain!

This week we experienced a Nor'easter and out of an abundance of caution, I made the decision to close schools. Hopefully this storm was not a precursor to a difficult winter season; however, we will have to deal with inevitable snow/inclement weather days ahead.

I believe it is essential that students, families and staff experience a traditional, carefree, "snow day" free from schoolwork and with an opportunity for outdoor play and cleanup.

Since we had three snow days built into our calendar, we already used one this week.

Please take a moment to review the [notification procedures](#) for school closings as well as delayed openings.

Don't forget, bundle up and send me pictures of your best snowmen, snow angels or other snow creations on a snow day! I would love to feature them on our website.

Good News from PTAC

Congratulations to the Edgemont PTA, one of only two New Jersey schools to receive a \$1,000 program grant for "STEM and Propelling Our World" from the National PTA!

The new MHS PTA is having its first event, Fall Movie Night in the amphitheater, Monday, November 1 (Rain date Nov. 3). All MHS students are welcome! Doors open at 6 PM for music and snacks and the movie begins at 7 PM. The MHS PTA invites all parents/guardians to join and bring your ideas and interests to the group. If you haven't joined yet, [complete the membership form](#).

Calendar Reminders

Schools are closed for Election Day, November 2, and our teachers will be participating in professional development. The district is closed November 4 and 5 for the NJEA Convention.

Have a safe and fun weekend!

Sincerely,
Dr. Jonathan Ponds
Superintendent