



UCSD #4

# Buffalo Tracks

## Mountain View High School

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*MVHS ensures a safe and rigorous education  
with high levels of learning for all.*

We would like to thank MVHS Student Council Advisor, Mrs. Johnson and the student council officers for their “can do” attitude when it comes to making Homecoming plans amid the many changes.

Be ready for the **Homecoming PARADE** the morning of **Saturday, September 26!**

Thank you to **Brittney Deckert**, MVHS English teacher, and **Annie Hadley (again!)** a Title 1 Reading teacher at the K8 building for stepping up as our Freshman Class Advisors this year.

You and your students will be hearing from these two advisors as they will need help staffing the concession stand with students and parents.

MVHS Enrollment	
9th:	72
10th:	65
11th:	78
12th:	56
<b>Total:</b>	<b>271</b>

### Students and Parents:

Thank you for your support here at the beginning of the school year as we have had as good of a start as possible. The students have been AWESOME as we’ve started the school year. With wearing the masks when they can’t social distance, or making the change to eating their lunch outside, I have been SO impressed with students making the adjustments to coming back to school. Hopefully you are hearing positive things about school at home as well. We want to keep this positive momentum going!

We have been averaging about 160 students completing the wellness screening every day. The link to that wellness screening is on the district webpage off to the right. It is the first link under “Quick Links.” If your student happens to answer the last question incorrectly (like I did this morning), please just have them stop by the office or send an email to Nurse Dallas letting her know that they made a mistake. We know that most students are not going to mark, “I have one of these symptoms,” and then still come to school. These wellness screenings are a part of our Smart Start School Reopening Plan and help students take responsibility for how they are feeling BEFORE they come to school.

The challenge for us is to keep supporting our students through these unique times and also holding them accountable. We all have to take the responsibility to stay home when we are sick, to mask up, and to maintain that social distance. The whole goal is for us to have students attend school in person because that is where we think we do our best work. We can all grow through this together and help keep each other safe.

### Student Drop Offs at MVHS in the Mornings

We are having some congestion in the main horseshoe at MVHS in the mornings. A reminder that the **buses get priority** for their drop off spot at the main MVHS entrance. If you are using the horseshoe to bring your student to school, **please be sure you pull as far forward as possible before you let your student out of your vehicle.**

The horseshoe is a **one-lane** driveway. Please **be sure you are stopping for buses** with their bus arms extended as they drop off students. Most of our buses are also having the bus para step out with a stop sign as another signal to prevent someone driving by a bus when their stop sign is out and they are letting off passengers.

**Most of the buses are dropping off students at the front doors from 7:35 - 7:45.** If you avoid these times, the drop off process will go smoother as well. Thank you for giving the buses that additional room so they can do their job safely.

### Big Changes at Athletic Events

As we begin hosting home events, especially volleyball this weekend, keep in mind that part of our athletic protocol is to limit attendance at our indoor events as a percentage of our capacity. We are allowing only 250 spectators in our main gym.

As a result, the Mountain View volleyball players will be given a certain number of tickets for each game. **You must have a ticket to enter a game; this includes students.** We are allowing a certain number of tickets for current MVHS students.

**Spectators will also be asked to mask up / maintain that social distancing** while they are inside our facility. This is for all spectators. We appreciate your patience as we continue to try and improve our system and work to allow our athletes to compete.

**As we move into our home game schedules for the fall, be reminded that pets (even on a leash) are not allowed on campus. Guide dogs and service dogs are allowed on campus, but we cannot have pets on campus at home games or in the building. This includes the football field.**

### Cell Phone Safety Presentations

We will continue our pattern of having the Uinta County Sheriff's office visit with students about appropriate online and cell phone behavior. We benefit from having an excellent relationship with local law enforcement and we appreciate their willingness to come in and have some honest conversations with our students. The dates for these presentations are still TBD.

We want to encourage all parents to visit with their child about appropriate online behavior when it comes to social media, email, and texting. While we ask students to be good digital citizens at school, these conversations have the most impact when a parent sits and visits with their child about the potential consequences of inappropriate use of technology.

This idea of appropriate use of technology is especially important as we have already checked out a chromebook to every high school student. Being safe online is a huge responsibility and encouraging students to keep things appropriate is step one!

School pictures at MVHS will be taken the morning of **Wednesday, September 16**. The pictures taken on Wednesday will be used for ID purposes for the remainder of the year.

Hats, sunglasses, or inappropriate dress will not be allowed during school pictures. All students will have their picture taken regardless if they are paying for a picture package or not, including seniors.

**"The art of life lies in the constant readjustment to our surroundings."**

—Kakuzo Okakura,  
*The Book of Tea*

According to Wyoming Statute W.S. 6-1 104(a)(iv), hunting weapons are considered a Type I weapon and the penalty for possession of Type I weapons on school grounds is **expulsion** for not less than one year. Do not allow your child to keep any weapons and ammunition in their vehicle when they are coming onto school grounds.

Emphasize to your child the importance of safety at this time of year. Take the time to help be sure all weapons are out of student-driven vehicles and secured off campus. MVHS is definitely a gun free zone. **Keep those hunting weapons off campus!**



### Student Participation in Activities

Last year over **89%** of MVHS students participated in athletics or activities. This is just one reason why Mountain View High School offers such an excellent community for students.

With so many of our students involved in co-curricular or extra-curricular activities, most have a reason to come to school besides to just turn in their homework.

As we experience the changes going on this year, I am reminded how important it is that we follow the face mask/social distancing rules so that we can continue to offer students so many positive experiences.

### Thank You to Custodians and Maintenance

We want to recognize our maintenance and custodial department for their hard work all summer to get the school ready for students again. This crew does an excellent job getting things up and running here for the school year. Our outside facilities seem to get better every year, and I appreciate all those who help bring things together before students arrive and keep things ship shape for our outdoor athletic events.