

Mount Olive Parent Newsletter

September



Thanks for a Wonderful August!

Dear parents,

I can't tell you enough how excited I am to join such an incredible school. I've worked at 6 different schools in my career and I can already tell you that Mount Olive's staff is one of the most dedicated and hard working groups of people I have ever had the opportunity to work with. Our staff is committed to creating a positive school culture with a family feel where we truly recognize the importance of building strong relationships with students and parents. We are devoted to putting students first, setting high expectations and approaching our teaching with passion, creativity and ingenuity. We encourage you to partner with us on this journey through the school year because we cannot achieve true excellence as a school without your support. We are excited to continue our hard, but important work of making Mount Olive one of the best elementary schools in Tennessee and adding to our reputation of being "Knoxville's Best Kept Secret".

Sincerely,
Dr. Cutter



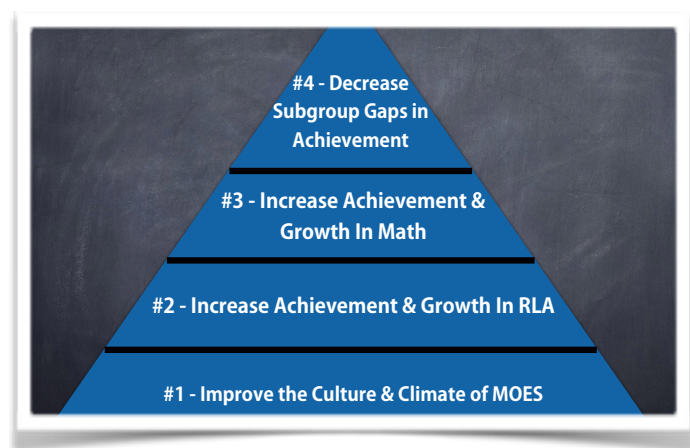
**Thursday, 9/7 -
Coupon Book
Sales Begin!**
Books are \$10



**Thursday, 9/14 -
Interim Reports
Go Home**
1st Interim Report
of the Semester



**Thursday, 9/28 -
Mount Olive
Community
Forum 6:00 pm**
Come join our
discussion to help
improve our school.



2017-2018 School Plan Goals

As we strive to make Mount Olive Elementary one of the best elementary schools in Tennessee, we have created a School Plan for the 2017-2018 school year to help us establish goals and create a plan of how to meet those lofty goals. The picture above outlines our 4 main priorities for this school year. Improving the culture and climate of Mount Olive is of the utmost importance this school year because without this foundation of a great culture we cannot meet our academic goals.

Mount Olive is a Title 1 school for 2017-2018

Due to the free and reduced lunch rate information that was gathered about our school

last year, we have been named a Title 1 school for the 2017-2018 school year. The purpose of Title I funds is to provide all children with a significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps. Due to this designation, we are receiving a \$105,000 Title I Budget for the 2017-2018 school year. We will be utilizing this money to buy a Chromebook for every student in 3rd, 4th and 5th grade, buy additional technology for our school, support our Arts 360 nights, support and grow our after school programs and provide additional professional development opportunities for our teachers.

Coupon Books

Our 2017 School Coupon Book Campaign begins on Thursday, September 7 and the district theme is “Go WILD for Coupon Books”. Books are \$10 each and \$8 of this goes directly to our school. This is our biggest fundraiser of the school year and it helps us provide better resources, technology and learning experiences for your students. Students who sell 2, 5, 10 or more coupon books will be eligible for some amazing school prizes! Please help support our

PARENTS AS EDUCATORS

The parent is the most important teacher in a student’s life and there are many things you can do to help your student grow academically. The most important thing a parent can do to help support their child is to read with them nightly. According to the Literacy Connections website, “U.S. Department of Education analysis found that children who were read to at least three times a week by a family member were almost twice as likely to score in the top 25 percent in reading than children who were read to less than three times a week”. Reading with and to your children helps foster positive attitudes toward reading and sets them up for a lifetime of success.



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Mount Olive Community Forum

Please consider joining us for our very first Mount Olive Community Forum on Thursday, September 28 at 6:00 pm in the the Mount Olive Elementary gym. This will be an opportunity for us to gather community input and for you to voice what's great, what needs work and what we need to do next to make Mount Olive one of the best elementary schools in Tennessee.

Other Announcements

- September is Attendance Awareness Month. One of the most important ways to help your student be successful is to get them to school on time every day. If your student(s) ever needs to miss school, don't forget to send in a doctor's note to excuse their attendance.
- Thanks for consistently displaying your car tags and making our new dismissal procedures a success! The new procedures have not only made our dismissal safer for our students, but they have helped us speed up dismissal for parents as well!
- Don't forget to join the PTO for only \$6. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 19, at 6:00 pm.
- We are continuing to utilize the Accelerated Reader program this year to encourage reading. The top reading classes for September in each grade level will earn a pizza party on 9/29.
- Be sure to follow us on Twitter @MountOliveElem and check out our new Facebook page.