MHS CORE VALUES: EQUITY GROWTH COLLABORATION

A weekly principal's blog to share what is happening at Mundelein High School!

For a copy of the blog in google drive- English here! Espanol aqui!

Friday, March 10, 2023

Mustang News: Principal's Blog





In partnership,

Dr. Clexandria Rios Taylor

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# **Important Dates**

- Saturday, March 11 Jazz Invitational at MHS
- Saturday, March 11 Town Hall Meeting 8:30am-10:30am
- Friday, March 17 Late Start Schedule; classes begin at 9:40am
- March 27-31 Spring Break

# **Friday Focus**

MHS 2023-2024 Registration is Now Open

# REGISTRATION FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR NOW OPEN

Registration is now open for the 2023-2024 school year. Information can be found on our registration page.

**5 Essential Survey** 

# 5-ESSENTIAL PARENT SURVEY



Mundelein High School parents and guardians,

School District 120 is participating with the Illinois State Board of Education in the 2023 statewide survey of school climate and learning conditions. This is your chance to provide input concerning your child's education. We value your opinions about the operations of Mundelein High School.

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey provides a unique opportunity for students, teachers and parents to have a voice in improving their schools. The surveys are available now through Friday, March 31. Please use the following link to complete the survey:

# Link to survey: <a href="http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/">http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/</a>

Opens Jan. 24, 2023 and closes March 31, 2023.

We will take all of your input seriously and use it to continually review and update our current educational practices. Results will never be connected to your child. No individual will be identified in the school reports and teachers and administrators will not see individual responses.

The survey is administered online by UChicago Impact at the University of Chicago and provides a comprehensive picture of a school's organizational culture in an individualized report measuring the five essentials critical for school success:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative teachers
- Involved families
- Supportive education
- Ambitious instruction

The survey results will be sent to District 120 and will be included in the Illinois State School Report Card next fall.

Thanks, in advance, for taking part in this important survey.

# National School Social Work Week: March 5 – 11, 2023

Join us in celebrating our Social Workers this week as a part of National School Social Work Week!

# The Role of A Social Worker

(Adapted from the School Social Work Association of America)

School social workers are exceptionally skilled in providing services to students who face serious challenges to school success, including disability, poverty, discrimination, abuse, neglect, mental illness, homelessness, bullying, familial stressors, and other barriers to learning.

School mental health programs are critical to the early identification of mental health problems and in the provision of appropriate services when needed. They

maintain knowledge of school culture and school climate which are necessary for responsible school safety planning.

School social workers serve as vital members of a school's education team, playing a central role in creating partnerships between the home, school, and community to ensure student academic success.

The theme for National School Social Work Week 2023 is "We Rise." School Social Workers rise up - supporting their students, families, and school communities. School Social Workers rise to share hope. They rise to listen and understand. They rise to challenge inequities. They rise to support all students.

Visit <a href="https://www.sswaa.org/school-social-work-week">https://www.sswaa.org/school-social-work-week</a> for more information.

We are so excited to celebrate the vital work these professionals do for our students at MHS every day!

Michelle Billone, Melissa Buenik, Amy Grost, Jonathan Mahoney, and Carly Schwartz.

THANK YOU for the important work you do with our students.



Congratulations to MHS freshman Conner Bui. Conner won first place in the Highland Park Poetry Competition and will be published in an anthology. His poem, "Flowers," was the top entry in the seventh-ninth grade category There were 560 poems entered for all age categories. Conner's poem will be published in the Muses' Gallery on April 1 and printed in the 2023 Poetry Challenge Anthology. Conner is also invited to read it at the Poetry Challenge Reading & Recognition at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 29 at the Art Center of Highland Park, 1957 Sheridan Road. (www.highlandparkpoetry.org)



Parker VanArsdale earned 2nd place Vanessa Dirzo earned 3rd place Addison Hagel earned an Honorable Mention

# **AVID**

The AVID seniors have received 172 acceptance letters, and they have been offered \$8,000,000 in gift aid! Beyond that, Nicole Torres was accepted into UIC's prestigious GPPA program, Jessica Caballero competed at the State Level for the American Legion's oratorical competition and earned 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Riley Hodel has committed to the Honors College at the University of Iowa, and Praise Oyebanji will run D1 and participate in UIC's Honors College as well!

# **Class of 2023 Important Information**

Seniors, click <u>here</u> to read important information regarding graduation!



# **Student Life**

The 56th Annual Mundelein Jazz Invitational is this Saturday, March 11th. We look forward to welcoming 55 high school and middle school bands from the Chicagoland area for performances and clinics. Admission for the festival is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students/seniors.

Here is the FULL SCHEDULE for Performances! https://www.d120.org/.../2023\_mundelein\_jazz\_invitational...

In honor of Best Buddies Month, join your classmates in a spirit week and various activities to celebrate friendship and leadership. Kicking off the start of the week will be Mustang Monday. Rally up, Mustangs, to celebrate the Special Olympics Basketball Team's return from the state tournament, meet up in the Commons during lunchtime to pledge to end the "R" word, and contribute to the friendship mural. Keep the momentum going throughout the week by participating in each spirit day. At MHS, we all belong! In friendship, MHS Best Buddies



# **Family Engagement**

Members of our Student Services staff hosted a "Family Wellness Night" on Thursday, February 23rd. We were thrilled to connect with families about supporting student mental health at home and at school. Our presentations are linked below and will be posted on the Student Services webpage. If you have questions about this content, please reach out to:

English: Marisa Graham, School Psychologist: mgraham@d120.org

Carly Schwartz, Social Worker: <a href="mailto:cschwartz@d120.org">cschwartz@d120.org</a>;

Spanish: Aracely Lawrence, Counselor: alawrence@d120.org

Gwen Lopez, Counselor: glopez@d120.org

Presentation in English: <u>HERE</u> Presentation in Spanish: <u>HERE</u>



# **Parent Network Night**

**Target audience:** Parents of D120 students that have an IEP and parents of middle schools that will feed into Mundelein High School that have an IEP.

Padres de estudiantes que tienen un IEP de D120 y de escuelas intermedias que ingresaran a MHS

What: Parent Network Night. Que: Noche de red para Padres

**Presentation will be:** What you will find at MHS when your student gets here + an opportunity to meet and greet with other parents.

Lo que usted encontrara en MHS cuando su estudiante llegue aqui ademas de una oportunidad de conocer y saludar otros padres

When: Wednesday, March 15, 2023 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm. Miercoles 15 de Marzo, 2023 Where: Mundelein High School - District Meeting Room. Mundelein High School- Sala del Distrito

Enter main entrance, DMR is up the stairs by the media center. Entrar por la puerta principal y subir las escaleras

Kindly, RSVP on or before Wednesday, March 8, 2023 below: Por favor confirme su asistencia antes del 8 de Marzo, 2023 https://forms.gle/UNkj3j5Es143LaMq7



For additional information please contact:

Michelle Bank/D120Transition Center <a href="mbank@D120.org">mbank@D120.org</a> / 847.949.2200x1261



# **OPTIONS FAIR 2023**

A fair to connect individuals with disabilities to essential resources for future planning

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

MUNDELEIN HIGH SCHOOL D120 (ANNEX)

1500 W Hawley Street

Mundelein, IL 60060

GUEST SPEAKERS: Tina Lowry & Milan Myers, Aspire 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM

**Organization Fair** 

6:30 - 8:00 PM

# **OPTIONS WEBSITE: CONSIDEROPTIONS.ORG**

Spanish interpreting is available.

If requesting additional accommodations, please contact your home district by March 15, 2023

Agencies and resources at the OPTIONS FAIR areas of focus:

Educational Opportunities · Employment Services · Vocational Day Programs · Government Programs · Health Services · Legal Resources · Recreational Opportunities · Referral Sources · Residential Programs · Transportation Resources



# FERIA DE OPCIONES 2023

Una feria para conectar a personas con discapacidades con recursos esenciales para la planificación futura

JUEVES 20 DE ABRIL DE 2023

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m

MUNDELEIN HIGH SCHOOL D120 (ANNEX)

1500 W Hawley Street

Mundelein, IL 60060

INVITADOS: Tina Lowry y Milan Myers, Aspire

6:00 p. m. - 6:45 p.m

Feria de Opciones

6:30 - 8:00 p.m

# SITIO WEB DE OPCIONES: CONSIDEROPTIONS.ORG

Habra interpretación en español disponible.

Si solicita adaptaciones adicionales, comuníquese con su distrito de origen antes del 15 de marzo de 2023

Agencias y recursos en las áreas de enfoque de OPTIONS FAIR:

Oportunidades educativas · Servicios de empleo · Programas vocacionales diurnos · Programas gubernamentales · Servicios de salud · Recursos legales · Oportunidades recreativas · Fuentes de referencia · Programas residenciales · Recursos de transporte

See below if you would like to learn more information about our referendum, click here for a quick one pager or visit our <u>Facilities Plan website</u>.



# **Pathways**

# **Mundelein High School Manufacturing Pathways**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7F0SQGtROnM

# Save the date for Maker Faire Lake County April 15, 2023 College of Lake County



You are invited to build new skills, showcase projects and make connections. There are a variety of ways to get involved with the Greatest Show & Tell event in Lake County.

Maker Faire Lake County

Let's celebrate CLC! Don't miss these events below! Register in Naviance.



# WEEK OF EVENTS

13-17 MAR 2023

### MON. 03/13

### 9:30AM | CLC COLLEGE REP VISIT

Join your College and Career Navigator (CCN) to learn more about all the options available at CLC. Learn about degree options, fields of interest, study abroad options, and so much more!

### 1:45PM | APPLICATION WORKSHOP

Interested in applying to CLC? Do you have questions on how to apply? Having trouble navigating the application process? Stop by CCRC where your CCN will be available to walk you through the application process and the next step

### TUE. 03/14

### 11:15AM | APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

Did you know you could get paid on the job experience while you earn your degree? Learn if an apprenticeship is the right step for you and have your questions answered by a member of the CLC Apprenticeships team.

### 12:05PM | ENGINEERING AT CLC

Are you interested in pursing an Engineering or Computer Science degree at CLC? Stop by the CCRC to learn about the National Science Foundation and scholarship opportunities that come with acceptance to this prestigious program. Information will also be provided on the CLC Pathways Program. 

### WED. 03/15

# 9:30AM | DENTAL HYGIENE

The Dental Hygiene program prepares students for a rewarding career as a licensed dental hygienist. Stop by the CCRC to learn more about the limited enrollment Dental Hygiene program at CLC

# 11:15AM | NURSING AT CLC

Are you looking to pursue a degree in nursing? Come to the CCRC to learn about the Associate Degree in Nursing offered by College of Lake County. You'll learn about the requirements to join this limited enrollment program and have your questions answered.

# 12:55 | MEDICAL IMAGING

The Medical Imaging Program at CLC is a limited enrollment program that offers students the opportunity to join an exciting and challenging field. Stop by the CGRC to learn about the entrance requirements and have your questions answered.

### THUR. 03/16

### 10:25AM | AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION REPAIR

In the Automotive Collision Repair, students will learn to use paints, hightech spray guns, and other tools. This program prepares students for positions and car and truck dealerships, auto body shops, and more! Stop by the CCRC to learn about this program, degrees, and certificate options

# 11:15AM | INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

In the industrial Technology program students learn how to install, maintain, operate, diagnose, and repair equipment used in manufacturing industries and maintain facilities/buildings. Stop by to learn how to get started in the Industrial Technologies Program

# 12:05 | WELDING FABRICATION TECHNOLOGY

Welding Fabrication Technology prepares students for employment and advancement in welding-related jobs performing welding, soldering and brazing duties. Stop by the CCRC to learn about this in-demand program housed out of the Advanced Technology Center!

### FRI. 03/17

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# ALL DAY | FIRST SEMESTER ADVISING

Ready to get started at CLC? Stop by the College and Career Resource Center to meet with your College and Career Navigator. Together, you and your CCN will develop a plan for your first-semester classes. Beat the rush, get advised now! All advised students will be given a free CLC t-shirt!

# CONTACT YOUR COLLEGE AND CAREER NAVIGATOR

**Vazmin Patino** 847/543-3524 ypatino@clcillinois.edu MHS CCRC (B105) Tuesday-Friday 7:30am-4:00pm



Juniors! Come to the CCRC and hear from our very own MHS College Ambassadors. They have lots of information to share with you that will help you prepare for the college application process.

College Ambassador Presentations					
Monday 3/20	Tuesday 3/21	Wednesday 3/22	Thursday 3/23	Friday 3/24	
<b>4th Period</b> Questbridge Scholarship Program	<b>6th Period</b> Majoring in STEM	<b>3rd Period</b> College Essays	<b>3rd Period</b> NCAA	<b>4th Period</b> Choosing a College	
<b>5th Period</b> Military Career Path	Register in Naviance!	<b>5th Period</b> Choosing Out- Of-State Colleges	<b>4th Period</b> Being First Generation	<b>5th Period</b> All About CommonApp	
BI		<b>6th Period</b> Health & Applying to College	<b>6th Period</b> Persuing Fine Arts in College		
		<b>7th Period</b> Searching For Scholarships	Juniors! Don't miss these presentations!		

# **College Visits**

Tuesday, March 14th	Class period
University of Wisconsin Whitewater	1

Wednesday, March 15th	Class period
Southern Illinois University	8

Thursday, March 16th	Class period
University of Tampa	1
University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	8

# **Scholarships**



# Living Pono Counseling Scholarship For Those in Pursuit of a Mental Health Career \$1,000 scholarship Requirements/Qualifications All applicants for the Living Pono Counseling Scholarship must: Be a graduating member of the Mundelein High School class of 2023 Intend to enroll in a 2 or 4 year institution to pursue a career in the mental health field Complete the required essay Essay Requirement: In 300 words, please tell us about what led you to consider a career in the mental health field. Be sure that your full name and ID number, along with the name(s) of the college(s) you are considering attending are in the header prior to submitting your application. All applications must be returned to the MHS CCRC (B105) before noon on March 15th. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Rusk (arusk@d120.org). A note to all applicants: The staff at Living Pono Counseling would like to LIVING PONO extend the offer of being an available resource for any questions that you may have about the mental health counseling field. You can read about each therapist at www.livingponocounseling.com and reach out to whom you would like to connect with.

# **Athletics**

# **Special Olympics Coaches Corner**

For the first time in school history, the MHS Special Olympics basketball team is going to state. The team, coached by Mundelein High School Transition Center teacher Eric Billittier and Krissy Pawlicki, is scheduled to play at 11:15 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. on Friday, March 10 at the Horton Field house on the Illinois State University campus. "The kids are excited, and I'm excited," said Billittier. "We're not sure what to expect, but our players will be ready to compete and have fun." MHS has had a Special Olympics basketball team for several years, but this is the

first year it is part of the Mundelein High School Athletics Department. It's also the best season the team has had. Last year the team took third in the regional competition. This year, it finished first in regionals, earning a trip to Normal, IL for the state tournament. The 10-member team started its season in late November and finished in February with a record of 5-1. The team includes, Christian "Alex" Brown, Elliot Catania, Jorge "Emmanuel" Cordova, Joel Cortes, Natalie Gorgius, Isaias Hernandez, Carols Infante, Ethan Michell, Demitri Onyeise and James Peskuski.



# **Girls Soccer Coaches Corner**

The 2023 Mundelein Girls' Varsity Soccer squad taking a team picture just outside of the Main Gym. The team features 17 returnees and four new players (3 Freshman, 1 Senior).

Season and home opener is next Monday, March 13 vs. Taft (Chicago) Eagles at 6:30PM in the stadium. Come and cheer your Mustangs to victory! GO MUSTANGS!



The Freshman girls soccer team is hard at work. If you know any of these Mustangs, be very proud of their effort and attitude.

# **Boys Lacrosse Coaches Corner**

Boys Lacrosse ends tryouts on a high note! Great combination of new athletes and experienced vets! Looking forward to an exciting 2023 season!



# **Girls Track & Field Coaches Corner**

From Lakes "Grand Prix" meet on March 4th:

This may be the most competitive meet the team competes in all season. One national best mark and several top marks in the state were set at this meet. The athletes competed well with several strong efforts and new personal records (PRs). They continue to work hard, show growth, and support one another. Keep up the great work!

Abbie S. with a PR in the hurdles!



Ella V. with the MONSTER PR in the shot



Vivi G. and Paige P. setting new PRs well ahead of the rest of their heat by themselves!



# Sharron K. with an 8<sup>th</sup> place finish!



Alex D. looking strong leading off the 4x2!



Praise O. with a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish and a new indoor PR!



# **Boys Gymnastics Coaches Corner**

Great Job to the boys team for a very good showing at Hinsdale Central JV and Varsity on Saturday, March 4th! Dominant performance by Senior Holden Allsbury and Junior Braeden Kratz in the varsity invite. Junior Elijah Raymond was able to get several top ten finishes at the JV level. Newcomer Nikita Vovkiv competed in several events after being in the sport for only 2 weeks.











# **Boys Track & Field Coaches Corner**

The Boy's Track Team will be competing in the first ever Conference Indoor Invitational this Saturday, March 11th, at Stevenson HS. Field Events are scheduled to begin at 9am, with the Track Events following at 10. Come on out to see some great track and field performances! And don't forget-

The Boy's Track Team invites everyone to support our program by participating in our Annual Mattress Sale Fundraiser on March 19th. If you need a mattress, or know someone who needs one, now is the time to get a great mattress at a great price. Each purchase will result in a donation to the Boy's Track program. Below is a flier with all the details, as well as a coupon for a discount on your purchase. Feel free to copy it and send it to everyone you know. Hope to see everyone there!



# **Softball Coaches Corner**

MHS Softball had a great time on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> volunteering at Feed My Starving Children! Our Varsity and JV teams are looking forward to our upcoming trip to central Illinois on March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. On March 17<sup>th</sup>, we will be at Illinois State University, Illinois Wesleyan University, and Heartland Community for campus visits and tours. On March 18<sup>th</sup>, our varsity team will play Bloomington High School and Rock Island High School at the Illinois Wesleyan University Softball Field; our JV team will play at Metamora High School. Go Mustangs!











# **Boys Volleyball Coaches Corner**

The MHS Boys Volleyball program is off to a great start! We had nearly 70 athletes at tryouts on Monday, and we are looking forward to filling 4 full teams (Freshman, Frosh/Soph, JV, and Varsity). We have many returning players, but also many new faces, which we are very excited about. Tryouts will continue this week, and we should have our teams solidified by the weekend. We are optimistic that all levels are going to be highly competitive. It is going to be a fun season!

# **Fundraiser**

MHS Cheerleading is selling yard signs this spring! Support you MHS Student Athlete or customize for your Students activity. Also NEW Senior Yard signs available for your MHS Grad! Online Store Opens Monday February 27 and closes after two weeks. See online store for additional information about pick up of signs and cost. Make sure to order your sign before time runs out. Go Mustangs! Online Store Link



SUPPORT YOUR MHS STUDENT



# **CUSTOMIZE YOUR SIGN**

Options include: Varsity Name/ Team number

CHOOSE YOUR SPORT/ACTIVITY:

All Sports, Theater, Show Choir, Band, and more!

PICK UP/ SHIPPING OR
DETAILS: -Select Ship to home

OR
-Pick Up from Ultimate Screen Printing

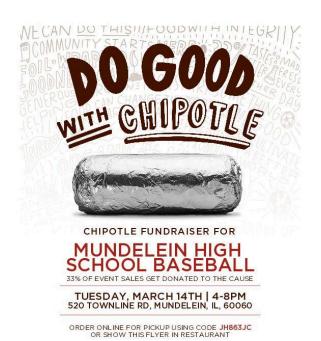
Signs start at \$23, options cost \$2 each







# **Baseball**





For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify, \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

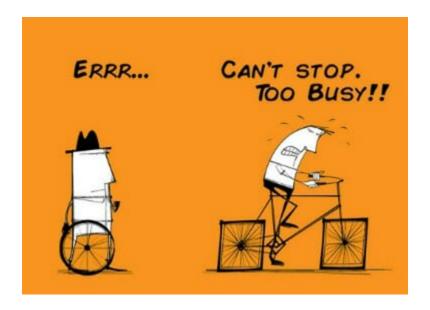




Para que las órdenes en línea se tengan en cuenta para el evento de recaudación de fondos, deberán ser del mismo lugar del evento y realizarse durante las horas del mismo. Las órdenes con servicio de entrega y las realizadas con una tarjeta de regalo no cuentan para el evento. Se requiere un mínimo de de 1950 dólares de ventas para recibir cualquier domación.

# The Foundation





# The Mundelein Foundation is seeking new members! Do you have one night a month to make a difference? Contact Jennifer for more information on how you can have some fun h

Contact Jennifer for more information on how you can have some fun helping the next generation:

847-987-7955 or <u>brunkow4@sbcglobal.net</u>

# **Previous Reminders**

# **ASPIRE**

Our MHS Portrait of a Learner tenets affirm student identity through schoolwide values, expectations and practices.





# **Dress Code**

Although we take great pride in a dress code that encourages self-expression, we do want to remind students of our student dress code policy as found in our <u>student</u> handbook.

• Clothing <u>must</u> cover all undergarments (waistbands and straps excluded).

- Fabric covering all private parts must **not** be seen through.
- Clothing that depicts, advertises or advocates the use of alcohol, tobacco, marijuana or other controlled substances is prohibited.
- Clothing that depicts pornography, nudity or sexual acts is prohibited.

# Attendance

Regular school attendance is required and necessary to develop the academic and intrapersonal skills needed for success. Students are expected to attend each class and be on time. Students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than students who do not have regular attendance. If your student is going to be absent from school, please call the Attendance Line 847-949-2200 ext. 1998 (Spanish) ext. 1999 (English) by 10:00 am.

# What is Good Attendance?

Our MHS Attendance Committee felt it was important to create a simple and clear visual that students and families can reference to understand our expectations surrounding what good attendance looks like.

# What is Good Attendance?



Missing only one day each month is the same as missing 9 days in a school year = **Chronic absences** 

When a student has chronic absences, it is difficult to catchup

# Valid Excuses for Absences:

- Illness (including mental health)
- Observance of a religious holiday
- · Death in the immediate family
- Family emergency
- Other approved situations

# Have you decided:

- How many days are "too many" days to miss in a school year?
- How would you define "good attendance?"

\*Mundelein High School Permits 8 excused absences per semester.

# ¿Qué es Buena Asistencia?



9 días o más Señal de advertencia: 5-8 días Asistencia **Buena:** 

4 días o menos

Faltar solo un día cada mes es lo mismo que faltar 9 días en un año escolar = Ausencias crónicas Cuando un estudiante tiene ausencias crónicas, es difícil ponerse al día

# Excusas válidas para las ausencias:

Enfermedad (incluye la salud mental)

- Observancion de una fiesta religiosa.
- Muerte en la familia inmediata
- Emergencia familiar
- Otras situaciones aprobadas

# Has decidido:

¿Cuántos días son "demasiados" días para perder en un año escolar? ¿Cómo definiría "buena asistencia"?

\*Mundelein High School permite 8 ausencias justificadas por semestre.

# **Bus Notifications**

Would you like to know when your student's bus is going to be late? For Mundelein bus routes, Lakeside Transportation is using the Bus Bulletin notification system to notify parents and students when there are bus delays and schedule changes. For more information, or to sign-up and start receiving notifications, please visit: www.busbulletin.com/parents (Find Mundelein Area Schools when prompted for a district) \*Note - This is managed by Lakeside Bus Company and not MHS.

# **Technology Use**

Students will utilize technology to support their learning in class. Students are reminded to use their Chromebooks and cell phones appropriately at all times. For further information about technology use, please refer to the student handbook located on the District web page - 2022-2023 Student/Parent Handbook

# Go Mustangs!



The Principal's Blog: Mustang News is now available at <a href="http://mundypride.blogspot.com/">http://mundypride.blogspot.com/</a>