Many Farms Community School, Inc.

WARRIOR NEWSLETTER

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"Many Farms Community Schools' mission is to empower and inspire students toward academic excellence through personalized, engaging and accessible lifelong growth".

"Many Farms Community School strives for academic success while preserving Dine' teachings and values".

Front Office

Contact Information Change

If your phone number has changed, please notify the school so you continue receiving important voice and text messages. Updates to mailing or residency addresses should also be reported. You may email changes to marlina.nez@mfcsazwarriors.org, tanya.begay@mfcsazwarriors.org or visit the front office.

Attendance Expectations

If your child is absent due to illness, **please notify the school** and stay in communication. **Excused absences** apply only to the student (illnesses, medical appointments). Family emergencies, deaths, or funerals are not all excusable unless they involve the student's **immediate family** (student, siblings, parents, grandparents).

Bus Changes Procedures

To request a change in your child/ren's drop-off location:

- Submit a written note **or** email **mfcswarriors@gmail.com**
- Requests must be received **by 2:00 PM;** Early Release days will be at **11 AM.**
- **Phone requests cannot be accepted**

Please honor this deadline, as the front office becomes very busy after 2:30 PM.

Bus Time Check Outs

If you are picking up your child(ren) at bus time, please sign them out for accountability. If someone else is picking up your child, they must be on your checkout list or you may provide a written note.

School Mass Messages

Our school uses text messaging for communication. Currently, messages are sent only to the number listed in the household (parent/guardian). If you are not receiving messages, please contact us so we can assist.

Picture Day

Picture day was rescheduled from September 30, 2026 to November 10, 2026.

Contact Us

Front Office: (928) 781-6221

November

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Ms. Jodie, Principal

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Hello again Parents/Guardians of MFCS Warriors!
Slowly but surely, I continue to meet the wonderful MFCS Team, learning faces, names and personalities of students, staff, and stakeholders! It has been a pleasure; and again, I am grateful to be an MFCS Warrior!

Who I am

To'áheedliinii nishłį
I am of the Water Flows Together Clan
Tł'izi łani) bashishchiin
Tótsohnii dashicheii
Ma'iideezhgizhnii dashinali

Where I'm from

Lók'aa'ch'égai déé' naashá



My Education & Experience

I have been a:

- Junior High Teacher for approximately 14 years.;
- Special Education Teacher for approximately 2 years.;
- Supervisor/Administrator/Principal for approximately 4 years..

I have a Master's Degree in Special Education, Secondary Education and Educational Leadership.

What I believe

WE ARE ALL TEACHERS:
Parents, Family members, Community members, and School Community Staff members.

Together, we can nurture your child's potential and help them grow into an incredible person.

Ms. Jodie



Great job teachers!



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School Parent Liaison

Hello Parents, Students and Staff,

Happy Thanksgiving to all. November has arrived. The weather is changing and it is starting to get a little colder. Please make sure your child is dressing warm. No more trunks and short cuts to be worn to school. The weather has been unpredictable lately.

We have encountered many remote days of learning in October. We will be facing more days as such. Thanks for working with the school on those challenging days we encountered. Remember, safety is a priority for our students and staff. We will be encountering more of this type of weather conditions in the near future with the winter season upon us. So prepare yourself ahead of time.

Parents, attendance is very important and with your encouragement and enthusiastic character, your child will be excited to attend class on a daily basis.

I would like to thank all the parents who attended the Title I Parent Meeting on October 20, 2026. You gained valuable information about the Title I program, academic department and parental involvement programs.

Activities and school functions are scheduled for this month. I am encouraging all parents to participate and get involved with the presentations and other activities that are scheduled for you. Please refer to the monthly activities calendar for events and information from the school.

There will be a P.E.C. Meeting on Monday, November 9, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. There is also a potluck planned for the meeting. Bring your favorite dish and enjoy the food and meeting. There will be other activities that will be planned. November is Native American Heritage month.

Mass messages will also be sent out. This is our way of a two-way communication from the school. Please make sure your cell number is updated. We will be using the NASIS portal to contact parents.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (928)781.6221 Ext. 112 or by **email** at **robert.dalton@mfcsazwarriors.org.**

Mr. Dalton

School Health

Winter is coming and it's starting to get colder. Please dress your children appropriately for the cold weather, especially for those who wait for the bus every morning: long sleeved shirts, pants, socks and closed shoes, jacket/sweatshirt/hoodie, cap/ear muffs, gloves.

The Thanksgiving Holiday is coming up! Enjoy time with your family. Eat lots of turkey and mutton stew. Don't forget the Elders- check on them frequently, chop some wood for them, make sure they have food and water, haul hay and water for their livestock if needed, visit with them. Keep warm, be kind, and stay healthy. Christmas is just around the corner, so start getting ready!

The Cold season is creeping in. Students are starting to come to school with sore throats, coughing, runny nose, sometimes a fever. Keep washing your hands with soap and water every day or use hand sanitizer. Frequently use a disinfectant spray or wipes for commonly touched areas in your home such as: cell phones, tablets, door knobs, TV remotes, faucet handles, tables, etc. This will help to minimize the spread of germs, especially if a household member is sick with any type of Respiratory Illness > COVID 19, RSV, Flu, Common cold.

Mr. Benally, MFCS School Nurse

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Mental Health Office



MFCS Mental Health Office

November is a Special month for teaching our little ones Ke'. Teaching about relatives and relations. A time to prepare for Winter. A time to set your child's mind of Dine' Way of Life, and growth in their education. Your child is looking forward to Thanksgiving. Teach them that giving is precious, rather than receiving. Please teach your child (ren) to be on time at school and be ready in their class. As parents please always keep in contact with their teacher throughout the school year.

All of our children are precious and we need to keep them safe from harm in every way. Should your children or child is experiencing feeling down and need help or want to talk to someone, please contact the MFCS School and the Mental Health Specialist. All counseling are confidential and private.

Mental Health Specialist works closely with the school Principal and the School Counselor regarding students.

Have a Wonderful and enjoyable Thanksgiving, please be safe
MFCS Mental Health Specialist, Marijane Wheeler @ (928)781.6221.Ext. 222

Things to Remember

Setbacks don't equal failure
You are allowed to set Boundaries
It' Okay to rest
Not everything you think are true

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Athletic Dept.

Dear Parents, Guardians, Students, Staff, and Community Members,

My name is Mr. Michael Bahe, and I am honored to serve as the Athletic Director for Many Farms Community School for the 2026–2027 school year.
First and foremost, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our parents and guardians for allowing your children to represent Many Farms Community School. Your continued support, encouragement, and dedication are vital to the success of our student-athletes. I would also like to thank our students and staff for working closely with the Athletic Department throughout this fall sports season. Despite facing challenging weather conditions, schedule adjustments, and cancellations, our student-athletes and coaches consistently demonstrated resilience, dedication, and perseverance.

Our boys' and girls' cross-country runners performed exceptionally well this season, and I am incredibly proud of their hard work, determination, and exemplary sportsmanship. At the NEAAA Finals held at Tsaile Public School, our girls' team earned runner-up honors, and our boys' team secured an impressive third-place finish. These outstanding achievements are a direct reflection of the dedication shown by our student-athletes, coaches, families, and school community.

A special thank-you goes out to our coaching staff for their time, leadership, and unwavering commitment to our youth:
- Junior High Cross-Country Coaches: Mr. Michael Bahe and Mr. Chris Smith
- Elementary Cross-Country Coaches: Mr. Walton Ashihi and Mr. Bertram Lee

As our fall season comes to an end, we eagerly anticipate the upcoming Elementary Cross-Country Championship, which will take place on November 5, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. at Rock Point Community School. We encourage our community to come out and support our young runners.

Looking ahead, we are excited to kick off our winter basketball season! Please join me in welcoming our basketball coaching staff:
- Junior High Girls Basketball: Mr. Robert Dalton
- Junior High Boys Basketball: Mr. Damion Guy
- Elementary Boys Basketball: Mr. Cody Begay
- Elementary Girls Basketball: Mrs. Trisha Begay

Once again, thank you to everyone in the Many Farms Community School family for helping make our athletic programs successful. Your continued support and spirited teamwork make a lasting difference in the lives of our students.

Sincerely,

Mr. Michael Bahe
Athletic Director



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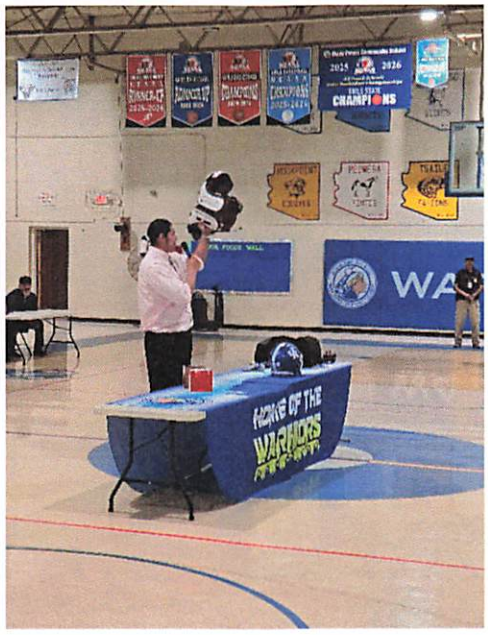
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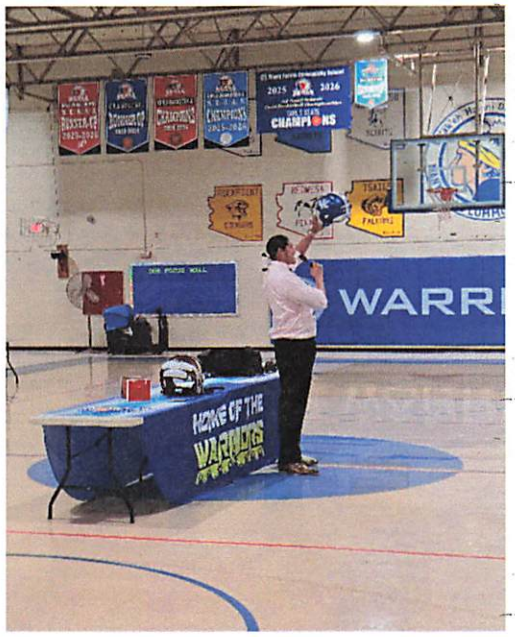
October 29, 2026 was Shiyazh Pete Day at MFCS. What an inspiration to have an NFL player at MFCS to motivate our students, staff and community. Not only is he an NFL player, but a Navajo/Salish descent football player. The first ever Native American player to ever play in the NFL.

Mr. Pete gave an inspiration speech to the students and staff here at MFCS. His encouraging words have uplifted our student to be the best they can be in academics, sports and in life. His words of wisdom included to always remember where you are coming from because that it who you are and what you represent.

Mr. Pete gave autographs to students. Some items that were signed were; footballs, caps, shoes, jackets, t-shirts, cups, mugs, skateboards, stuffed animals, cell phones, and not to mention the school bus.











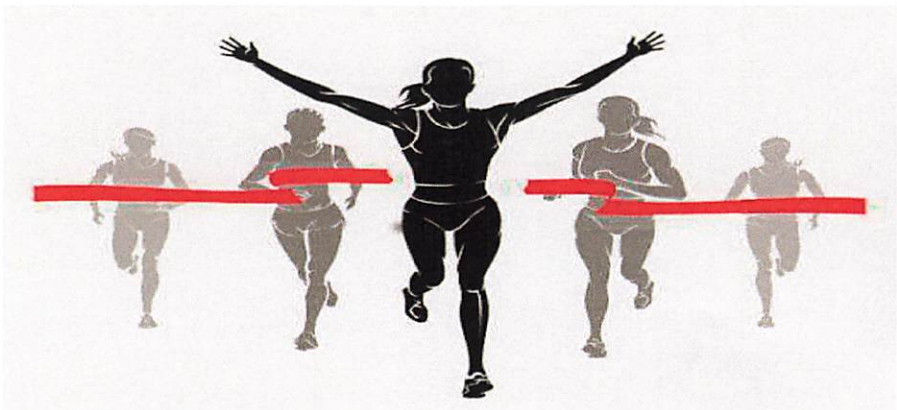
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LADY WARRIORS XC

A phenomenal achievement, and a huge congratulations goes out to the entire girls cross country team for finishing as runners-up at the NEAAA finals!
Placing **all 7 runners in the top 15** at a Championship Final is an elite level of dominance that highlights the team's incredible depth, discipline, and relentless heart. They executed their strategic racing plan flawlessly and should be immensely proud of bringing home the runner-up trophy after such a hard-fought and memorable performance.





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School Involvement Committee (SIC)

Thank you to Students, Teachers, Staff, and Parents for making this year's Red Ribbon Week (October 23-30) a Successful event! We had Navajo Nation Police, EMS, Fire, Forestry, and Office of Dine Youth come out and provide valuable information to our students as part of Red Ribbon Week. Each day was also a different dress up day for students and staff.

We had 1st Quarter Awards Day, a morning walk around campus, Movie Day, a Great visit by Shiyazh Pete, Fall Parent Conference, Costume Day with Halloween treats, and a fantastic Halloween Carnival night! Again, a Big Thank You to Everyone who helps bring a smile to our wonderful students!

Next up we will have the **Thanksgiving Program on November 23, starting at 9am.**

Mr. Benally, SIC Chairman



Parent Reminders

- Set aside family time for the whole family for reading, socializing and spending time with one another.
- Encourage your child to attend school on a daily basis.
- Have your child get plenty of rest on school nights and be ready for school the following day.
- Daylight Savings Time. Move clocks back 1 hour on Sunday, November 1, 2026.
- Early Dismissal at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 5, 2026.
- Parent Engagement Committee Meeting on Monday, November 9, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.
- NO SCHOOL on Nov. 11 – VETERAN'S DAY
- MFCS Princess & Brave Pageant on Monday, November 16, 2026 @ 6pm.
- Thanksgiving Program on Monday, November 23, 2026 @ 9am.
- Early Dismissal @ 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24, 2026.
- Thanksgiving Vacation on November 25-27, 2026. NO SCHOOL.

THE MANY FARMS COMMUNITY SCHOOL CULTURAL BEAT

Special Announcement: Launching Our K-8 Traditional Dance Club!

Yá'át'ééh Many Farms Families and Community Members!

We are absolutely thrilled to announce the launch of our brand-new Native American Traditional Dance Club this year! Tailored specifically for our Kindergarten through 8th-grade students, this after-school program is dedicated to keeping Diné traditions, history, and values vibrant and thriving within our youth. Through song, movement, and community mentorship, students will build confidence, connect with their roots, and learn the sacred protocols of our cultural dances.

CLUB LOGISTICS AT A GLANCE

- **When:** Every Thursday afternoon from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM
- **Where:** Many Farms Community School (Main Gym / Cultural Room)
- **Who:** Open to all students from Kindergarten through 8th Grade
- **What to Wear:** Comfortable clothing and athletic shoes or moccasins for dancing

What Our Dancers Will Learn: The Four Pillars

Our weekly program is mindfully structured around four core traditional categories, offering a comprehensive look into Navajo culture, history, and performance etiquette:

1. Singing (Navajo Traditional Songs)

The drumbeat is the heartbeat of every dance. Students will learn the critical relationship between vocal control, rhythm, and footwork. We will practice simple social songs, teaching students how to keep tempo with traditional drums and rattles.

2. Basket Dance

An incredibly elegant social dance honoring Navajo women, the harvest, and the sacred geometry of the wedding basket (ts'aa'). Dancers will develop focus and synchronization while learning what the basket's patterns symbolize—from the sacred mountains to the emergence path of our people.

3. Feather & Ribbon Dance

Full of high energy, agility, and quick footwork! This lively social dance is a fantastic way for our younger (K-3) students to burn off energy while building balance, endurance, and learning how to respect the eagle feathers and items used in social celebrations.

4. Yeii Bicheii Dance

A deeply revered ceremonial dance belonging to the winter healing ceremonies. Given its sacred nature, this category will be approached strictly from an educational and historical standpoint. Students will learn about its cultural significance and protocols under direct guidance from respected community elders.

A Community Mentorship Model

How do we balance Kindergarteners and 8th Graders in one room? Through leadership! Our older middle-school students (5th-8th grade) will take on the role of 'Dance Leaders,' helping mentor and guide our younger elementary students. This builds a powerful sense of family, mutual respect, and community right inside our school walls.

How to Sign Up Your Student

Participation is completely free, registration are set up with afterschool tutoring enrichment classes. Space is limited to ensure safe, quality instruction for all age groups.

- **To attend:** Afterschool tutoring forms can be picked up at the front office or requested directly from your student's homeroom teacher.
- **Transportation:** Your student will travel safely back home on our bus transportation promptly at 5:30 PM on Thursdays.
- **Volunteer & Support:** We warmly welcome local elders, singers, and regalia makers to share their knowledge with our youth. Reach out if you'd like to visit!

Ahéhee' (Thank you) for supporting our youth and preserving our beautiful culture!





HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

"Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go."

As the seasons change, we are reminded that embracing change in the workplace can create new opportunities for growth, collaboration, and success.

Please join us in welcoming our newest MFCS, Inc. team members:

- **Emeline Shay — On-call Substitute Teacher**
- **Caroline Martinez — On-call Teacher**
- **Dwight Yellowhair — Instruction Assistant**
- **Nathaniel E. Brown — 6th Grade Teacher**
- **Latoyia L. Largo — 4th – 6th Grade Navajo Language & Culture Teacher**

We are excited to have you join the MFCS, Inc. Warriors family. We look forward to the experience, dedication, and positive contributions you will bring to our school community.

Welcome to MFCS, Inc.!

Thank you, MFCS, Inc. Warriors





MANY FARMS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Happy Thanksgiving!

Dear Parents, Students, Staff, and Families,

As we gather to celebrate this season of gratitude, Many Farms Community School wishes each of you a joyful, peaceful, and warm Thanksgiving holiday! We are immensely grateful for our wonderful school community, your dedication, and the partnership we share in nurturing our students.

May your break be filled with laughter, delicious food, and cherished moments with loved ones. For those traveling, we wish you safe and smooth journeys.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready to learn!

With gratitude,
Many Farms Community School
Business Office



DINE' LANGUAGE CULTURE COMMITTEE (DLCC)

The Many Farms Community School has a DLCC Committee of Teachers and other staff, who meet twice a month and plan of events and activities for the students, parents/guardians, community and stakeholders throughout the school year. The committee is also responsible to plan the November's Indigenous month of MFCS Pageant, and other Cultural Events and Activities. All parents/guardians, stakeholders and MFCS staff are welcome to attend and be part of the planning for our school. The Chairperson for the DLCC is Marlene Tallboy, ESS Para and Secretary is Christina Jones, Teacher and five other members. Please contact MFCS DLCC Committee for questions and attending the DLCC meetings at 928.781.6221 Ext: 333 or 316

Respectfully, take care and be safe throughout the Winter.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving with loved ones & family.



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Dáaʼdch Halání Diné Bʼóltʼa
MANY FARMS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

K-3RD GRADE

LIL BRAVE
LIL PRINCESS

4TH-8TH GRADE

MFCS BRAVE
MFCS PRINCESS

PICK UP AN APPLICATION IN B102

Applications are due Nov. 9, 2026.



Many Farms Community School

Native American Heritage Spirit Month

November 1st to 30th



Rock Your "MOCS" Every Mondays





Jewelry Day Tuesdays





Tsiiyéél Tsiitł'óół Wednesdays





Traditional Attire Day Thursdays





Fridays Clan Day



Sponsored by MFCS DLCC Team

Dził'ch'eh Halání Diné Bi'ólá'
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2026 - 27 Jr. HIGH GIRLS / Boys

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

WARRIORS — PLAY HARD — PLAY TOGETHER — GO WARRIORS

DATE	OPPONENT/SITE		TIME
Nov. 2	Practice Begins		
Nov. 19	Scrimmage - Many Farms Comm School/Many Farms Public School/Rough Rock Comm School/Cottonwood Day School	(H)	4/5/6pm
Nov. 23	Many Farms Public School	(A)	5:00/6:00pm
Dec. 2	Lukachukai Comm School	(H)	4:00/5:00pm
Dec. 9	Tsaile Public School	(A)	4:00/5:00pm
Dec. 11-13	Many Farms Comm School Warriors Tournament	(H)	TBA
Dec. 16	Chilchinbeto Comm School	(A)	4:00/5:00pm
Dec. 21 - Jan. 1	Winter Break		
Jan. 6	Cottonwood Day School	(H)	5:00/6:00pm
Jan. 13	Blackmesa Comm School	(A)	4:00/5:00pm
Jan. 15 -16	Tsaile Public School Falcons Tournament	(A)	TBA
Jan. 19	Rough Rock Comm School	(H)	5:00/5:00pm
Jan. 22 - 23	Lukachukai Comm. School Eagles Tournament	(A)	TBA
Jan. 27	bye		
Jan. 29 - 30	ManyFarms Public School Cougars Tournament	(A)	TBA
Feb. 3	TeecNosPos Comm School	(A)	4:00/5:00pm
Feb. 8	NEAAA Playoffs @ Higher Seed #8 - #9	(A)	TBA
Feb. 9	NEAAA Playoffs @ Higher Seed	(A)	TBD
Feb. 10	NEAAA 2nd Round @ Neutral Site ManyFarms Comm school / ManyFarms Public School	(H)	TBD
Feb. 11	NEAAA Finals @ ManyFarms Community School	(H)	5:00/6:00pm
Feb. 12 -14	AZ Small Sch. Championships @ Clarkdale - Jerome,AZ		TBD

*NOTE: Schedule is subject to change at any time. Freedom games may be added at a later time.
*TBA: The game times will be announced at a later time.
*TBD: Will be determined if it will be scheduled. (PENDING STATUS).

OUR SCHOOL
OUR COMMUNITY

MANY FARMS COMMUNITY SCHOOL
WARRIORS

OUR STUDENTS
OUR FUTURE

Updated on Oct. 25, 2026