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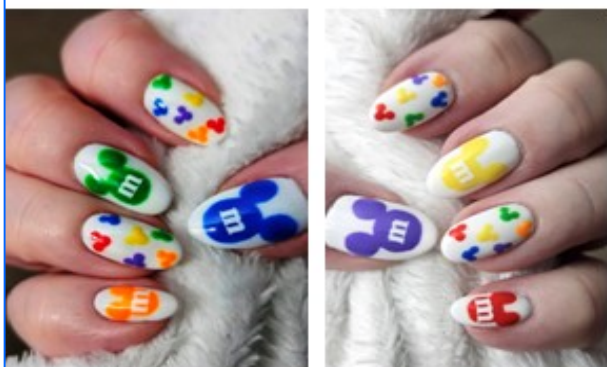


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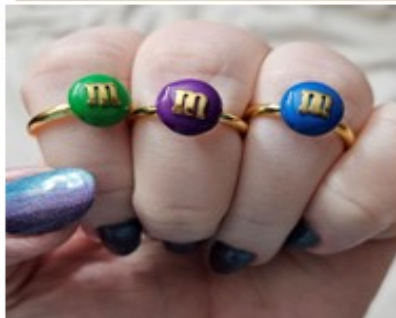
Convention Issue!



Thanks to everyone that came to Disney Springs to celebrate our Club's 27th Convention!!
I hope everyone had a great time! Here's a recap for members that couldn't join us.



Registration Night



Registration was held on Sunday night. This is where everyone received their registration packet and t-shirts. The registration packet contained: Room Signs, Name Badges, Kate Spade Ring, Convention Shot Glass, Magnet, Character Pin, Keychain from Hong Kong, Convention Fan / Bid Paddle, Club Lanyard, Club Pen, Pot Holder, & Mickey Mouse ears in your favorite color.

Hotel Arrival, Setup Room, Mingle Nights



Some members decorated their windows with cool room signs!

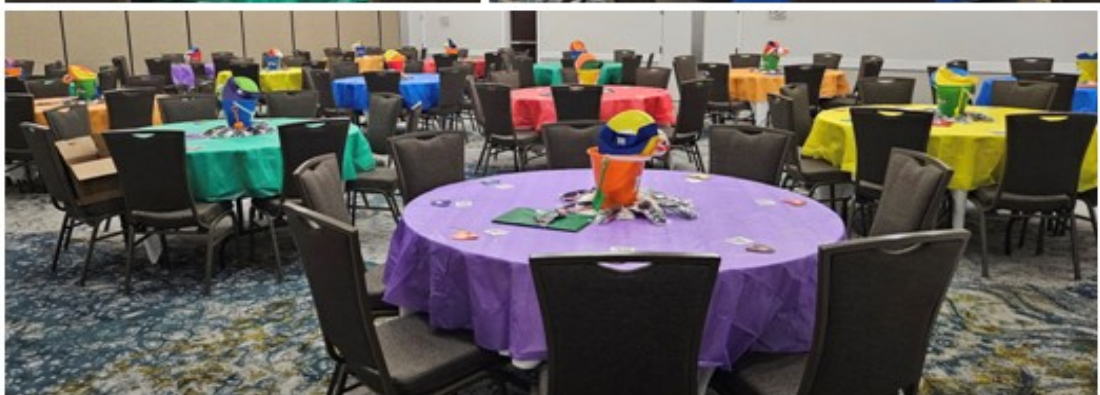


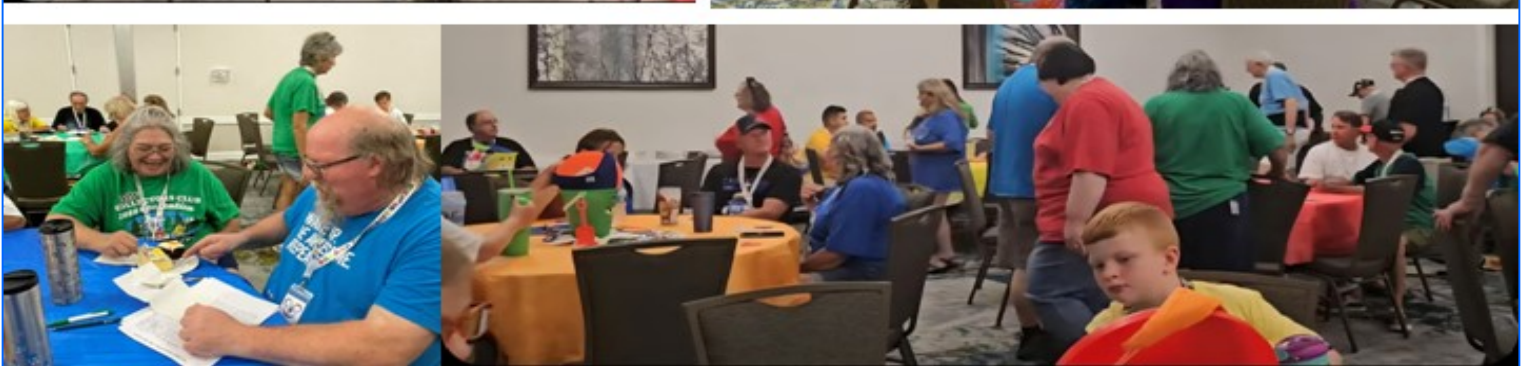
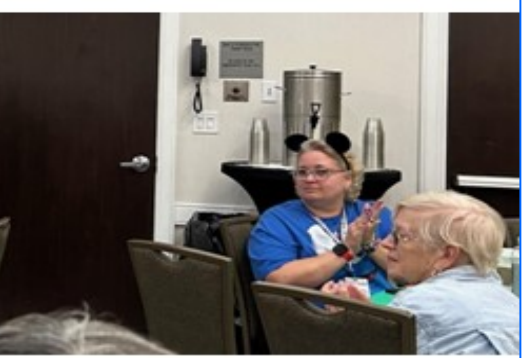
We had our Welcome Party on Monday. 115 people attended the convention this year. We had 11 members attending a convention for the very first time, they received a gift of a metal sign with their favorite character on it. **New Members keep our Club going!** It's great to meet new collectors and make new friends!

We had members attending from 23 states, Canada and Australia! The conventions are a great place to add non-USA items to your collection.

Introductions were first. Then we played a round of LCR (Left / Center / Right) and a "Pass the Gift" game where you passed the prize to people at your table meeting certain criteria - the prize was a Convention Sign.

Welcome Party





Day 1 - Activities, Enjoying Cake



No Welcome Party is complete without cake! Monday evening the fun continued with a round of Yahtzee and a Shell Painting Activity. **We have some very talented, artistic members!** The winners were: Shelly Smith, Kyra Romiski, Sandy Bantz, Lloyd Kerbel, Rick Stephan and Dennis Taylor (who won by kissing up).

We played a Word Search game where you had to find the Purple's and the winners received Mickey Head shirts. The centerpieces were beach-themed sand buckets with visors, sunglasses, frisbees and a beach blanket. We rolled dice to determine the winner of these & then everyone headed out for Room Hopping!

Tuesday morning was our Private shopping event at the M&M's World at Disney Springs® store. They had all of the Disney-themed merchandise stocked for us! We also received a discount during the convention. If you were lucky enough to find one of 10 gold Mickey Heads, hidden somewhere in the store, you won a prize donated by Mars! Red & Purple characters were there to take pictures with! I'm pretty sure their shipping department worked overtime, as many of us had items delivered to our houses before we even got home!

Tuesday evening, we had a Silent Auction. Always great items to bid on here. The fun of a silent auction are those last-second bids, before time is called! After the items were collected, we took a break for Happy Hour. The party continued with a Trivia Night where we found out that we don't know as much about M&M's® as we thought!! There were 3 or 4 tables of winners. We also played another round of Yahtzee.

Wednesday started with our General Meeting, followed by our live auction. There were some great items to bid on in the Auction! This is not where the bargains are... **You can get some prize pieces here.** Some of the items were from Hong Kong and Australia, as well as some older Danbury Mint pieces. There were several rare items - a Picnic blanket from Canada (you had to go to movie night to get one), a Jacket from The Red One movie (only 14 of those were made), and a 'free' lunchbox only available in 5 select markets on July 29th (only 500 of these). We took a break for Room Hopping, Happy Hour and Pictures.



Shell Painting Winners

**Shelly Smith, Kyra Romiski,
Sandy Bantz, Lloyd Kerbel,
Rick Stephan and
Dennis Taylor**



Day 2 - Trip to Disney Springs M&M'S WORLD® Store



Day 2 - Silent Auction



Photos Left
Illinois Members
Ohio Members

Day 2 - Evening Activities & Prizes



Live Auction



Live Auction Continued



Auctioneers

Dennis Hudson, Greg Brown,
Marty McAlarney, Dennis Taylor,
Darren Smith



Anxious Bidders!

Banquet

Several Group Pictures were taken prior to the banquet. We enjoyed a fried chicken picnic buffet, and this year, our special guest was Sandi Ferency, manager of the M&M's World at Disney Springs®. She joined us for dinner and games and drew some names for prizes. **We give out a lot of prizes at the banquet!** We played a sand-bottle game where we had to figure out objects in the bottle. We had 4 or 5 tables win prizes. The grand prize winners of Yahtzee won a Kate Spade necklace.

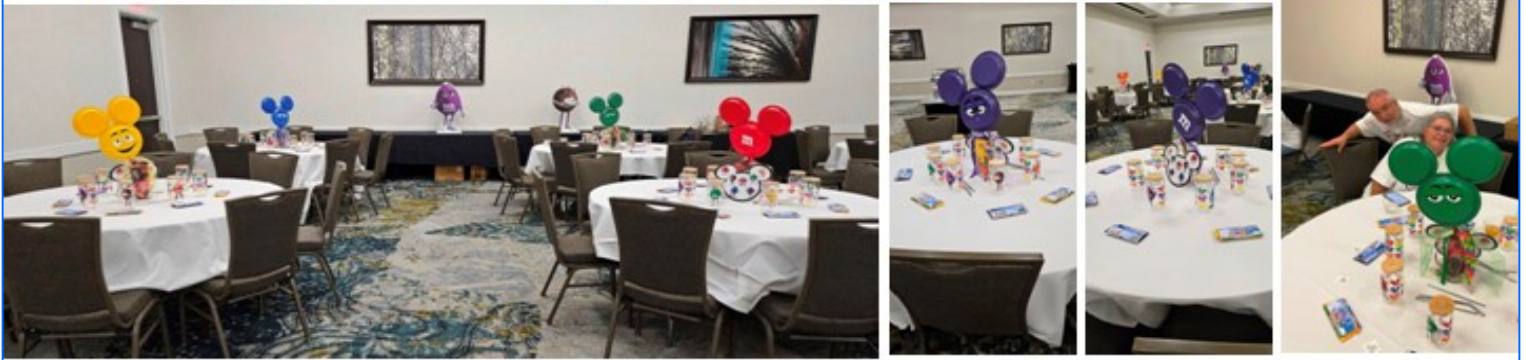
- M&M's World at Disney Springs® donated a couple of Character Displays. Bette Wilhelm (first convention) won Miss Brown and Steve Beal won Purple. Jim Shore donated several signed pieces. Those were won by: Tammy Daze, Margaret Gowdy and Yvette Caskie (first convention).
- Green Kate Spade purse, donated on behalf of Shirley & John Olah, was won by Patty Beal.
- Loren Essley took home the t-shirt for traveling the furthest distance. We appreciate those who drive / fly so far to spend time with us!
- The winner of the Club-wide Raffle was drawn – Congratulations, Mark Olson!! He was there to take home the items.
- Ralph made the candy sleeves that decorated the banquet tables.
- Rose Hudson thanked (me) and Marla for all she does to ensure you have fun activities and games to play!

We appreciate everyone that helped in any way!!

Thanks to all of our Great Members – **You** are what makes our Conventions so much fun!

See you next year! - Carolyn

Banquet Tables, Special Guest and Gifts



Special Guest Above,
Sandi Ferency, manager
of M&M's World Store
at Disney Springs®
Convention Gifts, Prizes







Banquet Gifts and Prizes



Rose Hudson Presents Marla Rivera with Gift!



Tammy Daze, Margaret Cowdy, & Yvette Caskie Winners!



Bette Wilhelm Winner!



PRIZE!



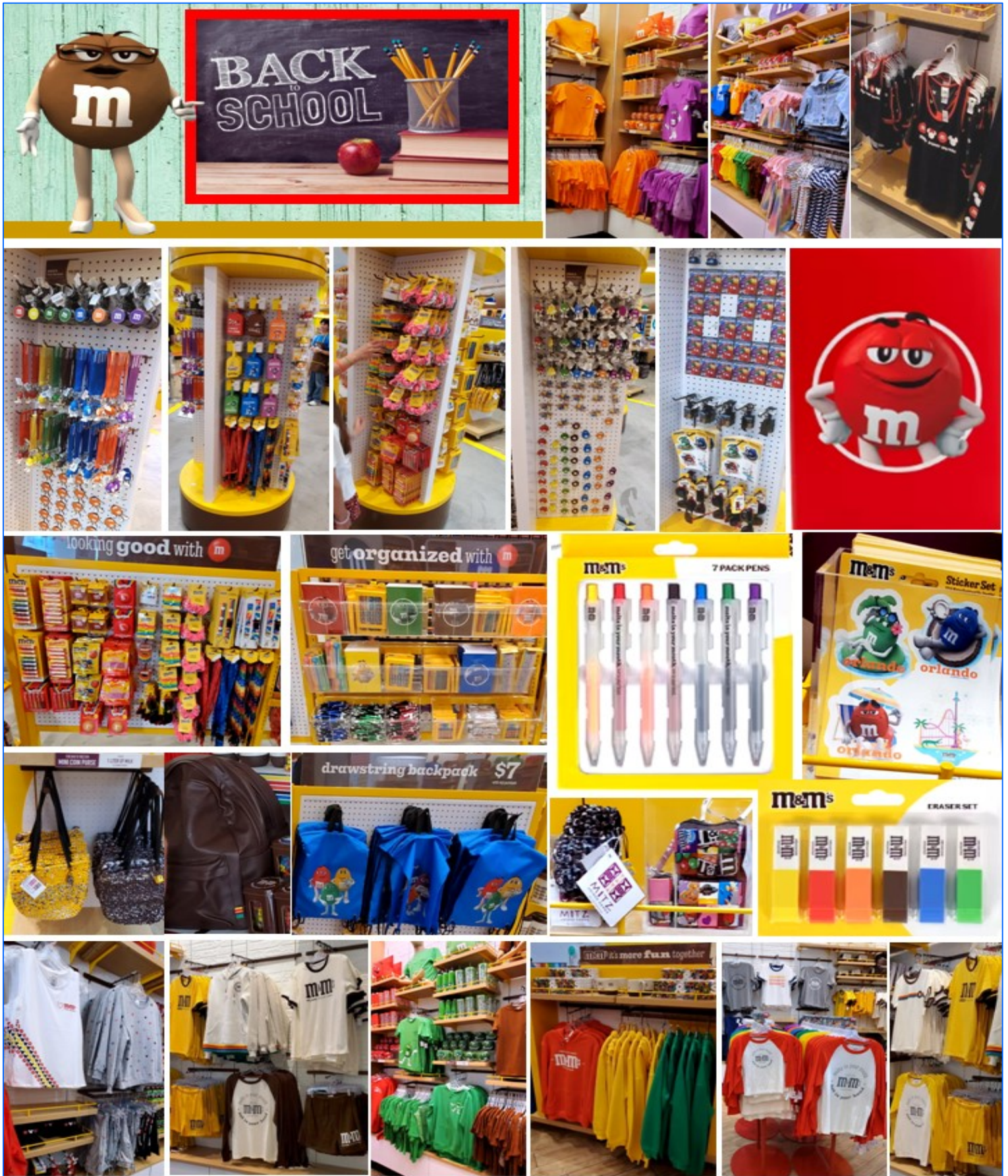
Patty Beal Winner!



Steve Beal Winner!

PURCHASES





Thank you Sheila Mansfield for taking approximately 80 pictures in the M&M's World at Disney Springs Store®! They are posted on the club's Facebook Page. Shown above are some great pictures of Back to School items she took. There are many pictures of things for your home etc. Check them out!

Editor's Note: Back in July, I was on eBay one night just searching for different things that were new with M&M'S®. As many of you know my sister is handicapped and she likes the Crossbody purses so she can reach in them with her left hand. I seen what I thought was a purse on eBay, so I bought it for her to have for the convention. I didn't know it was an ice cream cooler bag even though the auction mentioned some type of ice cream pattern on the purse. She had it at the convention, so maybe some of you saw it. When we got home, I was talking to Mark Draganjac about the lunchbox and I remarked how I thought the graphics on my sister's purse appeared similar to the lunchbox graphics style. He said what purse? I mentioned the one that my sister had at the convention and he didn't see it. So he did a Google search and discovered that the purse was one of 20. He sent me the article below for the newsletter. This is what makes the club fun is that you talk to fellow collectors and help each other out. I was worried that I bought something that it was perhaps made on Etsy and not a real item. Thanks Mark for showing this to me. Ralph

You could win an M&M'S® Ice Cream 'Sammy Pack' and the ice cream to put in it.

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By Deb Kiner | dkiner@pennlive.com

Fans can register to win an M&M'S® Ice Cream Sammy Pack and a free four-pack of the ice cream sandwiches.

Yesterday we had the Cheetos Mac 'N Cheese Fanny Pack. Today it is the M&M'S® Ice Cream Sammy Pack!

The Sammy Pack has a removable cooling pack, built to carry M&M'S® Ice Cream Cookie Sandwiches. It is adjustable so you can strap it around your waist or sling it over your shoulder.

And, the best part, is it free and comes with a four-pack of M&M'S® Ice Cream Cookie Sandwiches.

You can enter through Aug. 16 to win one of the 200 Sammy Packs and boxes of ice cream sandwiches. You can see the rules [here](#).

"Summer means ice cream and there is nothing better than a refreshing M&M'S® Ice Cream Cookie Sandwich on a hot day," said Jayesh Shah, Mars Ice Cream Marketing Director. "Mars is always thinking about the consumer, so we designed the M&M'S® Ice Cream Sammy Pack – a fun and fashionable way for M&M'S® Ice Cream fans to enjoy the product anytime, anywhere."



Kirk Farrar

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Kirk Farrar on August 20. He was 65. Kirk and his wife Jamie are from Wichita, KS and joined the club in January, 2023. They, along with Jamie's sister Melinda were at the Disney Springs convention in Florida.

According to Kirk's Obituary, he worked at Robin's Auto Shop "Carology". Kirk loved the Miami Dolphins and watching the games on TV with his dad. He was a huge Dan Marino fan. Kirk also loved all animals and had two dogs of his own. Kirk had a very large collection of M&M'S® Candy Dispensers and other collectibles.

My sister Karen and I, along with Rose and Dennis Hudson and Ali Glaser were fortunate to sit with Kirk and his family at the banquet. We had a great time especially with the activities! Our table was a winner in the Sand Bottle Game. I believe Kirk said after the convention they were traveling to Tampa to go fishing and do more sightseeing before going back to Wichita.

May Kirk be at peace and Jamie please know we are all praying for you and your family during this difficult time. It is nice to have wonderful friends as you and Kirk!

Thank you! I would like to thank everyone for your contributions and pictures for this newsletter including Carolyn & Marty McAlarney, Marla Rivera, Mark & Nancy Draganjac, Jo Ann Bellamy, Rose & Dennis Hudson, Sara Landis, Greg & Vickie Brown, Bob & Karen Hawkes, Shelly & Darren Smith, Sharon & Jim Cross, Libby Dixon, Betty McManamay, Jill Flynn, Sheila Mansfield, Melissa Eller, Jackie & Dan Blindauer, Kimberly Muslusky, Joe Meyer, Julie Shimko, Sandy Bantz, Lloyd and Wendi Kerbel, and my sister Karen. - **Ralph**



L-R, T-B: Row 1: New Cookies & Cream M&M'S® Share Size Candies, Nouria Brownies. Row 2: Baskin-Robbins' M&M'S® Monster Cookie ice cream mixed with M&M'S® MINIS, cookie dough pieces, and peanut butter cookie swirls. This flavor was the Baskin Robbins flavor of the month for August 2025 and is available for a limited time., New Chocolate 1 pint ice cream with M&M'S® Blue Character.



Going on an Adventure Like Hiking or Camping? Check out all the new Granola, Trail Mix and Popcorn snacks with M&M'S® Candies above from Walmart, CVS Disney World, Various Truck Stops and Buc-ee's!

Trick or Treat



L-R, T-B, Rows 1-5: Halloween Treats appearing at many supermarkets and gas stations. Row 4: Pillows in Halloween Wrapper from Amazon. Row 5: Candy wrappers from Israel, Red Character Pillow from It's Sugar.

M&M'S® Debuts 'Bakery Collection' With 3 New Limited-Edition Flavors

By: Marisa Losciale

M&M'S® is once again seeking fan opinions to help decide which limited-edition flavor should be added to its lineup.

Mars, the makers of the iconic candy-coated chocolates, is bringing back its Flavor Vote contest and asking fans to help pick the next new flavor of M&M'S®. The contest kicked off in 2016 and has since seen several once limited-releases successfully debut as everyday flavors, with this latest installment hoping to do the same.

What is the M&M'S® Flavor Vote?

The M&M'S® flavor vote sees the limited-edition rollout of never-before-seen flavors and asks fans to try them and vote for their favorite for a chance to see it on shelves for more than just the campaign promo.

Previous installments of the contest saw the limited release of Thai Coconut Peanut, Mexican Jalapeño Peanut and Crunchy Raspberry flavors, with English Toffee Peanut, Crunchy Mint and M&M'S® Coffee Nut flavors among those to be crowned winners.

M&M'S® Flavor Vote: Bakery Collection Flavors

The latest M&M'S® Flavor Vote features classic bakery-inspired flavors. Beginning in January, fans can try three new limited-edition M&M'S® and vote on which flavor they want to stay on shelves. However, the flavors are rolling out in slightly different size packages. Peanut Butter Cinnamon Roll will be available in 1.63-ounce, 2.83-ounce and 8.6-ounce options; Cherry Chocolate Cupcake in 1.5-ounce, 2.47-ounce and 9-ounce; and Lemon Meringue Pie in 1.35-ounce, 3.22-ounce and 7.4-ounce.



How to Participate in the M&M'S® 2026 Fan Vote

Casting your vote is almost as easy as enjoying the new flavors. Simply scan the QR code on select packages or visit flavorvote.mms.com.

Game Day Cinnamon Bun M&M'S® Monkey Bread

Everyone is going to beg to come to this year's big game once they know you'll be serving this ooey, gooey, chocolaty baked treat – even if they don't love football!

Recipe Ingredients:

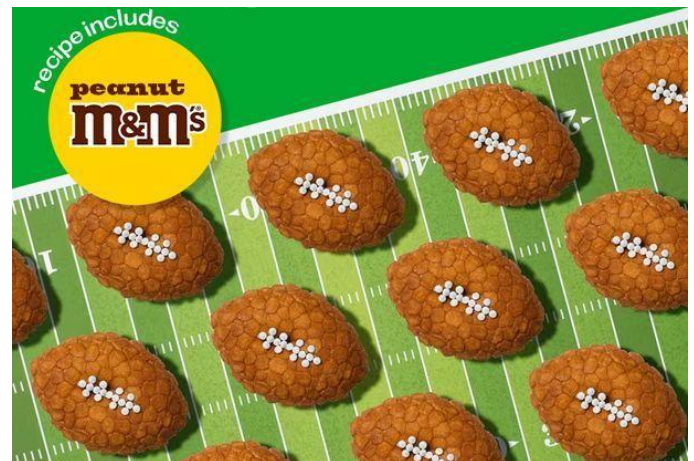
- 2 cups M&M'S® Peanut Milk Chocolate Candies, divided
- 3/4 cup butter, melted
- 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- 2 cans (12 oz each) refrigerated large biscuits
- 1/4 cup icing sugar
- 2 tsp milk (approx.)

Directions:

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 30 minutes

Total Time: 45 minutes



Grease large Bundt pan; set aside. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F Bundt pan; set aside. Coarsely chop 1/4 cup M&M'S®; set aside.

In bowl, whisk together butter, brown sugar, granulated sugar and cinnamon until well combined.

Separate dough into individual biscuits; cut each biscuit into quarters. Wrap each piece of dough around 2 M&M'S®, pinching seam to enclose candy.

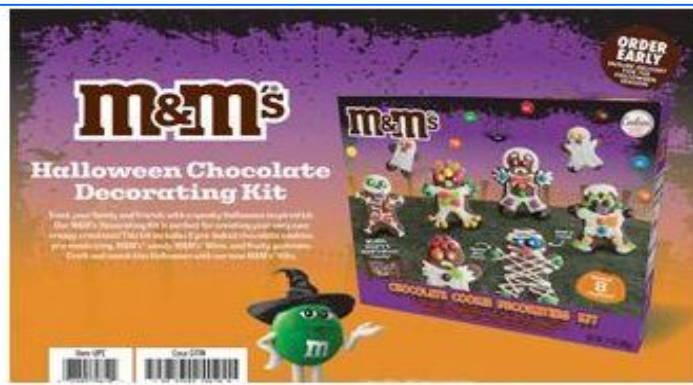
Dip balls in butter mixture, shaking off excess. Arrange in prepared pan; scatter remaining whole M&M'S® among balls.

Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool in pan for 10 minutes. Turn out onto serving platter.

Whisk icing sugar with enough milk until thickened but still until pourable; drizzle over top. Sprinkle with chopped M&M'S®. Serve warm.

Tip: Make-ahead: Bake and turn out monkey bread up to 6 hours in F oven for 10 minutes before drizzling with glaze and advance. Warm in 300 sprinkling with chopped M&M'S®.

Just as delicious made with M&M'S® Milk Chocolate Candies.



Halloween & Christmas Gingerbread Kits

Taylor Swift's New Album...The Life Of A Showgirl

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We bet this album will reach new heights.



Above: Some brands are posting about Taylor Swift's brand new album The Life Of A Showgirl on Social Media including M&M'S® Milk Chocolate Candies with their new ad in People Magazine, September 1, 2025.
Upper Right: 2025 Christmas Advent Calendar.