



Parent MRA Update, September 17th, 2020

"Guiding students in becoming responsible lifelong learners and compassionate community members through interdisciplinary studies in the arts and sciences within a safe and nurturing environment."

2020-2021 MRA Essential Question:

"How do I impact my community and how does my community impact me?"

Dear Families,

Many thanks to all of you for the thoughts and prayers you have extended for each other and for our school. Many of you experienced the fires right outside of your doorsteps, and all of us experienced the fear of losing homes, animals, and priceless belongings. After reviewing the current wildfire map it appears as though we continue to have families with homes in all fire evacuation levels—1, 2 and 3. I have been able to connect with a few of you, and have appreciated hearing that you are safe.

As we look into the next week and beyond, we have decided to wait to officially open school until all of those living within the Molalla River School District are at a Level 1 for evacuation status plus a minimum of three additional days. This time will help families settle back into their homes. Our plan is similar to the school district, with the difference in that we are establishing a minimum of 3 days, possibly more. That way, if the three days puts us opening in the middle of the week, we have the flexibility of waiting until the next Monday in order to make sure teachers and families are ready.

Starting Monday, September 21st we will all begin what we are calling MRA Connections Week. Connections week is an opportunity for students and/or families to begin to connect with teachers, and for students to participate in some non-academic, not required activities.

Timeline

Monday 9/21 - Friday, 9/25 - Connections Week

Monday 9/28 - Tentative Start Date depending on evacuation levels or Connections Week will continue

What Connections Week Is

- Optional for students
- A time for teachers to connect with students either via class meetings or individual conferences with families (depending on grade level)
- Each classroom will add the topic Connections Week in their google classroom. This is where you/your student will go to find these optional activities.
- Everything during Connections week will be posted as a material under the Connections Week topic.
- Posts will be scheduled so that new activities will show up each morning.
- Specials teachers will post their activities in the Connections Week topic as well
- Connections Week will also include age appropriate fire related resources

What Connections Week Won't Have

- Work posted anywhere else in Google Classroom other than Connections Week (specials are the exception with their welcome videos)
- DUE DATES ON ANY MATERIAL- School has not started. This is optional

When school resumes after Connections Week/s, we will remove that topic and our Google Classrooms will contain school work instead of optional activities.

To participate, please log on, or have your student log on, to their Google Classroom at any time next week. The first posting by each teacher will be up Monday morning.



We would also like to ask you to complete another Family Wellness Survey. This survey focuses on needs due to the recent wildfires. As we gather information and find out the number of families who have lost their homes, or part of their homes, ... we will put together a donation site for them.

To access the survey click here:

[Family Wellness Survey](#)

We will also post a link on the front page of our website.

Again, I want to thank all of you for the kind words, thoughts and prayers you have extended to our community and our school. As always, I am proud to be a part of MRA and am humbled in my role to help guide us through these trying times.

I hope to talk to you and see you soon,

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