

DECEMBER 7, 2020

MRA NEWSLETTER

Weekly Newsletter for the MRA community

WEEK OF DEC. 7, 2020

Monday 12/7/2020

3:30PM TO 6:00 P.M.

-MEAL PICK UP

Tuesday 12/8/2020

8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

-MEAL PICK UP

Wednesday 12/9/2020

8:00AM TO 4:00PM

-MAIN OFFICE OPEN

Thursday 12/10/2020

8:00AM TO 4:00PM

-MAIN OFFICE OPEN

Friday 12/11/2020

8:00AM TO 4:00PM

-MAIN OFFICE OPEN

-SPORTS/TEAM FRIDAY



The Sparkle of Small Group Learning

Dear MRA Families and Friends,

This week I was able to attend some entertaining small group and live lesson learning times across our grade levels. What I saw lifted my spirits and put a smile on my face. This is the place where the sparkle of learning truly takes place: students coming together in a shared activity where laughing, conversations, suggestions, feedback, and awe-inspiring works of art are demonstrated; the interactions between students and teacher exchanging ideas and learning; students giving instructions or words of encouragement to their peers explaining concepts that may have seemed daunting at first. (continued page 2)

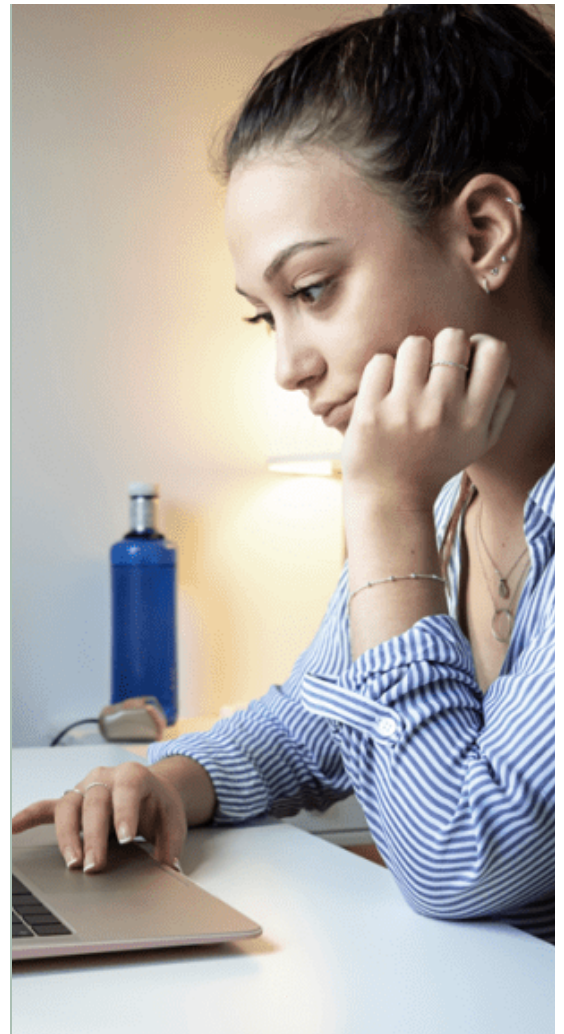
(Continued from page 1) We began our 5th-8th grade buddy time this week and it was a huge success as students interacted with a project while socializing and virtually mingling in a shared mission. To see students light up when sharing their creations was inspiring and heart warming. This is what I love most about our school. The commitment to come together during challenging times. This is what makes MRA beat against the opposing trends. As difficult as it is to interact through screens during the last nine months I see the glimpses of the rays of the magic of learning descending as shared time spent together with teachers, peers, and friends are made a priority. The social interactions between students offers challenges and motivates active learning and gives them opportunities to practice language and social skills in a natural context. I want to take time to thank you for your dedication to make these times a priority for your child as it correlates with academic success and emotional health. Let's continue to work together in creating these spaces and times as essential elements to our children's successful academic careers.

Library Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for a few parent volunteers to help pull books in the Library in preparation for supply pick up days on December 14, January 4th and January 19th. You would finish up by 3:30pm. Please call us in the main office at 503-829-6672 or email Iva directly at iquinlan@mra-k8.com

Wreath/Poinsettia Fundraiser

We want to offer a big thank you to everyone who participated in our Wreath and Poinsettia Sale. The fundraiser was a big success, raising \$3668 for MRA. We also want to offer our great appreciation to the Boosters who helped organize the fundraiser again this year.





PROPER USE OF MRA STUDENT ACCOUNTS:

We would like to remind parents and students that the student google accounts are subject to the MRA computer/internet policy. The account is being monitored despite what device is used to access it. Some students are using their school accounts to pass along information that may be inappropriate, such as advocacy of hate or violence, vulgar jokes, and indecent or obscene material. Filtering monitoring systems are not 100-percent effective, the ability to send offensive material should not be construed as permission to do so. Using MRA student google accounts to access or send offensive or obscene material is prohibited. Please remind your students that they need to be mindful of the agreement they signed, and to use their accounts for their intended use only following their class schedules. Students should only be doing their assigned tasks/assignments during class time. Students can use their MRA google accounts or chromebooks during lunch, breaks, or after school for non-school related activities. During zoom/meets class meeting times, students may not be creating or attending outside class zoom/meets sessions. We appreciate you reminding your students of these guidelines/rules.

No act of
KINDNESS
no matter
how small
is ever
wasted.

-Aesop





Fabulous Fridays:

Our MRA Boosters have introduced the following Spirit Days for each of the Fridays until Winter break. Please take pictures of your student for the yearbook, and send them to Dawn Marie in the office at dpowers@mra-k8.com

Here are the upcoming themes:

December 11th: Sports/Team Day

December 18th: Class Color Day

December Meal Pickup:

Please remember if you ordered breakfast/lunch boxes for the Christmas Break weeks, you need to come to the school and pick them up. The weeks of December 21st & 28th will have pickup times as follows:

- Monday December 21st 2pm-6pm
- Tuesday December 22nd 2pm-6pm
- Monday December 28th 2pm-6pm
- Tuesday December 29th 2pm-6pm

You **MUST** pick up your boxes if you ordered them! If you do not pick up your boxes the school does **NOT** get reimbursed for the cost by the Oregon Department of Education. Ms. Pam has graciously agreed to come in during the break to help families get their boxes, but she needs to spend time with her family as well. There will not be any one here after those specified times.

Please see the attached January Menu selections.





REMEMBERING PEARL HARBOR

DECEMBER 7TH, 1941

Volunteering Opportunities:

We had a handful of people sign up to be room parents this year. We will be reaching out to those parents, and are seeking more help. Please go [HERE](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c48aeaa28a1fb6-supply) if you are interested in any of the following:

- Room Parent for your students class
- Helping with your child's class auction project.
- Helping in a virtual classroom—facilitating small groups, listening to students read, etc.
- Organize the supply room.

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UPCOMING DATES:

December 11	Sports/Team Day
December 14	Supply/Meal Pick up 3:30-6
December 18	Class Color Day
December 21/22	Meal Pickup 2pm-6pm
December 28/29	Meal Pickup 2pm-6pm
December 21-January 1	No School - Winter Break
January 4	No School - Teacher Work Day
January 4	Supply/ Meal Pick Up 3:30pm-6:00pm
January 5	School Resumes
January 5	Supply/ Meal Pick Up 8:00am -4pm
January 18	No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 27-29	No School - End of Term/ Report Cards

"A great educator makes everyone learn, not just those who are at the top of the class."

