

Molalla River Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week of May 25, 2020

From the Executive Director

2019—2020 MRA Essential Question:

"How do I impact my culture and environment and how do my culture and environment impact me?"



Molalla River Academy Mission Statement

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

Dear Families,

This weekend our country celebrates Memorial Day. We are celebrating as we continue to struggle through this unprecedented time in history, a period that will be remembered long after our lifetimes. From pbs.org:

"Since the earliest ceremonies in small American towns following the Civil War, we have gathered on Memorial Day to honor and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. As in those early days of laying wreaths and placing flags, our national day of remembrance is often felt most deeply among the families and communities who have personally lost friends and loved ones."

This national holiday may also be the unofficial start of the summer season, but all Americans must take a moment to remember the sacrifice of our valiant military service members, first responders and their families. Memorial Day is a day of both celebration and grief, accounting for the honor of our heroes and reflecting on their tragic loss."

Of course this weekend we want to remember and celebrate those who have fought for us as a country. Many of us have relatives who sacrificed their lives in past wars. But we also want to remember and celebrate our first responders. We all know nurses, doctors, EMT's, PA's, etc who have been on the front lines of Covid-19 since it hit our country. Our MRA family includes several. Many of these parents have had to send their children to live with grandparents or other relatives in order to keep them quarantine from the parent's potential exposure.

Thank you to all who have fought in the past, and thank you to all who are fighting now. You are heroes to all of us. For more information on Memorial Day, go to: <https://www.pbs.org/national-memorial-day-concert/memorial-day/meaning/>

Calendar of Events

Please see the school calendar on the website for links to the following virtual MRA meetings:

- May 17th—23rd, Online Auction
- May 25th, Memorial Day, No School
- Week of May 26th, Independent Project presentations grades 3-8
- May 26th, 6:30 pm MRA Board Meeting
- May 29th, All School Tie Dye Shirt Day in Morning Meeting
- Week of June 1st, Conferences
- June 3rd, 6:30 pm 8th grade graduation (drive through)
- June 5th, Last day of school



Molalla River Academy Annual Auction—2020

Go Online and Support MRA
Click [HERE](#)

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Auction 2020

Remember, we are hosting our Online Auction. As a charter school, MRA currently receives 83% funding for each student, or 17% less than our district. That means, if the district receives \$7500.00/student in a given year, then MRA will get 83% of that amount, or \$6225.00/student. When making our annual budget, we calculate our dollars per student and we add in our fundraising. The majority of the fundraising we do is targeted toward specific departments such as technology, playground and garden. The auction is our largest money producer and the one fundraiser that mostly supports our general fund, helping to fill in that 17% gap. We budget close to \$30,000.00 raised from the auction in our budget. Without the auction this year, we are therefore planning on a \$30,000.00 deficit. We are, however, hoping to fill in some of that gap with our Online Auction. You can go online yourself and bid on items or give a tax deductible donation, and you can share the link with family and friends. Remember, MRA is a 501c3 non-profit organization.

Auction Details:

When: May 17th starting at 12:00 noon through May 23rd at 5:00 p.m

Where: <https://molallariveracademy.schoolauction.net/2020auction/homepages/show>

How: Pay online with a credit card, or cash/check in the MRA office

New Information

Volunteer Hours

Due to Covid 19, we have reduced the number of required volunteer hours to 15/family for this year. Please go to the below link to complete your hour sheet. We will be billing for unfulfilled hours at the end of June.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfXxEVOWSCvvIMMHj-wJWNv1y4Y_bMGzXFZ3vgW0mvMdz73-A/viewform?usp=sf_link

It's also available on our Admissions/ News and Events page on the school website

Independent Projects

Some of our 3rd to 8th graders have chose to do Independent Projects this year. If your student is presenting one, make sure you check with their teacher for their time slot so that you can jump in and watch.

Counseling Resource List

Our connection with Trillium Family Services sent us a document full of resources in Clackamas County that are available to provide families support. Please see the attached page, and feel free to email our counselor any time at kfarris@mra-k8.com.

Fall 2020

As most of you probably know, there are still a lot of unknowns about what school will look like in the fall. I am attending as many ODE webinars and other helpful webinars as I can in order to hear information first hand. I'm also working to stay on top of any news releases from the CDC, OHA, etc. At MRA we have assembled a team to begin preparing optional opening plans. The group is exploring all options and will be adjusting and adding to our opening plans as we hear more guidance from the state. Please be patient as we continue to maneuver our way through these uncharted waters.

8th Grade Parents and Students!!

Eighth graders and eighth grade parents,

We are in need of pictures! Every year we put together a slide show of our 8th grade students. Each 8th grader is asked to submit up to 8 photos - baby pictures through 8th grade. We also ask each student to submit a favorite quote. I apologize for the short notice, but we need these by next Friday, May 29th in order to have the show ready for the students to view on June 3rd. Please send you photos to surben@mra-k8.com or David Takano at dtakano@mra-k8.com.

May 26th—MRA Board Meeting

Board meetings continue to be virtual through the Governor's mandate. To attend the meeting on the 26th at 6:30:

meet.google.com/znz-niyj-mva

Join by phone

+1 980-285-3502 PIN: 751 813 687#

Have Questions? Email:

- Executive Director Shelley Urben at surben@mra-k8.com
- Office Manager Tammy Niederhaus at tniederhaus@mra-k8.com or info@mra-k8.com
- Boosters Chair K'yla Djoseland at mra-boosters@mra-k8.com
- Parent Connection Chair Elaine Line at parentconnection@mra-k8.com
- MRA Board Chair Lyndi Laib at llaib@mra-k8.com

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May 29th

Please encourage your student to wear their MRA tie dye shirts to morning meeting on Friday, May 29th. All of our students will be wearing them to celebrate MRA and our successes this year.

Old Information

Free/Reduced Lunch Recipients:

Oregon is the recipient of a grant to provide funds to children experiencing food insecurity during this Pandemic. The Oregon Department of Education Child Nutrition Programs is supporting The Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) program by collecting data from schools. If your child is eligible, you will be contacted shortly by DHS. Instructions will be included to activate or refuse benefits.

MRA Chromebooks

If you have checked out an MRA chromebook for Distance Learning, please plan to return it to MRA either on June 5th, or the next week by June 10th. Remember, per your signed agreement:

“All Chromebooks are the property of Molalla River Academy Charter School and are subject to the same guidelines as other school property. Failure to turn in a Chromebook and charger will result in the student being charged the full replacement cost of these items.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and accept the terms of Chromebook Use and Digital Citizenship Agreement. I agree to be financially responsible for the repair or replacement cost should the Chromebook (or power cord) be lost, stolen, or damaged. This includes any damage or loss that occurs on or off campus.”

Conference Sign Ups—Sign ups are available on the website: <https://www.molallariveracademy.com/from-the-office>

Grades and Report Cards—Update:

As you may know already, ODE is now requiring schools K-12 to provide students with report cards. After many conversations with ODE, we will be giving students a Pass or an Incomplete in their classes based on evidence produced and evidence seen by teachers. Students in grades K-4 will received a Pass or Incomplete in core subjects only, not in specials. Student in grades 5-8 will received a Pass or Incomplete in all subjects. The report cards will look slightly different, with short narratives only because we cannot grade skills at this time. An incomplete does not require the student repeat any classes or any coursework, it merely means that the teacher did not have enough evidence to give the student a pass.

The 2019-2020 Yearbook is Now On Sale

Many thanks to Mr. Mahr and his yearbook team for preserving through the year to create and finish this year's yearbook! Go online at <https://mrayearbook.picaboo.com/> to get yours ordered.

Check Ins

Through the month of May and into the first of June, we will be making weekly wellness phone calls home to families whose students are not engaging in distance learning that week. Our goal is simply to check in, make sure you are all okay, and see if we can provide you and your family with any additional support. Your well-being and the well-being of your children are of the utmost importance to us. If you do need anything, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Garden

The MRA garden is still selling starts this week in the MRA parking lot. See the attached flyer for details
Interested in helping out in the garden, sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4dafad2aabf85-mraroots>

Attached: Plant Sale Flyer and Clackamas County Resource Sheet

Nondiscrimination / Americans with Disabilities Statement

It is the policy of the Molalla River Academy that no discrimination or harassment on the grounds of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, veterans' status, genetic information, or disability shall occur if the employee with or without reasonable accommodation, is able to perform the essential functions of the position. These protections apply to students, employees, and other members of the public. Molalla River Academy is committed to equal access and equal opportunity in all activities/services, educational programs, and employment. Persons having questions regarding equal opportunity and nondiscrimination should contact the Title IX Coordinator, Shelley Urben at surben@mra-k8.com or 503-829-6672.



**SUPPORT
OUR GARDEN
PROGRAM**

MRA ROOTS GARDEN PLANT SALE ON NOW!

**\$2
FOR
4"
CONTAINER**

**SUGAR SNAP PEAS,
CAULIFLOWER, LETTUCE,
KALE, ARUGULA, PARSLEY,
AND MORE. AVAILABLE
BEGINING MONDAY,
APRIL 20TH WHILE
SUPPLIES LAST.**



**AVAILABLE
WEEKDAYS IN
MRA PARKING
LOT FROM
9AM-3PM**



**ROOTS %
RESPONSIBILITY**

Resources to help you through COVID-19

These are challenging times. If you need help, call.

211

For food service eligibility please call or text the numbers listed.
Call..... 211 or 1-866-698-6155
Text your zip code to 898211 (TXT211)
Email help@211info.org

General Numbers

Clackamas County Call Center 503-655-8224
Aging & Disability Resource Connection..... 503-650-5622
Spanish speaking 503-650-5713

Housing

Coordinated Housing Access (CHA) 503-655-8575
Clackamas Housing Rights and Resources 503-650-5750
Spanish speaking 503-650-5713
Renter Assistance: Fannie Mae 1-800-2FANNIE

Mental Health/Peer Supports

Aging & Disability Resource Connection..... 503-650-5622
24/7 Crisis and Support Line 503-655-8585
Cascadia Behavioral Health 503-674-7777
Hilltop Behavioral Health Center..... 503-655-8401
Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-800-273-8255
Morrison Child and Family Services 503-258-4381
Western Psychological 503-659-5515
Senior Loneliness Line..... 503-200-1633

Domestic Violence

A Safe Place Family Justice Center 503-654-2288
Clackamas Women's Services 503-654-2288
El Programa Hispano - Proyecto Unica..... 503-232-4448
Casa Esperanza 503-974-9882
District Attorney's Victim Assistance 503-655-8616

Unemployment and Workforce

Employment Department's Claim System..... 1-877-345-3484
WorkSource Clackamas 971-673-6400

Meals and Food Boxes

ADRC Home Food Delivery 503-650-5750
Spanish..... 503-650-5713
Clackamas Service Center 503-560-6178
Oregon Food Bank Statewide Food Finder..... 503-505-7061
The Community Cares Initiative..... 503-794-8008

Child and Family Services

Children's Center (Child Abuse Intervention) 503-655-7725
Northwest Family Services..... 503-546-6377
WIC..... 503-655-8476

Substance Use and Recovery Resources

Bridges to Change 503-560-7800
DePaul Detox..... 503-546-8311
DePaul Outpatient 503-535-1151
Project Hope 503-314-3309
Mental Health and Addiction
Association of Oregon 971-337-6757
Lifeworks NW..... 503-645-9010

LGBTQ+

Trans Lifeline (all ages) 1-877-565-8860
Trevor Project (youth) 866-488-7386
SAGE (adults)..... 1-877-360-LGBT

Healthcare & Health Insurance

Oregon Health Plan..... 1-800-699-9075
Clackamas Health Centers 503-655-8471
*Locations: Beaver Creek Health Center, Gladstone Health Center,
Sunnyside Health Center, Sandy Health Center*
Volunteers in Medicine Founders Clinic 503-722-4400



Recursos Para Ayudarlo Durante el COVID-19

Estos son tiempos desafiantes. Si necesita ayuda, llame.

211

Para saber si es elegible para servicios de alimentos por favor llame o mande un mensaje de texto a los siguientes números:
Llame al..... 211 o al 1-866-698-6155
Mande un mensaje de texto a..... 898211 (TXT211)
Mande un correo electrónico a..... help@211info.org

Números Generales

Centro de Llamadas del Condado de Clackamas.. 503-655-8224
Conexión de Recursos para Envejecimiento y Discapacidad 503-650-5622
Para Hispanohablantes..... 503-650-5713

Vivienda

Acceso a Viviendas Coordinadas (CHA) 503-655-8575
Derechos y Recursos de Viviendas de Clackamas 503-650-5750
Para Hispanohablantes..... 503-650-5713
Asistencia para Inquilinos: Fannie Mae..... 1-800-2FANNIE

Salud Mental/Apoyo Mutuo

Conexión de Recursos para Envejecimiento y Discapacidad 503-650-5622
Línea de Crisis y Apoyo 24/7..... 503-655-8585
Centro Cascadia de Salud del Comportamiento.... 503-674-7777
Centro Hilltop de Salud del Comportamiento..... 503-655-8401
Línea Directa para la Prevención de Suicios 1-800-273-8255
Centro Morrison de Servicios para Niños y Familias 503-258-4381
Centro Psicológico Western 503-659-5515
Línea para Adultos Mayores con Soledad 503-200-1633

Violencia Domestica

Centro de Justicia Familiar Un Lugar Seguro 503-654-2288
Servicios para Mujeres Clackamas 503-654-2288
El Programa Hispano - Proyecto Única 503-232-4448
Casa Esperanza 503-974-9882
Asistencia a Víctimas del Fiscal de Distrito..... 503-655-8616

Servicios para Niños y Familias

Centro de Niños (Intervención de abuso infantil)... 503-655-7725
Servicios para Familias Northwest 503-546-6377
WIC..... 503-655-8476

Comidas y Cajas con Alimentos

Entrega de Alimentos a Domicilio ADRC 503-650-5750
Español..... 503-650-5713
Centro de Servicios Clackamas 503-560-6178
Banco de Alimentos de Oregon que Encuentra Alimentos en Todo el Estado 503-505-7061
La Iniciativa de Cuidados Comunitarios 503-794-8008

Desempleo y Fuerza Laboral

Sistema de Reclamos del Departamento de Empleo 1-877-345-3484
Fuente de Trabajo Clackamas 971-673-6400

Uso de Sustancias y Recursos de Recuperaciones

Bridges to Change 503-560-7800
Centro de Desintoxicación DePaul 503-546-8311
Servicio Ambulatorio DePaul 503-535-1151
Proyecto Hope..... 503-314-3309
Salud Mental y Adicción Asociación de Oregon.... 971-337-6757
Lifeworks NW 503-645-9010

LGBTQ+

Línea de Vida para Trans (todas las edades)..... 1-877-565-8860
Proyecto Trevor (jóvenes) 866-488-7386
SAGE (adultos)..... 1-877-360-LGBT

Centros de Salud y Seguro Medico

Plan de Salud de Oregon..... 1-800-699-9075
Centros de Salud del Condado de Clackamas 503-655-8471
Localidades: Centro de Salud de Beavercreek, Centro de Salud de Gladstone, Centro de Salud de Sunnyside, Centro de Salud de Sandy
Voluntarios de la Clínica de Fundadores de Medicina 503-722-440

