MRA NEWSLETTER

Weekly Newsletter for the MRA community

WEEK OF NOV. 30, 2020

Monday 11/30/2020

3:30PM TO 6:00 P.M.
-MEAL PICK UP
*SEE ATTACHED NEW

PICKUP PROCEDURE.

Tuesday 12/1/2020

8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
-MEAL PICK UP
*SEE ATTACHED NEW
PICKUP PROCEDURE.

Wednesday 12/2/2020

8:00AM TO 4:00PM -WREATH/POINSETTIA PICKUP

Thursday 12/3/2020

8:00AM TO 4:00PM -WREATH/POINSETTIA PICKUP

Friday 12/4/2020

8:00AM TO 4:00PM
-WREATH/POINSETTIA
-FAVORITE CHARACTER/
SUPERHERO FRIDAY



Interim Executive Director Update:

SEE ATTACHED LETTER FROM THE MRA BOARD



School Photo Pickup:

If you ordered at the time your child had pictures taken, your child's photos will be available for pick-up from Pam Furlan in the Gym during the regular supply pick-up hours starting Monday. If you ordered them online, your photos will be mailed to you directly.



WREATH/POINSETTIA SALE PICKUP TIMES:

The Wreath/Poinsettia orders should be ready to pick up by Wednesday at the earliest and Thursday at the latest. They will be available for pick up in the gym from 8am-4pm. The Jingle Bell Poinsettias are a fun pink/red combo this year.

Please contact Melia Hayes at hayes.melia@gmail.com if you need to pick up at a different time.

Thank you for all your support.

Updated ODE Mask Policy:

Due to ODE guidelines, masks are now required to be worn on the entire MRA campus, in addition to just inside of school buildings. Thank you for helping us follow this updated policy when you come onto the MRA campus, and for helping to keep our community healthy and safe.





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 in the office at dpowers@mra-k8.com

Here are the upcoming themes:

December 4th: Favorite Character/Superhero

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.

*MUST USE THE NEW PICKUP PROSEDURE-SEE ATTACHED MEMO







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 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.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c48aeaa28a1fb6-supply

UPCOMING DATES:

December 2-4 Wreath/Poinsettia Distribution December 4 Favorite Character/Superhero Day December 11 Sports/Team Day 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

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





Dear MRA Families:

We would like to send out a quick update about the supply/meal pickups for the week of November 30th and moving forward until mandates created by Governor Kate Brown change. The current mandate only allows gatherings of 6 people or less, and our current pickup system exceeds that periodically.

the NEW supply/meal pickup procedure, starting November 30th, 2020 is as follows:

- 1. Drive in the parking lot entrance and around the field following the normal procedure. DO NOT PARK in the parking lot and walk over.
- 2. As you are approaching the gym stay to the right to the extent you are able.
 - a. This should give just enough room anyone in line needing to leave the ability to do so.
- 3. <u>STAY in your car until</u> a staff associate motions for <u>ONE</u> properly <u>masked</u> family member to enter and collect all items.
 - a. We are implementing a one to one policy. One person exits, one person is motioned to enter.
- 4. You will ENTER through the NORTH double doors of the gym.
 - a. We are creating a one way flow of traffic through the building.
- 5. Collect your supplies in a quick and efficient manner.
 - a. Heading toward the kitchen as you go, again a one way direction of travel through the gym.
- 6. Sign out your meals on the pickup form, and notifying Ms. Pam as you do so.
 - a. Pam will either hand you your box or hand cart your boxes for you.
- 7. You will EXIT through the SOUTH door, and escort Ms.Pam with your meal boxes to your vehicle.
- 8. Drive through the remaining route and out of the parking lot safely.

We appreciate your cooperation. We all must do our part to ensure everyone is following Governor Brown's new mandates. This new procedure for pickups is for the safety of families and staff. We will notify you of any future changes.

Thank you,

Lyndi Laib

Board Chair





Dear MRA Parents:

The Board would like to give an update on the Tuesday, November 24th, 2020 Board meeting. There have been changes that you need to be aware of and in doing so we want to have open communication with all staff and parents.

We interviewed Iva Quinlan for the Interim Executive Director position. We have decided to offer her the position and she has accepted the position. While taking on this role, Iva would like to create an administrative team to ease the day to day operation. The Board fully supports this decision and are here to aid Iva as she navigates through this new role. The Board and Iva, also, made the decision to hire an Administrative Assistant to fulfill daily needs as we understand that we are in an unusual time and the workload is heavy.

Lyndi Laib has stepped down from the role of Board President of MRA with the intent to apply for the role of Administrative Assistant. The resignation had to take place to allow a disconnect from the day to day management of MRA and the Board of Directors.

Due to Lyndi's resignation as Board President, and the Board accepted the resignation, then voted K'yla Djoseland as Board President and Rebecca Hendrickson was voted in as Board Vice President. The Board will be actively seeking more Board members moving forward.

With the help of the Board, Iva will place an ad for the Administrative Assistant position. The Board and Iva will create a hiring committee to interview candidates to fill this new role.

Moving forward the Board will continue to actively seek a strong, qualified Executive Director that will drive the mission of MRA forward to a successful, purposeful future.

We want to make sure that a solid, qualified, and ethical team is put in place to ensure that MRA will have a successful future. The Board believes that this is the correct decision to move us forward and will give us the time we need to find the ideal permanent Executive Director.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors

Molalla River Academy