

MARCH 22, 2021

MRA NEWSLETTER

Weekly Newsletter for the MRA community

WEEK OF MAR. 22, 2021

Monday 3/22/2021

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

-MEAL PICK UP

**NO SCHOOL - SPRING
BREAK**

Tuesday 3/23/2021

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

-MEAL PICK UP

**NO SCHOOL- SPRING
BREAK**

Wednesday 3/24/2021

**NO SCHOOL - SPRING
BREAK**

Thursday 3/25/2021

**NO SCHOOL - SPRING
BREAK**

Friday 3/26/2021

**NO SCHOOL - SPRING
BREAK**



From the Desk of Iva Quinlan

Dear MRA Families and Friends,

We saw a busy campus this week as 6th graders got back into the swing of things, Trillium were engrossed in all the new jump rope skills they are becoming accomplished in, Huckleberry students took us to outer space through their musical performance and information on planets, Clarkia designed creative projects to improve our campus community, and our fifth graders wrote inspiring works of writing while enjoying the beauty of our labyrinth.

It is with a full heart that I am writing this last letter coming from the desk as Interim Executive Director. I am handing over the reins to Dr. (continued on page 2)

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Marrone and I am so excited for the future of MRA. Thank you for the patience, understanding, and grace given during this time of transition. I am hopeful for the future of MRA's community; with continued kindness, patience, understanding, and grace I know we have the strength to bring this little school into a bright future that will impact our greater community for good. I hope you all have a very enjoyable spring break and I hope to see you in the Roots Garden soon!

Friday Enrichment Program

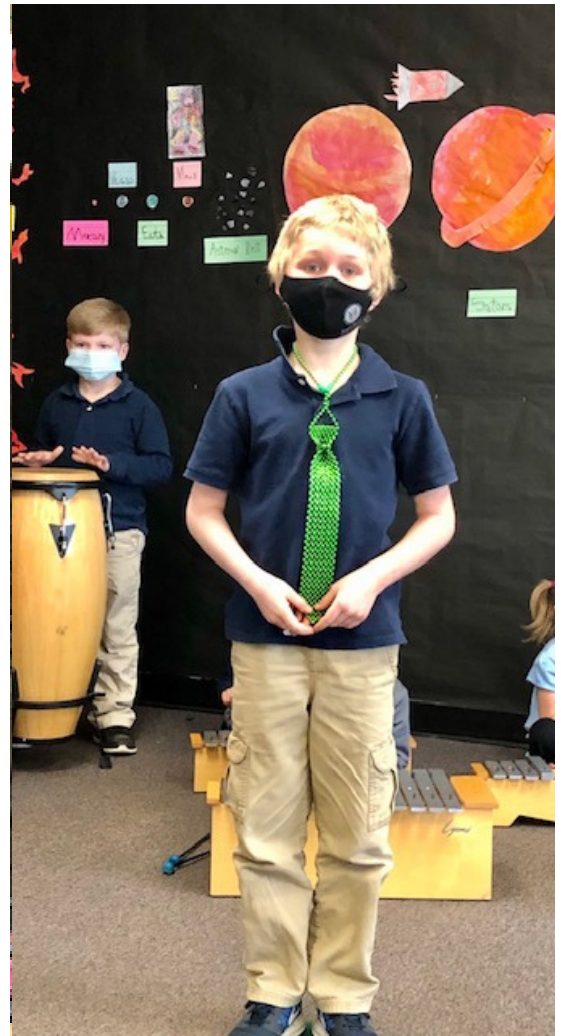
Our 5th-8th grade Friday Enrichment program will begin enrollment **March 29th**, a registration form will be sent out on this date. Please see the attached flyer for details on classes. This free program is designed to boost mental health, and address social, emotional and academic learning losses due to the pandemic. All students, CDL and Hybrid, are encouraged to participate. Our 5-8 Enrichment Program will launch classes beginning Friday, April 2nd and will run through June 4th. The times will range from 11:30-2:30 in one hour blocks. Our K-4 Enrichment Program enrollment will begin April 5th and classes will begin April 9th. More details will be posted after spring break.

Important Reminders For Cedar Families

Drop Off begins at **7:50-8:00**. If you have a younger sibling please come at the **8:00** drop off time. Doors to the Cedar Classrooms will open at 7:50. Doors to the Trillium-Clarkia classrooms will open at 8:00. Cedar pick up time begins at 3:10, so if you have a younger sibling please come at the 3:10 pick up time.

Uniform Reminder

Please remember to be diligent in making sure your student arrives to learn in uniform. The uniform policy is stated in the Parent Handbook. If your child comes to school out of uniform they (continued on page 3)



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will be directed to the uniform closet to find an appropriate attire. If proper attire can not be found then you can expect a call home in which you will be asked to bring clothes to the school. Thank you for your attention to this. Our MRA apparel with our logo is also available through Pepco out of Molalla. You can purchase online or you can call and order over the phone. <https://www.pepcodesigns.com/new-products/>

When To Contact Our District Nurse

If your child has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or has been in close contact with a diagnosed case, please contact our district nurse, Christene Perkins at (971)599-1610

christene.perkins@molallariv.k12.or.us

and please call our office: 503-829-6672 or email us at: info@mra-k8.com. If your child has been tested and is waiting for results, they cannot return to school until you have received the results. Thank you for your attention to this.



Seeking Camera Donations

In gearing up for our Friday Enrichment classes (sign ups will start Monday March 29th) we are looking for some cameras to use for the photography class being offered. These cameras would also be used in the coming years for the yearbook and photography electives to allow the students to take photos around school during the year. If you have any cameras laying around that you don't use anymore and would be willing to donate to MRA, please reach out to Mr. Mahr at kmahr@mra-k8.com. Thank you!





Your MRA Board Needs You!

Greetings from your MRA School Board! We are looking for enthusiastic applicants that would like to play a larger part in the education of our MRA students.

The board is striving to become the best board we can be through new training, transparency, and professionalism and we would love to chat with you about how you can be an asset to our organization.

We are striving for diversity on our board in order to make sound and strategic decisions.

What qualities do you need to possess?

A professional demeanor, dedication and commitment to our mission and core values, sound and unbiased decision making, strong value of confidentiality and discretion, and a desire to be learning all the time.

Does this sound like you or someone you know?
Would you like more information? Let's chat!

Please email us at board@mra-k8.com.

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





From the Office of Dawn Marie

Please bring all medication your child might need while at school to the main office. It must be in original packaging with the correct dosage information. All medication remains locked in the medication closet and is only disbursed by trained personnel. If you have any questions please contact me directly at 503-829-6672 or via email at dpowers@mra-k8.com.



Athletic Shoes Only, Please

Because of the current guidelines, students aren't able to borrow shoes from the gym closet. During this time we are requesting that students wear athletic shoes to school, only. Athletic shoes are designed to be worn for sports, exercising, or recreational activity.

Examples of shoes that aren't appropriate for gym class are dress shoes, boots or romeos. If your child needs athletic shoes for school, please contact Mrs. Harnish: gharnish@mra-k8.com
Thanks for your understanding!





MRA Auction 2021

Attention 6th, 7th, and 8th grade parents! We are in need of help with the classroom auction projects. The classroom auction projects are a big seller for our auction, and we need some help getting them put together. If you would like to help with this, please email K'yla Djoseland auction chair at: auction@mra-k8.com Thank you!



UPCOMING DATES:

March 22-26

March 29

March 30

April 5

April 6

April 6

April 14-16

April 27

April 24 - May 1

No School - Spring Break

First Day Back for 7th & 8th Grade Classes

MRA Board Meeting 6:30pm-8:00PM

Photo Day Cohort A 8:30am-10:30am

Photo Day Cohort B 8:30am-10:30am

Public Lottery

Parent/Teacher Conferences

MRA Board Meeting 6:30pm-8:00PM

MRA Auction

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





2021-22

ENRICHMENT CLASSES FOR 5-8

First Term - April 2nd to April 30th

Garden Enrichment Class


Ms. Quinlan

We will be learn about seed germination, soil composition, and different aspects in ecology. We will be planting, designing, and maintaining our school garden.

Photography

Kevin Farris

In photography we will be exploring different techniques, styles, and ways of making photographs. We will learn perspectives, portraiture, splashes, movement/action, long exposures, conceptual photography, and more!





Coding: CS First

Mr. Myers

Learn the basics of computer science, internet safety and digital citizenship. CS First will introduce the student to block based coding, using Scratch. Coding puts children in control of the computer and through experimentation builds mastery in sequencing skills, counting, problem solving, logical thinking, cause and effect, and critical thinking.

Creative Writing


Mr. Myers

Students will explore different genres of writing, through both reading and writing, as well as the other necessary elements needed to improve writing and composition skills. This course is designed with the goal of inspiring students to develop original pieces and ideas. Through creative activities students will learn to become better readers, writers, and thinkers.

Art

Mrs. Hood

Students will explore art projects through a variety of mediums including but not limited to pencil drawing, painting with watercolors and temperas, designing and coloring with colored pencils and oil pastels, and some possible sculpting. Let your creative side out!



Advanced Marimba Ensemble

Ms. Blythe

Marimba players build on the technical, rhythmic and improvisational skills they develop as Alders. We'll learn traditional Zimbabwean pieces as well as arrangements of classical and popular tunes. Our goal is to perform for an at the end of the year. Welcoming grades 7 and 8.

Beginning Guitar

Ms. Blythe

Grades 5 - 6

From tuning to picking, from chords to simple melodies and from chord charts to tablature, players will learn the basics of guitar.

Beginning Bucket Drumming

Mr. Takano

Grades 5 - 6

Students will learn beginning bucket drumming technique and sticking patterns that closely resemble drum set patterns. The goal is to perform at the end of the year.

Advanced Bucket Drumming and Mixed Percussion

Mr. Takano

Grades 6 - 8

Students will develop their music skills using a variety of percussion: drum set, bucket drumming, hand drums and more! Students will have the freedom to create and alter their own music and explore the affects of percussion on various genres of music. The goal is to perform at the end of the year.



Algebra Extension

Mr. Mikkelson

This Enrichment Option is only available to those currently enrolled in the Algebra Class.

Join your math team to practice your computation and communication skills through story problems, math mysteries, and homework help.

LeaderFit

Mrs. Harnish

7-8 Grades

This leadership group consists of seventh and eighth grade students that develop leadership skills while they work together for the wellness of MRA. LeaderFit will meet once a week to create and implement a variety of FUN activities such as facilitating fun runs, participating in service jobs, and planning the eighth grade graduation.

3D Modeling and Printing


Mr. Mahr

In this class you will learn how to create 3D models on the computer using software called TynkerCAD. You will then get to choose one model and 3D print it into reality!

Yearbook

Mr. Mahr

In this class you will get to create the MRA yearbook! Learn about graphic design and how to use the yearbook software to bring the yearbook to life.



Molalla River Academy Presents

12th Annual Auction "Roses in Bloom"

Join us for our week long online
auction April 24 - May 1, 2021.

Featuring fun filled baskets,
outdoor games, classroom
projects and travel outings.



<https://molallariveracademy.schoolauction.net/auction2021>

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Dear Community Business Leader,

Molalla River Academy (MRA) is an Arts and Sciences focused non-profit charter school. We are currently in our 12th year of operation serving more than 200 kindergarten through 8th grade students. As a charter school, we receive approximately 18% less funding than our public-school counterparts. We make up the funding shortfall by holding an annual auction, jog-a-thon, selling produce from our school garden, applying for grants, and coordinating other fundraising events throughout the year. This year we are facing even harder times due to the pandemic, and fundraising has changed dramatically since we cannot have as many in person fundraisers/ functions.

Auction proceeds are vital to enrich our students' academics, personal growth and sense of community. In the past, we have built an outdoor classroom, updated technology, paid teacher salaries and more! This year, the funds raised will cover our general funds.

We would like to invite business owners to become partners with us for our "Roses in Bloom" from May 1 to May 8th 2021. We will be featuring larger items, trips, smaller items and basket items. Your support ensures we that we will reach our fundraising goals, serving to strengthen our community and shape our young generations in the years to come. Here is how you can help:

- Become an event sponsor
- Contribute an item(s) or service(s)

Our event is expected to draw 200+ supporters and participating sponsors will be featured in the online auction program. Your business will also be highlighted on our website, social media and newsletters leading up to the auction. Please complete the enclosed sponsorship and advertising form and return it by April 1, 2021.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, please email me at auction@mra-k8.com or give me a call at 971-832-2216.

Sincerely,
K'yla Djoseland, Auction Chair

The mission of Molalla River Academy is 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.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Premier Event Sponsor

\$5,000

As our top sponsor you will be the top feature for our auction. Your logo will be on MRA's website, event flyers, on our social media page and on the auction website. If you have a banner it will be displayed at Molalla River Academy. There will be a direct link to your website featured on the school website and the auction website as well.

Platinum Event Sponsor

\$1,000

As a platinum sponsor your logo will be on MRA's website, event flyers, on our social media page and on the auction website. If you have a banner it will be displayed at Molalla River Academy. There will be a direct link to your website featured on the school website and the auction website as well.

Gold Event Sponsor

\$750

As a gold sponsor your logo will be on MRA's website, event flyers, on our social media page and on the auction website.

Silver Event Sponsor

\$500

As a silver sponsor your logo will be on MRA's website, event flyers, on our social media page and on the auction website.

Bronze Event Sponsor

\$250

As a bronze sponsor your logo will be on MRA's website, event flyers, on our social media page and on the auction website.

Copper Event Sponsor

\$100

As a copper sponsor your logo will be on MRA's website, event flyers, on our social media page and on the auction website.

Sponsorship Order Form

Yes, I would love to support Molalla River Academy's auction!

Name: _____ Business: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

- ☐ Premier Sponsor \$5000
- ☐ Platinum Sponsor \$1000
- ☐ Gold Sponsor \$750
- ☐ Silver Sponsor \$500
- ☐ Bronze Sponsor \$250
- ☐ Copper Sponsor \$100

- ☐ Check enclosed (Please make checks out to Molalla River Academy)

- ☐ Credit Card Also on MRA'S auction website

<https://molallariveracademy.schoolauction.net/auction2021>

Visa/MC/Dis. # _____ exp. _____

Please return completed forms to:

Email: auction@mra-k8.com Fax: (503) 759-6672 or mail: 16897 South Callahan Rd. Molalla, OR.
97038 or call K'yla Djoseland, Auction Chair with any additional questions (971) 832-2216

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