Molalla River Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week of May 11, 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."

Calendar of Events

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

- **May 12th, Booster/ Auction Meeting, Virtual (Meeting links on page 2)**
- **May 17th—23rd, Online Auction**

Dear Families,

Like many of you, I have been making adjustments to my daily routine and seeking support from a variety of people and resources in order to push through our current situation. My goal for our students, our staff, our families and for myself is not just to come out of this successfully, but to come out of it on top. I realize that the unknowns for the immediate future are unnerving and provoke a great deal of anxiety, and I don't necessarily know what exactly "on top" looks like right now. But I'm using my routine and my supports to build strength and create vision within the mission of MRA as stated above.

One of the resources I've tapped into is a daily positive message. The messages are simple, and are built around quotes. Some of these quotes include:

⇒ *"A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities. An optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties."*-Harry S. Truman

⇒ *"You will never see the end if you give up in the middle."* -Joyce Meyer

⇒ *"The best way out is always through."* –Robert Frost

⇒ *"When things are bad we take comfort in the thought they could always get worse. And when they are, we find hope in the thought that things are so bad they have to get better."* –Malcolm Forbes

These are simple quotes, but if you really consider them, they are packed full of a lot of meaning, especially right now.

I share them with you simply to encourage you to reach out and tap into your own set of resources to give you whatever you need to push through.

I am excited to see the growth of MRA as a result of this experience in our service to you and your children.

New Information

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the plant sale—we made $1300.00 this year in support of our own garden!

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.

Continued

2020-2021 School Calendar
Next year's school calendar has been approved by the MRA Board and is attached.

MRA Chromebooks
If you have checked out an MRA chromebook for Distance Learning, please plan to return it to MRA the week of June 8th.

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

From Earlier Memos

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.

Last Two Weeks of School:
Week of May 25th—This week the teachers will provide students in grades 3-8 the opportunity to share their Independent Projects. Grades K-2 will not be doing IP's, but will be doing a different kind of 'wondering' and sharing. Please watch for emails from your teachers about how this week will look.

Week of June 1st—Every class will continue with morning meetings this week, but no other classes will take place. Instead, students and parents will be asked to sign up for individual conferences with their teachers. This will give the students the opportunity to share with their parent and their teacher some of lessons they've learned and share their personal reflections on this school year. We will also hold an 8th grade graduation this last week. Stay tuned for details.

We will be using Sign Up Genius for IPs and for end of year conferences.

Other Information:
The MRA garden is still selling starts this week in the MRA parking lot. See the attached flyer for details

Online Auction
We have decide to hold our auction online this year from May 17th to May 23rd. Please stay tuned for more information.

Interested in helping out in the garden, sign up here:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0f4dafad2aabf85-mraroots

MRA Booster/Auction Meeting May 12th Link:
meet.google.com/xzu-edbq-ene

Or call
(US)+1 470-310-0781
PIN: 124 637 702#

Attached:
Roots Market Sale Flyer
2020-2021 School Calendar

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.

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 of RESPONSIBILITY

Molalla River Academy 2020-2021 Calendar

Molalla River Academy
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School Hours:
K-2nd - M, T, Th, F - 8:00 a.m. to 2:55 p.m.
3rd - 8th - M, T, Th, F - 8:00 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.
All Grades - Wed. 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Campus Open: 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mon. through Fri.

July 2020

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Aug. 27th/28th: Teacher Retreat

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Sept. 1st - 4th: Teacher Work Day
Sept. 3rd: Back to School Night 6:00 p.m.
Sept. 7th: No School, Labor Day
Sept. 8th: First day of school
Sept. 24th: Family BBQ & Parent Ed Night

October 2020

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Oct. 2nd: Jog-A-Thon
Oct. 9th: No School, State Inservice
Oct. 15th/16th: School Pictures
Oct. 23rd: Roots of Responsibility Day
Oct. 30th: Family Bingo Night

November 2020

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Nov. 4th: Parent/Teacher Conf.
Nov. 5th: No school, Parent/Teacher Conf.
Nov. 6th: No School
Nov. 11th: No School, Veteran's Day
Nov. 20th: Grandparents Day Brunch
Nov. TBA: Wreath/Poinsettia Sale
Nov. 25th - 27th: No School, Thanksgiving

December 2020

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Dec. 18th: MRA Holiday Sing-A-Long
Dec. 21st - Jan. 1st: Winter Break

January 2021

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Jan. 1st: Winter Break
Jan. 4th: No School, Teacher Work Day
Jan. 5th: School Resumes
Jan. 18th: No School, MLK Day
Jan. 27th - 29th: End of Term/Report Cards

February 2021

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Feb. 15th: No School, Presidents' Day
Feb. 25th: Open House 6:00 p.m.

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Mar. 3rd: Dr. Seuss Reading Celebration
Mar. 5th: Family Bingo Night
Mar. 12th: TBD, Spring Program, Early Release
Mar. 16th: Open House 6:00 p.m.
Mar. 22nd - 26th: Spring Break
Mar. 29th: No School, Teacher Workday

April 2021

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April - Poetry Month
Apr. TBA: Spring Plant Sale
Apr. 2nd: Deadline for Enrollment 2020
Apr. 6th: Public Lottery
Apr. 14th: Student Led Conf.
Apr. 15th: No School, Student Led Conf.
Apr. 16th: No School
Apr. 28th: Poem in Your Pocket / Earth Day

May 2021

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May 1st: MRA Auction
May 14th: Ladies Tea, 8:00 a.m.
May 24th: Volunteer Appreciation Week
May 31st: No School, Memorial Day

June 2021

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June 2nd: Bump Up Day
June 4th: Doughnuts for the Guys
June 9th: 8th Grade Graduation
June 10th: Field Day/Talent Show
June 11th: Half Day, Last Day of School
June 14th - 17th: Teacher Workday

No School - Day Off
Special Day
No School - Conferences
School in Session - Conferences
No School - Teacher Development/WorkDay