



# MOLALLA

## RIVER ACADEMY

### What a great first week back!

Staff spent time this week re-establishing expectations by asking students to share their hopes and dreams for our school. This Responsive Classroom technique involves a process of using envisioning language that allows students to see themselves setting and achieving goals.

Rules or expectations are most effective when students understand the purpose and how the rules will help them reach their personal goals and help them form visions of themselves as learners.

Envisioning Statements:

- Inspire effort and persistence
- Set a positive tone for learning
- Build a sense of belonging & community

Envisioning language helps children imagine what is possible. You can practice this at home in the following ways. When your child is faced with a challenge, ask questions such as:

- What needs to happen so you can be successful?
- Imagine yourself beating this problem; what does that look like?
- How will you feel when you've finished this task?

### Returning to MRA 2024-25

Please make sure to complete the survey below, indicating your plans for the 2024-2025 school year. This information is critical for our planning purposes and to ensure your enrollment for 2024-25.

[Intent to Return to MRA](#)

**Holiday Market Success!**  
**Our 4th grade Service Learners raised \$974 for our covered play space! Thank you to those who donated items to sell!**



# Responsibility

## Family Newsletter

PurposeFULL  
People

### Responsibility Overview

This month we are talking about Responsibility. One way to define Responsibility is "taking action and understanding the impact of our choices." Taking action can mean doing the right thing or completing the tasks you have been assigned. Understanding the impact of our choices means that our actions matter. Positive and responsible actions can help people and irresponsible actions can hurt others.

Responsibility is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students **Be Strong**.

Across grade levels students will be developing skills like focusing, organizing, and goal-setting.

### Conversation Starters



- Can you share or show what it means to be Responsible?
- How can we help each other practice being more Responsible?

### PurposeFull Pursuits

*Have some fun connecting as a family this month while practicing Responsibility. Here are 2 "PurposeFull Pursuits" you can complete together!*

**#1**

As a family, think of ways in which you might make someone's life a little easier by helping a neighbor or family friend with 1 of their Responsibilities. Could you bring the garbage to the chute or out to the curb? Could you carry things in from the grocery store? Could you invite someone over for a meal or a show?



**#2**

*Review Responsibility as a family! Responsibility is taking action and understanding the impact of our choices.*

Choose 1 household chore (or more!) that requires multiple steps. Then have each member of the family select 1 step to complete to help get the job done! Maybe it's washing the dishes, doing laundry, cleaning the living room, or unloading the groceries – whatever it is, see who can be the quickest or most effective at their task!

## More Good News!

The MRA Student Leadership Food Drive results are in:  
**2,258 lbs. donated**  
to our local food bank!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| 1/25&26 | Report Cards<br>No School for Students |
| 1/31    | Share the Love Kick-Off                |
| 2/14    | Valentine Parties                      |
| 2/19    | Washington Birthday<br>No School       |
| 2/23    | BINGO Night                            |
| 2/29    | New Enrollment Open House              |
| 3/1     | Kid's Heart Challenge                  |
| 3/12    | New Enrollment Open House              |
| 3/20    | Integrated Arts Showcase               |
| 3/21    | MRA Lottery                            |
| 3/25-29 | Spring Break                           |

# MRA PARENT CULTIVATION TEAM

PCT Chair -- Amy Wheeler

PCT Co-Chair -- Beth Johnson

PCT Secretary -- Lindsay Pemberton

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## JOIN THE PCT

The MRA Parent Cultivation Team is looking for additional members. If you are interested in joining, please contact the PCT Chair or PCT Co-Chair

**PCT Virtual Meeting: 1/19/24 @ 10:00**

**[Meeting Link](#)**



2024 Spring Sports!  
Baseball, Softball and Soccer  
Registration Now Open

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TODAY

