

Family Memo

Week of Sept. 5th-9th, 2022

September is Citizenship Month!

Each month MRA students will learn about a specific character trait. For the month of September we will be learning about what it means to be a citizen in our school, local, national and global communities.



Citizenship Quote of the Week:

"A good compromise is one where everybody makes a contribution." – Angela Merkel

Parent Night Highlights

For those who missed Parent Night, below are highlights of the important information we covered.

Facility Update

- Several projects completed over the summer
- Explained MRA building fund
- New 5 year lease w/ district; \$5000 per year, with \$75,000 per year dedicated to building improvements and updates

Communication

- Will continue to use Bloomz as primary communication tool
- Information also available on MRA website
- Parent Student Handbook on website; paper copy upon request

Drop Off and Pick Up

- Same process as last year
- **K-5 drop off/pick up at main office**
- **6-8 drop off/pick up at gym**

Supplies/Fees

- All students need tennis shoes for PE
- Students need to be able to quickly and independently change in and out of shoes
- Rubber boots and Raincoats required; please label w/ students name!
- Grades 4-5 will have a \$6.00 recorder fee (students keep their recorder)



Open Campus

Part of what makes MRA such a special place is the many opportunities we have to volunteer together and the times we have to connect as a community. In the past, some of this was done during drop off and pick up times. With our current process for dropping off and picking up, we are unable to support that social time.

However, because this is an important part of our culture—we are excited to offer open campus time the last Wednesday of each month. After you pick up your child(ren), the campus will be open from 1:15-2:00pm. This is a time to briefly check in with teachers, to enjoy our beautiful trail and garden, and to connect with our MRA community. We look forward to seeing you!

Student Attendance

Students with regular, consistent attendance are shown to be more successful academically, socially and emotionally at every level; elementary, middle and high school. **But more importantly for us, much of what we do at MRA is hands-on and project based and often cannot be duplicated outside of the classroom. So, when our students miss, they are not receiving the same educational experience as their peers.**



Excused absences should not exceed 5 days within a 3 month period or 10 days within a six month period;

Excused Absences Include:

- Personal illness, medical/dental/mental health appt.
- Illness or death in the family
- Family emergencies
- Release time for religious purposes
- School sponsored events

If your student will be absent, please notify the main office. They will be provided with work when they return. Teachers are not expected to provide work in anticipation of a student absence.

Per Oregon state Students who miss 10 or more consecutive days will be withdrawn from school.

New Staff and Changing Roles

New Staff:

Trillium Associate--Kira Eason
1st Grade Teacher--Appeya Galindo
1st Grade Associate--Jeanna Kappas
2nd Grade Teacher--Sloane Kochman
3rd Grade Associate--Daisy Meeker
Food Services and Aftercare Coordinator: Sandra Farmer
Breakfast Food Service--Ronna Keeney
Maintenance--Dave Marth
Custodial--Pam Bremer

Changing Roles:

1st Grade Teacher--Appeya Galindo
1st Grade Associate--Jeanna Kappas
K-5 PE and Integrated Arts--Mrs. Harnish
6-8th Grade Social Studies--Mrs. Hood
6-8th Grade Language Arts--Mr. Poff
6-8th Grade Math--Mr. Luke
6-8th Grade Science--Mr. Takano
6-8th Grade PE/Health--Ms. Lori (Martin)
Library and Garden Coordinator--Allegra Fety
Before Care and 5-8 Math and Science Associate Support--Dusty Hood

Meal Service

Mealtime will be the format for paying for school meals and checking your balance. You may create an account at www.mymealtime.com.

There have been some issues with signing up. If you are unable to create your account, you may make a payment in our office or on our website; indicate it is for school meals, and we will make sure it is transferred to your meal account.

The Lunch Order form and September meal calendar are below.

If you need to apply for Free/Reduced meals, please use this link:

<https://www.ode.state.or.us/apps/frlapp>



If you have already applied, please contact Jole at MRSD 503-759-7478 to learn your status.

To order September lunches use this link: <https://forms.gle/VQMxmH7i2LxXEJf9>

You may order monthly or weekly.



September Breakfast and Lunch Calendar

[Download](#)

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Important Uniform Update

Unfortunately there have been serious supply issues with our polo uniform shirts and those will not be available for months.

All short and long sleeve t-shirt orders made prior to August 3rd have been fulfilled and are available at the office for pick-up. Sweatshirt orders and orders made after August 3rd are being completed at this time.

If you ordered a free t-shirt in the Spring, that is also available in the office.

Due to the supply issues and not all orders being filled by the start of school and because we do not want parents to have any additional expenses, the following decision was made regarding uniforms. This is in effect until January, 2023.

MRA Bottoms (same requirements in place):

- Pants, shorts, or skirts in solid black, navy, or khaki
- Leggings may only be worn under shorts/skirts and must be solid black, navy or white.
- No athletic pants (yoga/sweat pants)
- No jeans or clothing with rips/tears

MRA Tops

- Encouraged to wear navy, red or white but will not require until Jan. 2023
- Tops must be free from rips/tears
- Not explicit language or inappropriate references
- All undergarments covered (no spaghetti straps/crop tops)

MRA K-5 and Middle School Models

Students in grades 6-8 will transition into a true middle school model this year. They will change classes every period and will have the opportunity to take 4 different electives over the course of the year.

Students in K-5 will see the addition of an integrated arts class each week. Integrated art will combine art instruction with music/movement and literacy.

Our integrated arts team: Ms. Blythe, Mrs. Harnish, Ms. Fety

Registration is Open

If you have not completed your online registration, please do this by September 1st. Registration is required for all new and returning students.

We will have computers available during Parent Night if you would like assistance in completing the registration.

New students use this link: https://cesdk12.org/MRSD/PXP2_OEN_Login.aspx

Returning students use this link: https://mr.cesdk12.org/mrsd/PXP2_Login.aspx

Important Upcoming Dates

September 6--First Day of School

September 21--Back to School BBQ

September 30--Jog-a-Thon