

August 21, 2023

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

PARENT NIGHT

AUGUST 31ST, 5:30PM

Come hear important school updates, sign up to volunteer, pick up uniforms & more!

See page 4 for a chance to WIN an MRA Jacket or Sweatshirt!

SCHOOL HOURS

Kindergarten-5th Grade
Drop Off: 7:55; Tardy 8:05
School Day: 8:00-2:55
M, T, Th, F Pick-Up: 2:55
Wed Pick-Up: 1:00

6th-8th Grade
Drop Off: 7:45; Tardy 7:55
School Day: 7:50-3:05
M,T,Th, F Pick-Up: 3:05
Wed Pick-Up: 1:10

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

9/5	1st Day of School
9/5-9/8	Kinder 1/2 Days 8:00-11:30a.m.
9/13	Back-to-School BBQ
9/14-9/15	Picture Days

Uniforms/Fees

The MRA office is open
August 21-23
and
August 28-31

Please stop by to purchase & pick up uniforms, to pay your fees, to pick-up your car placard and for questions about registration.

SCHOOL MEALS

Elementary Breakfast.	\$1.60
Elementary Lunch	\$2.65
Middle School Breakfast	\$1.85
Middle School Lunch.	\$3.20

To add \$\$ to your Mealtime account, click [HERE](#)

For \$\$ assistance, please click [HERE](#)

MEET YOUR PCT

PCT MISSION STATEMENT

THE MRA PARENT CULTIVATION TEAM (PCT) HELPS BUILD AND STRENGTHEN RELATIONSHIPS IN THE MRA COMMUNITY BY PROMOTING AND ENCOURAGING DEEPER LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES THAT UPHOLD MRA'S MISSION AND CORE VALUES. THEY PROVIDE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FUNDRAISERS AND BY SUPPORTING THE MRA STAFF AND SCHOOL EVENTS. THEY WORK WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENSURE POSITIVE GROWTH TOWARDS OUR MRA COMMUNITY'S GOALS.

PCT Chair: pct@MRA-k8.com



Hello fellow MRA families!

My name is Sandra Farmer and I'm this school year's Chair for the PCT. This will be my third year being a part of the PCT. I wore a variety of hats when I joined the PCT helping in staff support, some fundraising and was also a room parent 2 years back. Last school year I was the Vice Chair for the PCT and also temporarily worked as the Food Manager for the kitchen however I had to leave due to some family complications. A little background about myself; I have a third grader this school year who has been attending MRA since Kindergarten. I own and operate an in-home daycare that's been up and running for the past 8 years. I have an educational background in early childhood education/development, business management and culinary arts. In my spare time I enjoy spending quality time with my daughter, water activities, camping, going to the beach, hiking, exploring new foods/restaurants, game nights (adult or kid inspired), crafting, reading, cooking and movie nights. My goal as PCT Chair this school year is to bring more sense of community, communication excellence and creative new ideas inspired by all the PCT and of course our families, while remembering the mission of MRA.



PCT Fundraising Coordinator: pctfundraising@MRA-k8.com

Hi everyone!

My name is Beth Johnson, and this is my second year as PCT Fundraising Coordinator. This school year I am also the Aftercare Attendant, so you will often see me around the campus. I have a 3rd grader and kindergartener this year at MRA. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family, gardening, camping, playing strategy games, watching movies, crafting, photography and drinking coffee all day. I am excited to bring some new fundraisers to MRA this year and look forward to seeing our community grow together!



PCT Parent Connections: parentconnection@MRA-k8.com

Hi Everyone,

My name is Meghan Bales and I'm the new PCT Parent Coordinator. My son is going into 2nd grade and I have a 3 year old at home. I've been a stay at home mom for the past 7 years and before that I was the director of a daycare center for 3 years, so working closely with parents and children isn't new to me. Some things about me are, I enjoy cooking, baking and recently found out I enjoy gardening and kayaking. I look forward to meeting and getting to know everyone.

PCT Staff Support Coordinator: pctstaff@MRA-k8.com



Hello MRA Families!

My name is Daysha Egbert, I am this year's staff support coordinator with the PCT. My daughter will be a 2nd grader this year, we have been with MRA since her kindergarten year. I also have a 3 year old son at home. I am a stay at home mom and a small business owner. I enjoy cooking/baking/preserving, gardening, watching movies, camping, going to the beach, spending time with my family and friends(dinners and game nights). I became a room parent when my daughter was in 1st grade, halfway through the year I joined the PCT in the parent connections position and have just recently changed roles to be in the staff support position. I can't wait to work closely with this year's parents, and staff.

PCT Volunteer Coordinator: volunteercoordinator@mra-k8.com



My name is Amy Wheeler and am now your Volunteer Coordinator.

It will be my job to set up all the Sign-up Genius for the various fundraisers and events teachers put on who don't have Room Parents. As you probably know, I was the PCT chair for the previous 2 years while the school recovered from Covid and revamped the Boosters program. My daughter is going into 8th grade this year so we're about finished at the school after having started there in Kindergarten.

At home I am a caregiver and run The Oak, Ash & Thorn Homestead where we: raise Katahdin & St Croix hair sheep for breeding stock and meat; keep chickens for eggs; garden for produce; and I'm learning about herbal/mushroom remedies as well. My boyfriend, sometimes my daughter, and I love going on woods walks on the property where we take lots of photos of wildflowers, mushrooms, collect trail-cam footage of wildlife, or collect agates from the creek. I personally love rockhounding and know a lot about many kinds of crystals/minerals. I also love learning about wilderness survival and survival medicine. Once upon a time I even helped teach a class on emergency preparedness. We love going to the beach or to the mountains and generally exploring nature. As a family, my daughter, boyfriend and I have been learning to play Dungeons & Dragons for a fun activity we can do together along with my boyfriend's kids. I look forward to my final year here being amazing and being of assistance to the volunteer needs of the teachers/staff as well as the parents of this wonderful school!

PCT Assistant Fundraiser: pctassistantfundraiser@mra-k8.com



Hi there!

I'm Christina Lydy-Mills and I am this year's Assistant Fundraiser for the PCT, having decided to take the plunge this summer after spending the last half of the school year as a drama teacher for MRA's after school enrichment program.

The 2023-2024 school year will be my family's third one at MRA. I am a parent to three beautiful and boisterous boys - one in second grade, one in kindergarten, and the last one still in diapers slowly whittling away at what's left of my sanity. I grew up in Molalla since I was age two and have lived in Oregon for most of my life aside from several years spent on the East Coast. I am half Mexican and a fluent Spanish speaker. I've been attempting to teach my kiddos Spanish but we haven't progressed much past words like water, candy, cookies... The important stuff, ¿sabes?

At MRA, I can typically be found on campus out in the courtyard leading a group of drama students through vocal projection exercises much to the vexation delight of anyone on campus who was actually hoping to get some work done (sorry guys...) or out in the garden with my beloved action hoe valiantly fending off this year's wave of purslane. My other hobbies and interests include: cooking, baking, gardening, reading, spontaneous dance parties, all the caffeine, knitting, trying new things out (like paddleboarding! I'm really bad at it! But I will get better.), and soccer - RCTID!!! I look forward to getting to know all of you parents as we work together to invest our time, hope, and energy into our school.

GET INVOLVED WITH THE PARENT CULTIVATION TEAM (PCT)

Open PCT Board Positions

(Click for Job Description)

[PCT Vice-Chair](#)

[PCT Secretary](#)

[PCT Treasurer](#)

Email: pct@mra-k8.com

If interested or for more information

WIN AN MRA JACKET OR SWEATSHIRT

Complete the surveys to have your name entered into a drawing during our Parent Night on August 31! Several prizes will be awarded!

Jog-a-Thon 10/5

Our school-wide Jog-a-Thon will be held Thursday 10/5. We will once again Tie-Dye class t-shirts. Please fill out this [FORM](#) with your child(rens) t-shirt size. One form per MRA student. Due by 9/24/23. Money earned this year will go toward a covered outdoor play space!



Families will be asked to complete 20 hours of volunteer time at MRA this year. Sign up [HERE](#) for your hours!

The PCT needs your feedback---please complete this [FORM](#) to share your thoughts about MRA fundraisers.