



MWCS Newsletter

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Spring Break

School will be closed for spring break from March 17th – March 21st. Be safe and enjoy your break.

STAR TESTING

The state testing will be given the two weeks of April 21st through May 2nd. We ask that **all students be present every day** those weeks and please arrive on time. It's important that your student get **lots of rest and eat a healthful breakfast**. Please put these dates on your calendar now.

Be ready to show all that you know and be proud of your learning. High schools consider these scores when determining inclusion in honors or AP courses as well as who needs to attend summer school. 8th grade students needing summer school will study at the high school they will be attending.

8th Grade Angel Island Field Trip

8th Graders will be heading on their Angel Island trip on March 5/6. If you need to send your \$60 donation in, please do so as soon as possible. **Any students not participating on this trip are expected to attend school. Students not attending school will be marked as an unexcused absence.**

Warm Weather Dress Code

Just a reminder as the warm weather arrives that students need to **continue to follow the school dress code**. Shorts and skirts must be longer than the fingertips (one hand length above knee).

Sleeveless shirts are allowed, but shoulder straps must be at least 3 finger widths wide (no spaghetti straps or halter tops). Sandals are allowed except in PE class. If your teen plays sports during breaks, or is very active, please do not allow sandals as a safety measure.

*Complete dress code is in the front of student planners.

PTA

The biggest fundraiser of the year is almost here! PTA Spring Extravaganza helps raise money for field trips, P.E. equipment, art supplies and helps with transportation for field trips.

You can help by volunteering and/or purchasing a ticket for the event which is being held at the **Wells Fargo Center on Saturday, April 19th from 6:00 pm – 11:00 pm**. Parent volunteer hours will be given for each ticket purchased. Watch for prices and ticket availability in the next newsletter.

Besides dinner, there will be dancing, silent auctions and live auctions. **Come join the fun and finish off those volunteer hours too!**

Progress Reports

The 3rd quarter report cards will be sent home on **March 14th** with the students. Be sure to check these grades, then **sign and return** the envelope so we know your teen remembered to communicate with you. Thank you.

Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart

Students will soon be collecting pledges for this community service event. The Friday before spring break we will jump rope and shoot hoops to help raise money for the American Heart Association. **All pledge forms and money should be turned in on Friday, March 14, 2007.**

Individual prizes as well as a class pizza party will be awarded to participants.

Pennies For Patients Winner

Our Pennies for Patients fundraiser benefiting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society was a big success. Our school almost doubled last year's donation by raising over \$400...WOW! The class that won the pizza party is Mr. Longnecker's. His class raised \$200 and will enjoy the pizza party soon.

Congratulations to all who helped!

High School News

If your student will be moving on to high school next year, please remember to contact the high school in your district to find out what process is needed to register your student. **Santa Rosa High school has appointments available in April for our students to meet with a counselor** (registration forms must be completed).

The next fireside chat at Santa Rosa High School is on March 5th in the school library from 6:00pm-8:30pm for any parents with questions about high school.

*Call other high schools for information.

Returning Students for 2007-2008

If your 7th grader plans to attend MWCS next year and you have not yet sent in your confirmation letter, please call the

office ASAP. Classes are filling up.

Thanks

Washington D.C.-Have Fun!!

Mrs. Sunde will be leading a trip to Washington D. C. over spring break with ten of our 8th grade students. We wish them all safe traveling and great weather! We'll look forward to seeing your photos and hearing all about it when you return.

Mark West Charter Board Newsletter Information

Do you know a family looking for a good school environment? Mark West Charter wants to hear from them. Applications are available on our website and if you recommend the charter to someone and they enroll their student, you will be given volunteer hours for your effort. We want you to help get the word out about our school.

Spring break for Mark West Charter is from March 15th - 21st. If you are planning to be on vacation another week when the charter school IS in session, we are asking all parents to sign up for independent study for their students. This is very important to our school and your student that they don't fall behind in their studies. Please contact Marnie Cameron in the school office for more information.

Be an active part of Mark West Charter by volunteering to be on the Mark West Charter Board. There is an opening on the Board starting July 2008. Come to our March 31st or April 28th meeting at 7:00pm and observe the Board in action.

Office Reminders

1- Students should pay for lunches in advance. We will send out bills as often as possible, but paying in advance will keep from having a large lunch bill. Lunches cost \$3.25.

2- Students should not call parents from cell phones when they are ill. They must come through the office first. If your teen calls, please send them to us.

3- All outstanding accounts i.e. Lunch charges, Science Camp donations, Angel Island donations, basketball fees and lost textbook fees must be paid (or

scholarships requested) before students will receive their yearbooks.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office at your convenience.

Volunteer Hours

If you are still in need of completing your volunteer hours, please watch for upcoming events. If you would like to send in a donation to cover your volunteer hours, a donation of \$10 per hour is suggested for any remaining hours. A form is in with the report cards with a total of hours worked.

PTA Dance

The PTA will hold a spring dance on April 4th at Mark West Elementary School (times are not finalized yet). The charter school will be running the food stand (profits will go to the charter school). If you are able to help during the event, or are willing to send in donations, please contact Doris Byers 578-4589.

*Our last **Saturday family work days will be on March 29th and May 3rd.**

8th Grade Promotion

The committee planning our 8th grade promotion activities has met a couple of times now. Our next meeting is on March 6th at 5:30 pm in our office.

Decisions so far include:

Promotion Ceremony:

Fri, May 30th at 2 pm

*Dress is semi-formal

Boys: dress shirts, pants & shoes (tie or jacket looks nice)

Girls: Skirts or dresses that meet

Dress code length, have a modest cut (no cleavage showing and no spaghetti straps or halters please) undergarments should not show, dress shoes (comfortable, one set of stairs to stage)

Upcoming Events

March 3rd at 3:45 pm—Basketball game at Mark West. Anyone who would be interested in selling snacks, please contact the office.

March 6th Meeting for 8th grade planning committee 5:30 pm

March 6th Information Night for MWCS 7 pm in Rm 39/40. For any new students considering our school. March 7th – Deadline for priority registration 2008-09

March 5-7 Angel Island Trip for 8th grade students

March 11th Regional Spelling Bee

March 14th- Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart. Donations of cases of water and snacks would greatly be appreciated.

March 14th – Grades come home, spring break begins

March 31st 7 pm Board Meeting

April 3rd—Information Night for MWCS 7 pm in Rm. 39/40. For any new students considering our school.

April 4th—PTA Spring Dance, Mark West Elementary School.

**April 18th—School Dance, Rm. 39/40
from 1-3pm. Watch for more details.**

**April 19th—Spring Extravaganza.
Wells Fargo Center, 6pm-11pm.**

**April 21nd---May 2nd--- STAR Testing
*Attendance and doing your best are
very important. Thanks!**

**May 30 at 2 pm 8th grade promotion
ceremony. Watch for details!**

Students of the Month

7th Grade **Jessica Cameron**

8th Grade **Ty Petersen**

Thank you for your hard work and
excellent citizenship!

Independent Study Contracts

Assuring attendance at school every day
is one of the best things families can do
to support their teen's success.

That said, we thank our families who
have found it necessary to miss 2 or
more school days and have requested
independent study contracts. Special
thanks to those who have requested
AND completed them.

At this time we have 13 independent
study contracts outstanding. The work
was requested, teachers put in the time to
prepare them, then the work was not
completed and returned. This is worth
over \$2,800 to our school. Please request
an independent study packet if your teen
will be out for 2 days or more AND
ensure that the work is completed and
returned. Thanks!

Quote of the Month:

“A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go
back to its old dimensions.”