

# Director's Newsletter

## Important Dates

- **Nov. 11th- NO SCHOOL** Veterans Day
- **Nov 14th- Progress Reports** sent home with students, be sure to ask!
- **Nov 16th** PTA 6 pm, Charter school Rm 39/40
- **Nov 21-25**  
Thanksgiving Break— No school this week
- **Nov. 29th** Music Field Trip to San Francisco

## Homework News

One of the best ways to ensure your teen is reaching his/her potential is to ensure they do the extra practice assigned as homework.

**Having a set time and place to work** is critical for most kids. Many 12-14 yr olds still need parents to provide structure and check the quality and completeness of their work.

Building good study habits now will offer a **huge payoff in high school!** Student's may join homework club during second quarter if they need support. Please complete a homework club form located in the office.

November 7, 2011

## Recruitment Has Begun for 2012-2013 School Year Information Nights

**Yes, it's true! Our recruitment time for the 2012-2013 school year has begun.** Starting November, parents interested in sending their student to MWCS will be able to pick up registration packets in our office. We will also have packets available for pick up in each elementary school office (Mark West, Riebli and San Miguel) along with the district office. If you know a 6th grade student who would like to attend MWCS, please direct them to any of the school

offices, the district office or our office. Space is limited and we are expecting to reach our class limits very quickly again this year.

During our recruitment period, we offer information nights for students and parents to come and have questions answered, meet staff, parents and watch a video and power point presentation with details about our program. Here are the dates for this years information nights.

**January 18th— 6pm**

**February 23rd—6pm**

Information nights are also for families interested in our home study program and students interested in joining for 8th grade. MWCS parents who refer 6th grade students are given volunteer hours for helping recruit. Recommendations from a parent is our best advertising. Thanks for helping.

## A Word From MWCS Board of Directors

Many parents are concerned with the amount of homework and why it seems students have more now than ever before. The purpose of homework is to practice new concepts and stretch your mind with creativity and problem-solving on your own showing what you have learned in class. Missing homework is a big problem at all age levels, but in middle school it can become serious as time grows short to prepare for success in high school. Missing homework can escalate quickly. Your teen might miss an assignment due to illness or forgetting to it in their planner and before you know it, the missing work list has grown to many. At this point students tend to feel overwhelmed and unsuccessful.

At Mark West Charter we offer many ways to help your teen stay up to date with their studies. We offer support classes for Math and Language Arts. We have elective study hall classes and afterschool homework club. The teachers always post the work for the day and week in their classrooms for your teen to log in their planners. Teacher Ease is the online location where you can check how your child is doing in school; see what assignments are due and what might be missing. As a parent, it is important to continue to monitor your teen's homework. Now is really not the best time to back off and expect your young teenager to be completely independent.

Ways you can help are to go over the planners, ensure

that backpacks get cleaned out, help them organize their binders and see that homework is your teen's best effort. Time management is still difficult for many teens. Most students still need parents to provide structure for their homework. A set time and place with required consistency regarding completing all work can make a big difference. Parents often find it necessary to limit other activities if school work is suffering from an overly busy schedule. It takes some time to do this now; however, when you have an independent, successful high school student you will be glad you supported your young teen in developing these critical study skills and work habits now.



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## SMSPTA Volunteer Needed

Our wonderful site PTA is looking for a volunteer to help with our audit and accounting processes.



## Principal Honor Roll, Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance

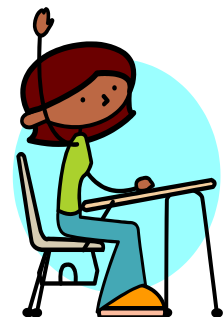
We were excited to see that 53 students earned a spot on the **Principal Honor Roll** by having a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher! Another 45 students qualified for **Honor Roll** by earning a GPA of 3.0-3.49. There were also 65 students who earned **Perfect Attendance Awards** during the first quarter. This is quite an accomplishment since it requires on time attendance (no

tardies, lates, or illnesses) every day. These students have a great start on academic success because they are able to take advantage of all instruction in every class. Congratulations to all of our award winners!!! Student awards lists will be posted in the trophy case in the office. Certificates will be received at the end of the second quarter for students who maintain this top quality work We're proud

of their hard work and dedication.

### PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports for second quarter will be sent home with students on Monday, Nov 14th. Please be sure to discuss progress with your teen. Second quarter grades come out again early January.



## November Upcoming Events

**Nov. 14th**– Progress Reports Go Home with Students

**Nov. 14th**- Boy's Basketball Games at MW, 3:45pm (7th grade) & 5:15 pm (8th grade)

**Nov. 16th**– Boys Basketball Game, 3:45pm and 5:15pm at Mark West

**Nov. 21-25 NO SCHOOL DUE TO THANKSGIVING BREAK**

### UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS

-Wreath and Bulb delivery the first week of December

-Elves workshop Dec. 10th 9am-1pm in the San Miguel MPR

-Drama and Music Performance on Dec. 15th, volunteers will be needed for this school wide event.

End of the second quarter. All student report cards will be mailed home the week of January 13th. Please be sure your address is accurate in the office.

PTA Crab Feed coming in January- volunteers will be needed

## School Wish List

The following are items that our school would love to have donated through out the school year. Please feel free to send in these items and receive volunteer hours:

- #2 Ticonderaga pencils
- white photo copy paper
- ball pumps for PE equipment and inflating needles too
- 3 large plastic tubs with lids
- equipment bags
- volleyballs