

# Welcome to Back to School Night

Mrs. Kakalec (Room 24)

Mr. Ma (Room 26)

# Agenda

- ▶ JAMM Vision and Guiding Principles
- ▶ About the teachers
- ▶ Curriculum
- ▶ Homework
- ▶ Classroom Management/ PBIS
- ▶ Science Camp/ Field Trips
- ▶ Communication
- ▶ Volunteers

# Jackson Academy of Math and Music

## Vision

- ▶ We believe that all students deserve an educational experience that allows them to be **truly alive**. They are **actively engaged** and utilizing their thinking to **solve problems**, to **listen to others' ideas**, and to **respect one another** as individuals.

# Guiding Principles

- Direct explicit instruction
- Multiple response opportunities
- Multisource curriculum

# About Mrs. Kakalec

- ▶ Ten years teaching elementary school and three years volunteering to teach English as a second language at Learning & Loving Center. CSMB for credential.
- ▶ Bachelor of Science in Economics & Business at Santa Clara University
- ▶ One daughter Natalie who attended MHUSD and Univ. of Denver
- ▶ Hobbies – Tennis, golf, walking my dogs, and travel

# About Mr. Ma

- 17 years teaching elementary and middle schools
- born and raised in San Francisco
- BA in Human Development (UC Davis)
- MA in Childhood Development (San Francisco State U.)
- 2 Children (Lydia- 7 years old, in 1st grade) (Kyler- 3 year old)
- Hobbies: real estate properties, exercise and sports cards

# Curriculum

- ▶ Guided by the Common Core Standards (Math and ELA) and Next Generation Science Standards (Science)
- ▶ Language Arts – Wonders ELA/ELD and Readers' & Writers' Workshop
- ▶ Math – Investigations by Pearson
- ▶ Social Studies - my World Interactive
- ▶ Science – Earth, Life, and Physical (NGSS standards) using TWIG Science
- ▶ P.E- Will resume when students & teachers are permitted to go back to school. No Physical

# Music in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



- ▶ Three days each week in the afternoon
  - Ma (Mon/ Tues/ Fri 1:00- 1:30)
  - Kakalec ( Monday/ Wednesday/ Friday 12:00 - 12:30pm)
  
- ▶ Synchronous & Asynchronous Meetings



# Homework

- Purpose is to reinforce, enrich, and extend the skills and concepts taught in class.
- Assigned Monday – Friday, sometimes on the weekend.
- Work assignments posted daily on Google Classroom.
- Homework must be turned in on time for credit.

# Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)

- Goal: Encourage positive behavior with clear, consistent expectations and recognition when students meet expectations.
- Based on three STANDARDS:
  1. Show respect.
  2. Make good decisions.
  3. Solve problems.
- Positive comments/praise with Jaguar Notes
- Teaching clear expectations across the school and reviewing expectations throughout the year
- Serious offenses will be immediately referred to the principal.

# Science Camp and Field Trips

- ▶ Has been cancelled due to safety concerns
- ▶ Field trips may happen towards the end of the year if permissible.
- ▶ Virtual Field Trips

# Communication

- ▶ We encourage open communication regarding your child's work and progress in our classrooms.
- ▶ Email is the best way to reach us:
  - Mrs. Kakalec: [kakalecn@mhusd.org](mailto:kakalecn@mhusd.org)
  - Mr. Ma: [maj@mhusd.org](mailto:maj@mhusd.org)
- ▶ Grades on Aeries Portal
- ▶ Google Classroom Notifications

▶ Thank you for attending tonight!

▶ Questions