



October Newsletter

Dear Families,

We've had a busy, but exciting, first full month of school. For the past two weeks, our school has been celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. Each morning our school recognizes a person from the Latinx community that has had a significant contribution in our community, country, or world. During our last Lion's Den, we continued the celebration by recognizing our own students that are from Spanish speaking countries. We were honored to have five of our own students lead the entire school in reciting the Nordstrom pledge in Spanish. Mrs. Green and I also had a chance to read to each class, choosing books created by Spanish speaking authors. We will wrap up Hispanic Heritage Month with our district-wide art contest. Students were asked to create a piece of art that represented "Esperanza" (hope). Each class has selected three finalists whose artwork is posted outside of the office. Make sure to take a look! This week a representative from the district will stop by and select one piece of art to display at the district office.

This Saturday, October 9th, MHUSD will be hosting an event to celebrate the opening of our district Wellness Centers. These spaces have already provided spots for students to get additional support at the middle and high school level. They are also open to elementary school students. If you have time this weekend, this would be a great opportunity to discover the mental health resources available in the district. You can find the details [HERE](#).

Thank you to everyone who is ready to jump in and support our students through volunteering. We are excited to announce we will be opening up volunteer opportunities for one adult per classroom, as well as the designated room parent. The classroom teachers will be sharing the details directly with eligible volunteers. Your understanding is appreciated as we hope to open up more opportunities as the year continues.

Parent Square is officially up and running! Our teachers are using this as their primary form of communication. Currently we have 38% of our families who have downloaded the app. The app is the most efficient way for you to receive communication from the school and allows for you to receive text notifications similar to Remind. Please use this [QR code](#) to download the app. We will be using Parent Square to schedule conferences, so be on the lookout for an announcement from your teacher in a few weeks.

Important Dates:

- October 11th: School Site Council 2:20-3:20 PM
- October 21st: Great Shake Out at 10:10 AM
- October 22nd: Mr. Peace Assembly
- October 29th: Lion's Den and Halloween (TBD; more details to come)
- November 11th: No School; Veteran's Day
- November 15th: No School for Students; Conference Day
- November 15th-19th: Conferences

Covid Update:

- Please follow all district COVID-19 guidelines [HERE](#).
- Students are still expected to wear masks while inside. Outdoor is optional; however, we encourage all people on campus before or after school to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status.
- Please pack additional masks for your student. We will have extras in the class as needed.
- If your student is kept home due to Covid symptoms, you are required to provide a negative test result before returning. Families can submit a PCR test or bring in a rapid test to be administered with guidance from our health clerk.
- A runny nose, as an isolated symptom, is no longer considered a Covid symptom. A runny nose accompanied by a fever, or any other cold symptom, still requires a negative test to return to school.

Finally, if you haven't had a chance to check out our new website, please do! Mrs. Wong has been working hard to update the website with our bell schedule, monthly newsletter and other important school information. As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Breanna Cull
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