



TRAILBLAZER NEWS

August / September 2024

MARCUS WHITMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

6th Grade Orientation

**We will be having 6th Grade Orientation
on Wednesday, August 21st
Time will be from 9:00 am - 11:00 am**



First Day of School

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27TH - 8:10 AM

If your student is a bus rider be sure you check the South Kitsap Website for the bus stop and time. Under "Quick links" the first item is "Bus Routes".

ALL STUDENTS WILL PICK UP THEIR OFFICIAL SCHEDULE IN THEIR ADVISORY CLASS. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE SCHEDULES ON SKYWARD BY AUG. 21ST.



Open House

Tuesday, September 10th

6 - 7:30 PM



MWMS OPEN HOUSE

6:00-7:30pm
Presentations and
activities begin
promptly at 6pm.
See you there!

Please join us as we celebrate the beginning of the school year!
Families are invited to attend with their student - meet all the
teachers, see all the classrooms, enjoy a sweet treat, and learn
more about the upcoming year!

SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

Questions?
call the school
360-874-6160

We are excited to invite you to our annual Open House on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 6:00 PM. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to get an inside look at your child's school experience and to connect with their teachers.

During the Open House, you will:

- **Rotate Through All Six Classes:** Experience a typical day in your student's life by visiting each of their classrooms. Bells will guide you from one class to the next, ensuring you have the full experience.
- **Meet the Teachers:** Get to know the dedicated educators who guide and support your child's learning journey.
- **Ask Questions:** Engage in meaningful conversations with teachers about class expectations, curriculum, and any other questions you may have.
- **Visit Stations in the Commons:** Meet with the administration, counselors, department teams, and advisors to learn more about the support and resources available to your student.
- **Enjoy a Sweet Treat:** End your evening with a sweet treat available in the commons.
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We encourage you to attend with your student so you can navigate the evening together and discuss what you see and hear. This partnership between home and school is crucial to your child's success, and we look forward to working together.

We hope to see you there!

Our school supplies and student planners are free this school year! If you chose to purchase supplies, you can. School breakfast and lunch is **free** again for **all students**. If your family qualifies for free and reduced lunch, please fill out the district form for funding purposes.

- 8/27 (first day) Supply distribution in ELA classes
 - 8/27 (first day) Planner distribution in advisory
 - 8/27 (first day) District and School paperwork distribution in 6th period – please return asap and/or complete forms in Skyward
- 9/3 or 9/4 Chromebook distribution in Science classes

Click the link to find important events for the 2024-2025 school year!

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HJVMgA_EOE6A_LFDk_FrcFXILF81cPuu4JMIugjwwlw/edit?usp=sharing

Fun Math Activity

Try this task together at home together with your student. What mathematical habits did you use to help you process the task? Check out the Mathematical Habits of Mind and Interaction here!

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1G7oBOInu7jU6f8OaE8lou7YKiBcPbPzs/view?usp=sharing>

1. Fill in the blank: The value of 8 dimes is ____% of the value of a dollar.

2. Name a combination of coins that is 130% of the value of a dollar.

Check out the MW Math Website for more resources! <https://sites.google.com/skschools.org/mw-math/home>

The first day of school is August 27th!

Your student will be participating in our 3rd annual Trailblazer Traditions the first 7 days of school and will report to their advisory classes at the start of each day 8/27-9/6. When schedules are available, have your student look for P7 and write down their room number so they can report to their class at 8:10 am each day. The Trailblazer Tradition lessons review our building wide expectations, allow students to connect to others, gives an opportunity to practice using school email, goal set, and much more! Here is the schedule for the first 7 days!

6 TH GRADE					7 TH GRADE					8 TH GRADE				
ADV	8:10	8:57	(47 min)		ADV	8:10	8:57	(47 min)		ADV	8:10	8:57	(47 min)	
Anmts	9:02	9:08	(6 min)		Anmts	9:02	9:08	(6 min)		Anmts	9:02	9:08	(6 min)	
1	9:08	9:55	(47 min)		1	9:08	9:55	(47 min)		1	9:08	9:55	(47 min)	
2	10:00	10:47	(47 min)		2	10:00	10:47	(47 min)		2	10:00	10:47	(47 min)	
Lunch	10:47	11:17	(30 min)		3	10:52	11:39	(47 min)		3	10:52	11:39	(47 min)	
3	11:22	12:09	(47 min)		Lunch	11:39	12:09	(30 min)		4	11:44	12:31	(47 min)	
4	12:14	1:01	(47 min)		4	12:14	1:01	(47 min)		Lunch	12:31	1:01	(30 min)	
5	1:06	1:53	(47 min)		5	1:06	1:53	(47 min)		5	1:06	1:53	(47 min)	
6	1:58	2:45	(47 min)		6	1:58	2:45	(47 min)		6	1:58	2:45	(47 min)	

Marcus Whitman Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

Procedures can be found at the Marcus Whitman Web Site under

"Family Support" then click "Parking Lot Instructions" on the top of the page.

Or

To watch a video, scan this QR code:



Student Name:
ELA Teacher:
Asset Tag:

All Marcus Whitman students will be issued a Chromebook with the goals of:

- Increased opportunities for collaboration, communication and creativity
- Increased student engagement in a personalized learning environment
- Improved access to foster acquisition of knowledge and skills

The Chromebook is first and foremost an educational device. It is essential that this agreement be followed to ensure the safe, efficient, and ethical operation of these devices. SKSD retains sole right of possession of the Chromebook and related equipment (AC adapter, power cord and carrying case). There is no expectation of privacy in use or data stored on the district-owned device. The SKSD Acceptable Use policy is in effect.

Handling, Care & Use:

- You are always responsible for your own Chromebook.
- You should never share your personal login information, or let any other student use your Chromebook.
- Make sure you start each school day with a fully charged battery on your Chromebook.
- Handle the Chromebook with great care.
 - Do not throw, slide, drop, toss, etc. the Chromebook.
 - Do not carry or hold the Chromebook in the air by the screen/display.
 - Do not close the device with any items resting on the keyboard.
 - Do not store items in your case, it is meant to ONLY hold your device.
- Always place your Chromebook into its protective case before moving to your next class.
- Your Chromebook should be used for school purposes only.
 - Do not access, store, create, consume, or share unauthorized or inappropriate content with your Chromebook.
- You should not eat or drink near your Chromebook.
- Heavy objects should never be placed or stacked on top of your Chromebook. This includes books, musical instruments, sports equipment, etc.
- Do not write on or decorate your Chromebook.
- Do not remove identification labels or tags placed on your Chromebook by district personnel.
- If your Chromebook is not working properly or is in need of repair, please notify Mrs. Chang immediately and bring it to the library at the first opportunity.

The district offers a Chromebook Protection plan. This plan is designed to alleviate the cost of repairing potential damage to the device. It covers accidental damage, not intentional damage. Damage caused by not following the handling, care and use directions, will result in the full cost to repair/replace damaged items, regardless of the purchase of the Chromebook Protection plan.

The plan in 2023-24 non-refundable cost will be \$30 per student- and per school year. Students eligible for Free or Reduced Price lunch will pay \$10. To purchase visit the [SKSD Web Store](#) to sign up. **Enrollment must be purchased within 30 days of the start of school OR after student's enrollment date).**

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Coverage is as follows:

- The first accidental damage incident in a school year is covered at 100%.
- The second accidental damage incident in a school year is covered at 50%.
- Any additional damage in a school year is the student's responsibility for full cost of repair.
- Lost or stolen devices require a \$100 co-payment, which is refunded if the device is later found or recovered. (Subsequent loss/stolen requires a \$200 co-payment)

What is your plan? How are you going to guarantee your device is charged every night and brought to school every day? Be very specific in your plan, this will ensure a greater level of success in coming prepared each day.

Please note your plan below:

Minor Damage:

Please note any minor damage: scratches in the plastic, cracks in the plastic, etc. If there are any cracks in the screen, damaged or missing keys, please bring the device to the library immediately.

By signing below, you are acknowledging you have read, discussed and understand the information above. If you have any questions, please email or call Mrs. Chang. Email: chang@skschools.org Phone: 360-874-6175

Student Signature

Parent Signature

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Hello Trailblazer Families!

Your student will be issued their school Chromebook on either September 3rd or 4th, during their Science class. At the time, they will be shown a video about how to care for their device and be given their Chromebook Agreement to take home. Please be sure to check in with them on these days, and take time to read over, fill out and sign the agreement. In the agreement, it talks about the care of the device and the district's optional Chromebook Protection Plan. Below you will find a copy of the blank Chromebook Agreement, with the information about purchasing the optional Chromebook Protection Plan via the Webstore.

Below is the information regarding the system available to help you monitor your child's activities on their school issued accounts. It includes information on how to sign up for a portal account, monitoring activity, and pausing internet access during non-school hours.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jz02XpVLJ5iGF5stn9RMou8cq64sdjK9Ae62GXQfY0/edit?usp=sharing>

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at chang@skschools.org.

Take Care,
Carol Chang

ANNUAL Acknowledgement And Updating Skyward Information

At the beginning of each school year there are a few forms that need to be filled out and updated. These forms are available now for you to complete. Ideally we would like these completed by the first day of school so our records are accurate and up to date. Please log in to Skyward and complete these forms.

The South Kitsap School District put out a Back to School Newsletter that also had a lot of great information as you prepare for this school year. The link is below.:

<https://www.skschools.org/about-us/news/default-board-post-page/~board/all-school-news/post/back-to-school-news-2024-2025>

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Marcus Whitman will be providing the basic school supplies for all students this year.

If your student wants to purchase their own supplies below is the list of supplies they will be needing.

- 2-inch binder
- Packet of Dividers (5 tab)
- Package of college ruled paper (150 sheets)
- 2 spiral college ruled notebook
- 2 composition notebooks
- Zipper pouch (for pens and pencils)
- Eraser
- Highlighters (2 each of yellow, green)
- 1 box of pencils (dozen)
- Pens – 6 blue, 6 black,
- Fine tip sharpie – black



Wired ear pods or head sets will not be provided this year so you may want to purchase a set. (Blue tooth ear pods are NOT to be brought to school)

ASB News - Save The Date

Welcome Back Social will be on Friday, September 13 after school from 3-4 pm. Online ticket sales will start on August 29th and in person sales will start on September 3. Tickets will cost \$3.00 with ASB and \$4.00 without ASB. Tickets purchased on Friday, September 13th will cost \$5.00.

September Spirit Days:

Friday, September 6th is Mismatched Day. Wear mismatched socks, different patterns, whatever you can do to mismatch.

Friday, September 20th is crazy hat/hair day. Wear your craziest hat and or hair do!

Hello families!

Are you really good at opening a combination lock? MW teachers and students need your help! We are looking for adults to help students with their locker combinations on the first day of school. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to Emily Fogel or Mary Anne Van Doornik before August 22nd .

Thank you!

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Message from Physical Education Teachers

PE participation attire:

MWMS shirt and shorts set purchased at the student store \$20 OR Black or Green bottoms (shorts, sweats, yoga pants) and a grey crew neck t-shirt (can have decal on shirts as long as school appropriate). Supportive tennis shoes.

Fall Sports

Register for participation in sports is all done through Final Forms. You can find a link to Final Forms on your Parent Square access. You can also go to the Marcus Whitman Website and under athletics you can click on Register for sports.

The fall sports are Baseball, Fastpitch, and Track and Field. You will need to complete the registration process before any students are eligible to tryout.

TRACK AND FIELD

Starts Tuesday September 3rd, 2024

Practices Run from 3pm to 5pm Monday-Thursday

No Practice on Fridays

Athletes should have all paperwork done on Final Forms and a current physical by the first day of practice.

Come prepared with workout clothes, running shoes, snacks and water!

If you have any questions please contact Coach Bates or Coach Kogan

FASTPITCH

Attention Lady Trailblazers! Fastpitch tryouts start on Thursday, August 29th, starting promptly from 3:00pm - 5:00pm on the softball field. Sept, 3rd and Sept 4th will also be tryout days after the holiday.

Please make sure to complete your sports physicals BEFORE the first day of tryouts and fill out Final Forms.

Bring plenty of water, dress accordingly, and have your gear ready. Bare minimum gear includes a softball glove and molded cleats. See you on the diamond!

Coach Terrell

BASEBALL

Baseball tryouts will be September 3, 4, and 5th. Time will be 3:00—5:30 .

The locker room will be open and available to drop off your sports bags. Be sure you have completed the registration on Final Forms. Everything must be completed before you are able to tryout.

See you on the field

Coach Kenyon

7TH HOUR

Calling all MW Students!

Do you need a quiet place to study, complete homework, and/or get help with an assignment?

Come to 7th Hour every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:50-4pm in the library.

No transportation provided.
Pack a snack to enjoy while you work.



Non-Discrimination Statement

The South Kitsap School District provides equal educational and employment opportunity without regard to race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation – including gender expression or identity, marital status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. Equal access to activities, facilities and program is provided to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups. District procedure complies with all applicable state and federal laws.

The Title IX Officer, Section 504 Coordinator, and Gender Inclusivity Officer with the responsibility for monitoring, auditing, and ensuring compliance with this policy are:

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