September 18, 2020

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families.

Please see the information on picture day in the bulletin since we have added more information about times to arrive. We are trying to stay balanced in our numbers per hour on site.

I know distance learning has been difficult for all. Parents are being asked to be more involved in their children's education than they've ever had to before. Thanks so much for your effort. I would also like you to remember the teachers. They have been working SO hard creating, planning, recording and teaching lessons. Many have said they answer emails well into the evening. I know they would like nothing better than to have the students back on campus. That will happen when it is safe for all. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Warm regards, Patrick Eagle

PICTURE DAY

San Miguel is holding picture days. They will take place over two days, Wednesday 9/23 and Thursday 9/24, from 3 pm - 7 pm. The first half of the alphabet, A - L, will be on Wednesday, and the second half, M - Z, will be on Thursday. It is okay to switch days if need be. We will follow all rules of social distancing, including mask wearing (except for the picture), and keeping 6 feet apart. Families will pull up in their car and one parent will walk them to the photographer for the photo. All money will be exchanged online. Here is a <u>flyer</u> and link to pre-order: https://vando.imageguix.com/g1000805147

In order to even out the number of people coming on campus for pictures, please come during the time designated for the first letter of your last name:

Wednesday 9/23

A-B 3-4 pm C-D 4-5 pm E-G 5-6 pm H-L 6-7 pm Thursday 9/24 M-N 3-4 pm O-R 4-5 pm

S-T 5-6 pm

U-Z 6-7 pm

Please email me ahead of time if you can't make your scheduled time and would like to come at a different time. peagle@mwusd.org



PARENT CONFERENCES

Friday, October 2, is a non-instructional day for scheduled parent conferences. Because we are in the Distant Learning model, and teachers have been holding office hours and conferences throughout the trimester, the 10/2 conferences will be scheduled by the teacher on an **as needed basis** only. If you have any concerns, please take advantage

of your child's teacher's office hours.

MUSIC PROGRAM UPDATE

The Mark West District virtual music program began on Monday, September 14, for interested 4th-8th graders who had signed up for the program. If your child would like to participate and you have not yet signed him or her up for a music class, there still may be time. The sign-up form is available at

https://forms.gle/3SbjbUd71ASkxcmy8. Please submit this form ASAP if your child would like to participate - last date for late sign up is Friday, Sept. 18. For more information, the Info Packet can be found at https://www.mwef.org/music-forms, and you can see an introductory video from Mrs. Kaufman here: https://youtu.be/zQexPizKT2w. Also, we have a limited supply of instruments available for students to borrow, and there are only a few left! So don't wait! Parents who have already signed up your child, please check your email. Mrs. Kaufman has already sent out class and important instrument borrowing information to you (if applicable). Don't see an email from Mrs. Kaufman? Check your spam folder and be sure to allow emails from kkaufman@mwusd.org. Email will be Mrs. Kaufman's primary method of communication as she has over 100 music students so far.

TK-3rd grade students can look forward to music lesson videos and activities starting in the next week or so. 3rd graders will have the opportunity to learn the recorder via Zoom later this year! San Miguel 3rd graders will have recorders in the second trimester, and Mark West 3rd graders will have recorders in the third trimester.

Keep calm and play music!

RUNNING CLUB IS HAPPENING

Running club is well... off and running!!! Please email me your child's miles ran. I will record and have the 'feet' that they have earned sent home.

UPCOMING DATES

9/30/20 PTO Zoom meeting 5:30

9/22/20 PTO Executive Committee 5:30 9/23/20 Student Materials hand out & Lunch Hand out 9/23/20 Picture Day 3-7 pm, A-L 9/24/20 Picture Day 3-7 pm, M-Z 9/25/20 Spirit Day-Dress in San Miguel colors 9/25/20 All School Zoom assembly