

November 20, 2020

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,
Even though we'd like our situation to be better in the world, take a look around and be thankful for what you do have. I'm thankful that I still get to work at a school with hard working teachers, supportive parents and amazing students. I sincerely hope you are able to enjoy the Thanksgiving Break.
Warm regards,
Patrick Eagle

FRIDAY'S ASSEMBLY VIDEO

Here is this weeks
<https://www.wevideo.com/view/1932631523>

PARENT MEETING

On Tuesday, 12/1, I will be hosting the next parent meeting at 5:30. Here is the zoom link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86088047316>

TURKEY TROT 5K

I hope that we can have as many families as possible participate in the 5K over the Thanksgiving Break. Students who participate can pick up a medal on the next student materials pick up day on 12/9. Please be sure to email me photos with your race bibs on! Special thanks to our generous Trot sponsors: Bravo Restoration and Construction, Anthony Haberthur-Escrow Officer Fidelity National Title, Holman Plumbing, and Smile Orthodontics.
[Click here for the flyer](#)

A NOTE FROM COACH BRE

Here is this week's PE lesson, video and worksheet. https://youtu.be/y_5ej7-ZYLO
Congratulations to our winners of last week's challenge: Lucille Malsbary- Mark West, Mrs. Miller and Julianna Quartarolo- San Miguel, Mrs. Seitz. The challenge this week is sponsored by Storage Master Self Storage. Two winners will receive a \$25 gift card to Moxie's.
Please let me know if you have any questions or feedback. Have a great week!
Thank you-Breanne Bush 'Coach Bre'

FOOD AND TOY DRIVE

Local charities have teamed up for a combined toy and food drive this season. Click for the flyer. [English & Spanish](#)



ONLINE BOOK FAIR STARTS TODAY

Dear Parents and Families:
We are working hard to keep kids reading and raise critical funds for our library with our Scholastic Online Book Fair from November 20 - December 3!

The Fair will connect your kids to notable books and inspiring characters—helping them become lifelong readers. And you'll love the new option to experience the magic of the shopping experience through a Virtual Book Fair!

Plus, enjoy these special online shopping features:

Access to over 6,000 products

All orders ship direct to home

FREE shipping on book-only orders over \$25

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with online shopping:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/sanmiguelelementaryschool2>

Thank you for continuing to support our school.

Happy reading, Victoria Cratty, Librarian.

vcatty@mwusd.org

LUNCH DISTRIBUTION LOCATION CHANGE

Due to the upcoming winter weather, lunch distribution will now be occurring at the entrance of the Multi-purpose room beginning 12/2/20.

UPCOMING DATES

11/20-12/3 Online book fair
11/23-11/27 - Thanksgiving Break
12/1/20 - Parent Zoom Meeting 5:30
12/2/20 - Lunch Distribution
12/9/20 - Student materials pick up day
12/9/20 - Lunch Distribution
12/16/20 - Lunch Distribution
12/21-1/1 - Winter Break

A NOTE FROM THE MUSIC TEACHER

Stay tuned for the District violin and chorus students' virtual performance at the annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 2, sponsored by the Mark West Chamber of Commerce, Molsberry Market, Sonoma County Fire District, and Mark West School District. Make yourself some hot cocoa while you watch!
San Miguel 3rd graders will begin to learn the soprano recorder in weekly Zoom lessons starting on Tuesday, Dec. 1st from 1:30-2:00pm. If you need the meeting link, please email your teacher or Mrs. Kaufman at kkaufman@mwusd.org
Finally, we want to send a big thank you to Stacey Sowers for her generous donation of musical instruments to the Mark West District music program. We look forward to

the day when we can play music together once again. In the meantime, keep practicing at home!
Keep calm and play music!
Mrs. Kaufman

MORE THAN A MEAL

This year, more than ever, it is important for **as many families as possible to fill out the application for free/reduced lunch, now called the Alternative Income Form**. This application applies to school funding way beyond the lunch program. It also helps fund many services and programs that the school provides. Please view the English [flyer here](#), in [Spanish here](#), and here is the [application link](#).


DISTANCE LEARNING SOCIAL GROUPS

Our district counselors and trainees are holding meetings with Distance Learning Social Groups. If you think your child may benefit, please click on the link below
[Flyer - English](#)
[Flyer - Espanol](#)

STUDENTS MAY CHECK OUT LIBRARY BOOKS

We are so excited to have students check out books! Here are the steps needed to check out books from San Miguel library:

1) Browse the online library catalog, click here:
<https://search.follettsoftware.com/metasearch/ui/24106>

2) Click on the Search Options button  or type in a keyword in the search bar.

You can look for books by A.R. level for example 0.1 - 2.5 (do not forget the decimal point), grade level etc., via the search option. The 'most recent' tab on the top right corner leads to the newest books added to the library. Write down the name of the book and the call number (author's name for fiction and number for non-fiction) you want to check out plus an optional book if we can not get your first choice.

3) Once your student has chosen a book(s), go to <https://forms.gle/njQyHENRopSXdxS46> and sign up to have the book checked out.

The book will be in your materials pick up on the next Wednesday you are assigned to pick up.
Please note: only students who are in good library standing will be able to check out books. Notices have been sent to parents/guardians with overdue books. Any questions can be directed to vcratty@mwusd.org

SCOE EVENTS FOR PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

Supporting Student Math Learning at Home

Contact: Josh Deis | jdeis@scoe.org

K-1 Network | Oct. 27 and Dec. 1

2-5 Network | Nov. 2 and Dec. 3

6-12 Network | Nov. 5 and Dec. 7

Spanish Only Network | Nov. 19 and Dec. 14

During the 2020-21 school year parents and caregivers, like teachers, have been thrust into a new role. One area of particular challenge is facilitating math learning at home. The Sonoma County Office of Education's math department will be hosting a series of sessions for parents and caregivers to connect and figure out ways to best support their child's math learning.

During our time together, participants will connect with other parents and caregivers. In addition, parents and caregivers will be supplied with resources to help them navigate the math learning that their child is engaging in.

Translation will be provided for all sessions. A Spanish-only series will also be offered. The sessions will be organized by grade span and each grade span will meet twice. Participants can join one or both sessions offered.

[Click here to learn more about each Network, access resources and/or register](#)