

September 11, 2020

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

I hope you had a great week. Please see the information in this newsletter if you would like to participate in the District Music Program.

Also be sure to add picture day to your calendars.

Keep up the great work, parents and students!

Warm regards,

Patrick Eagle

DISTRICT SPIRIT DAY

Across the district Monday, September 14, will be Mask Day, when you wear your favorite mask. Click here for the [flyer](#).

ART CONTEST

The Press Democrat (PD) wants to engage and uplift students from kindergarten through high school by inviting them to create and share their original artwork. Along with several partnering organizations and supportive local businesses, the PD is launching an art contest for Sonoma-area children and teens called "Brighter Days" and invites local youth to submit images of their paintings, drawings, or graphic designs based around this theme.

The deadline for entries is **Sept. 25**. Please see the attached flyer for more details. Head to pressdemocrat.com/brighterdays for contest rules and submission information.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DeyOVVEnE0ubqsTM4rM4yXyKhl7MgVPN/view?usp=sharing>

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 [flyer](#) and also the link to pre-order: <https://vando.imagequix.com/g1000805147>

MUSIC PROGRAM UPDATE

The Mark West District virtual music program will begin on Monday, September 14, for interested 4th-8th graders who have 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 is still a little time left! 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!

PARENT WORKSHOPS FROM MR. COOPER

We are putting together several parent workshops this fall and our first one will be in September. These workshops are designed to give ideas and support for parents with regards to supporting their families and children. Our first workshop focuses on Social Emotional Learning and Trauma Informed Awareness.

Attached is a link with our first workshop set for September 16, from 6 pm to 7 pm, and September 17, 2 pm to 3 pm.

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UPCOMING DATES

9/16/20 Lunch hand out

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

9/30/20 PTO Zoom meeting 5:30