

March 5, 2021

### LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

All staff commented this week on how nice it is to see and hear students on campus. We'll continue next week with the lower grades (see schedule below). We have our last pick-up day (unless you are continuing with distance learning) on Wednesday. I thank you for your trips to school to drop your child off for a recess or to pick up and drop off work. Looking forward to seeing you at the Drive in Movie tonight, if it doesn't rain.

Warm regards,  
Patrick Eagle

### PARENT MEETING WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Thanks to those that attended. If you didn't see the recording link in Messenger, here it is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8NFTnAJIAfX49pJIO-9TWfW4iaROUnUUCGzirY0wZBhvypGMZx4seLhgn3gpRKzd.PSbhDyeSMLNCnKQ2> Passcode: =KSxq#?2

### UPCOMING STUDENT MATERIALS PICK UP DAYS

Our last pick up date will be next Wednesday 3/10. This marks the end of pick ups if you are moving to the Hybrid Model. This allows our teachers time to prepare for moving to the Hybrid model. On the 10th your child will receive a packet that will be used from 3/10-3/19. **If you will be continuing in Distant Learning, the next pick up will be 3/17.**

### INDEPENDENT INSTRUCTION FROM 3/10-3/19

As mentioned above, the teachers have the monumental task of preparing curriculum for the days students will be on campus and the independent work they'll be completing at home. In addition, they need to coordinate schedules with the library, computer lab, and our learning specialists. Teachers will be checking in with students daily, but their work may look different depending on grade level. In other words, your 1st grader's day may look very different from your 5th or 6th grader's day during this time.

### TRAVELING DURING SPRING BREAK

At this time the California Department of Health has stated that you should quarantine at home for 10 days after flying or travelling more than 120 miles away from home. Here is a link for more information:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Travel-Advisory.aspx>

This would apply to students and teachers

### RETURN TO RECESS

Next week we'll be hosting recesses for the younger students. This time the groupings will be by cohort and we'll have two different grade levels arriving and departing at different times. Distant Learning students can pick the time on the day of their grade level. It will look like this:



3/8 2nd grade cohort A, arriving 12:30, leaving 1:00  
3/8 1st grade cohort A, arriving 12:40, leaving 1:10  
3/9 2nd grade cohort B, arriving 12:30, leaving 1:00  
3/9 1st grade cohort B, arriving 12:40, leaving 1:10  
3/11 Kindergarten cohort A, arriving 12:30, leaving 1:00

3/11 TK All, arriving 12:40, leaving 1:10

3/12 Kindergarten cohort B, arriving 12:30, leaving 1:00

3/12 TK All, arriving 12:40, leaving 1:10

Again students can walk to campus, but just need to check in with staff at the front of the school. Here are [possible activities and reminders](#) once again and the [schedule](#). Click on the blue text to see it again. Please preview this video to know what to do and understand the new traffic pattern.

<https://www.wevideo.com/view/2051105277>

### A NOTE FROM COACH BRE

This week's challenge is a FITNESS BINGO Challenge. This would also be a fun one to do as a class. I have included just the Bingo card as well if you'd like to screen share it with your class and do a 'brain break' together over zoom.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZ215NaldJ8&t=3s>  
Winners of last week's Challenge: Audra P. - Mark West 1st Grade, Mrs. Kemp; Taylor M. - Riebli 5th grade, Mrs. Gonsalves. Thank You to Bravo Restoration & Construction for sponsoring the Challenge! Please continue to encourage your students to move each day. Have a great week! Thank You, Breanne Bush 'Coach Bre'

 [Fitness Bingo.pdf](#)

 [\\_PE with Coach Bre Week #23.pdf](#)

### UPCOMING DATES

3/9/21 - Drawing Assembly

3/10/21 - Lunch Distribution

3/10/21 - Student materials pick up day (final for Hybrid)

3/17/21 - Lunch Distribution

3/17/21 - Materials pick up (**DISTANT LEARNING STUDENTS ONLY**)

3/22-26 - Spring Break

3/29/21 - Hybrid Model begins - Back to School!

4/2/21 - No school (unused emergency day)

4/5/21 - No school (unused emergency day)

### A NOTE FROM THE MUSIC TEACHER

Help keep music in our schools! The board positions for president and treasurer still need to be filled for the Mark West Education Foundation to continue. Please contact the Foundation at [mwef@mwusd.org](mailto:mwef@mwusd.org) if you are interested or have any questions.

As the district prepares to switch to a hybrid learning model, music instruction at all grade levels will continue to be provided solely through distance learning through the end of this school year, due to safety protocols and scheduling.

Students who will be on campus for hybrid learning in a few weeks can keep an eye (and ear!) out for Mrs. Kaufman who will be visiting the campuses on occasion during recess to play some live music! Song requests welcome!

### **PTO UPDATE**

Our LAST PTO meeting of the year will be on Wednesday, May 19th, via zoom! We are looking to fill the President, Vice President and Secretary roles as our current board members have already served their 2 years. Soooo, if you are interested PLEASE reach out to the PTO! All 3 board members are working moms and were able to do both, so don't let work deter you from being a part of enriching your child's experience.

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### **YEARBOOK**

Yes! We are still going to be doing a yearbook this year! So please start gathering photos of your children in their classroom environment and we will be sharing a link over the next couple of weeks where to share, as well as how to purchase the yearbook.

### **NORTH BAY SCIENCE DISCOVERY DAY**

The North Bay Discovery Center is hosting a virtual science event on Saturday, March 13th. Click [here](#) for the flyer.