

May 21, 2021

LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

I want to say thank you to the families that participated in Bingo last night. It was a fun group! Tues, Wed, Thur of next week is SBAC testing. Even though we are not putting much weight into the scores, we will be practicing good test taking habits. Being well fed and getting plenty of rest are important. Thanks for your support.

Warm regards,
Patrick Eagle

GIRLS ON THE RUN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Girls on the Run is a wonderful program for girls that focuses on building friendships, getting exercise, confidence building, and community service. We'd like to have a program at San Miguel this fall, but we need coaches. Please see the links below for more details.

[Click here](#) for the flyer, [click here](#) for becoming a coach

SBAC TESTING IS NEXT WEEK

Despite the many school districts across the state that are objecting to participating in the annual state tests, they are requiring schools to complete it. Although we will be putting little emphasis on the results, we'll still go through the process. They will be shortened versions of the prior years' tests and will take place during the week of 5/24. Here is a brief video on how to have your child take a practice test at home. [Click here](#).

SWEET KINDERGARTEN VIDEO

Click here for an adorable video of the Kindergarten Students and teachers singing 3 Little Birds.

<https://www.wevideo.com/view/2187699030>

TICKS- ITS A BAD YEAR

Apparently it is a bad year for ticks. Here is a link for more information:

<https://www.cdc.gov/lyme/toolkit/index.html>

CONSERVE WATER - DO YOUR PART

Drought is here. Save water! The Mark West Union School District has reduced outdoor irrigation by 60 percent to help save water. You, too, can help save water at home. Here are some tips: Reduce outdoor irrigation by one day a week or more; fix those leaks now; turn off the faucet when brushing teeth; use a car wash that recycles its water or just keep your car dirty! Please visit savingwaterpartnership.org for water saving tips and stay updated on drought conditions at sonomawater.org/drought.

BOOK FAIR - Stock up for summer reading!



I would like to invite you to visit the virtual San Miguel Book Fair. As you know, we have not been able to have one at school for over a year. Ms. Cratty uses the profits from the fair to purchase more books for our library. Please take a look when you get a chance. Here is the link:

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

PTO UPDATE

There is a new PTO board at San Miguel! Look next week for a list of the new members.

UPCOMING DATES

5/25, 5/26, 5/27 - SBAC testing
5/26/21 - Lunch distribution - 11:30-1:30
5/31/21 - Memorial Day Holiday
6/2/21 - Lunch distribution - 11:30-1:30
6/4/21 - Last day of school
6/4/21 - 6th grade promotion, 1:30 pm, gates open 1:00
8/12/21 - First day of school

FROM YOUR MUSIC TEACHER

Greetings! I am so excited to share with you all the 2021 Virtual Concert, featuring 4th-8th-grade music students in the Mark West District. Although putting this together was an incredibly time-intensive process, it was all worth it to me when I heard the students' voices and instruments playing together. It is a sound that I have missed all year. A HUGE THANK YOU to all the students who participated! I am so incredibly proud of you all! Please enjoy! - Mrs. Kaufman

Piano (2:45):

<https://video.link/w/PMosc>

Continuing Band (1:28):

<https://video.link/w/tTosc>

Beginning Guitars (2:17):

<https://video.link/w/eRosc>

Continuing Guitars (1:47):

<https://video.link/w/9Rosc>

Beginning Violins (with Continuing Violin on 1 piece) (2:32):

<https://video.link/w/gSosc>

Chorus (with Continuing Violins on 1 piece) (10:41):

<https://video.link/w/pUosc>

Please help to 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 if you are interested or have any questions.

