

March 15, 2024



LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

We had our co-op meetings this week.

This is where I get together with each grade level along with our counselor, intervention teacher, and reading teacher. We take a look at data and see which students need what. One of the items to come out of the meetings is how important attendance is. To that end we will be focusing more on trying to improve it. Some of you may have noticed that I've been putting the weekly school attendance below my letter for the past few weeks. I'll also be announcing to the students, which grade level has had the best attendance during the Friday assembly, this week it was first grade. We are not trying to encourage parents to send their children to school when they are sick, we are trying to get students to school even when 'they don't feel like it' or for taking random days off. I understand this can be somewhat controversial, but we as a school feel like our policy should be to encourage regular attendance as much as possible. Have a wonderful spring break.

Warm regards,

Patrick Eagle

Attendance this week: 92%

(Down from 94%. We are trying to improve attendance, school and district wide. I'll be posting attendance each week.)

PTO UPDATE

[Family BINGO night](#) will be Friday April 5th at 6:00pm. Join us for this community event, there will be games, prizes and food! We will have pizza and popcorn for sale and Good Vybes Lemonade will be there too and will give back 15% of sales! Hope to see you there! As usual, if you would like to help with this or any other event please email Mika Holman. mika.holman@gmail.com

SBAC PARENT WORKSHOP

The district will be having a parent workshop called "SBAC Parent Workshop" on Wednesday, March 27th via Zoom at 6pm (English) and 7pm (Spanish). The intended audience is parents of students in grades 3-8 to learn more about upcoming state testing. [Click here](#) for the flyer.

YEARBOOK UPDATE

The yearbook purchase and customization deadline has been extended to April 7th. We are excited to be partnering with a new company this year that offers 2 free personalized pages per yearbook. Their website is easy to navigate and the process is simple. Spring break is the perfect time to hop online, create your child's pages and order.

1. Visit: www.treering.com/validate
 2. Enter the San Miguel passcode: 1016951376283954
- Custom pages are due by 4/7, so order today! Any questions, please reach out to Jana Eliason janaeliason@gmail.com

TINKER ACADEMY - FREE PROGRAM

Tinker Academy is a FREE program designed to engage and inspire middle school students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Through hands-on maker activities that encourage the exploration and development of technical, mathematical and artistic abilities, participants will gain experience and confidence to set them up for success in school. This program was originally called the "Girls Tinker Academy" and developed for girls with an aim to support girls, gender-expansive youth, and youth of color who are underrepresented in STEM fields. It is open to all students entering 6th, 7th, 8th, or 9th grades in Fall 2024. Please share this information with students and families. Further details can be found [here](#).

A 'NOTE' FROM THE MUSIC TEACHER

Parents, if you are interested in getting involved with the Mark West Education Foundation to keep music and arts education going strong in the district, please join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, March 12 from 5:00-6:00pm at the District Office Learning Center. While we will normally meet on the first Tuesday of the month, we are meeting on the 12th in March to avoid a conflict with the school board meeting.

UPCOMING DATES

- 3/18-3/22 - Spring Break
- 3/27/24 - SBAC Parent workshop
- 4/1/24 - No School (unused emergency day)
- 4/1-4/5 - [Sonoma County Math Week](#)
- 4/5/24 - Bingo Night 6:00pm
- 4/11/24 - Talent Show Sign Up Deadline
- 4/12/24 - Regular School Day (former emergency day)
- 4/26/24 - Talent Show Dress Rehearsal 6:30pm
- 5/3/24 - Talent Show 6:30pm