

December 6, 2024



## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

*I was relieved that there were no injuries or damage, and that the students and staff were calm and cool during the small earthquake Thursday. It was a pleasure to attend the Tree Lighting Ceremony on Wednesday and hear our chorus and violinists play. They sounded amazing! I hope you'll participate in the Elves' Workshop on Saturday. It is a wonderful community event and a great opportunity for students to make gifts for loved ones.*

*Warm regards,*

*Patrick Eagle*

**Attendance this week: 97% (last week 97%)**

## PTO UPDATE

Come tomorrow, Saturday, December 7th, 10am-12pm and join us for a morning of holiday craft-making and fun at this year's Elves' Workshop! We'll have five different crafts to choose from: Santa's Selfie Station, Mrs. Clause's Bakeshop, a gift-wrapping station and more! This year we are adding a Maker's Market for parents and students who are interested in selling their homemade goods.

## A 'NOTE' FROM THE MUSIC TEACHER

A huge thank you to everyone who came out to the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on Wednesday, Dec. 4, presented by the Mark West Area Chamber of Commerce. Bravo to all the musicians who performed, featuring students from 4th-8th grades in the Mark West District music program! Another huge thank you to everyone who helped to make the event possible! Please stay tuned for the 4th-6th graders' next performance at the annual District Winter Concert on Wednesday, February 26, 2025. All district 4th-6th grade music students will perform at this event in the Mark West gym. Additional details will be sent out to music students in January.

The music program is supported by the Mark West Education Foundation. If any parents or community members are interested in doing more to support music and arts education in the Mark West district, please consider joining us at our next board meeting to find out how you can help. The next MWEF meeting will take place on Monday, January 6 at the District Office Learning Center from 4:00-5:00 pm. We are also happy to announce that we have a new president, Kelly Sansone, and a new vice president, JD Corr! However, we are still looking for additional people to join the board, including someone to fill the role of secretary. Please email Kara Kaufman at [kkaufman@mwusd.org](mailto:kkaufman@mwusd.org) if you would like to learn more.

## COACH BRE ON PE

We are halfway through our jump rope unit! My goal for every student at San Miguel is for them to be able to leave their sixth grade year, knowing how to jump rope for one minute. I have seen so much effort and I am so proud of all the students. Definitely no easy task as a kindergartener but with practice, someday (hopefully soon) they will catch on. The goal for second through sixth grade is to jump for one minute without error. First grade to complete 20 consecutive jumps and kindergarten 10 consecutive jumps. We will continue jump roping for the next couple weeks, but the final jump challenge will be after winter break. Students have the whole month of December to work on their jump roping skills. Chinese jump ropes are coming up next! Thank you so much to all of the families that shopped my Amazon wish list! I always love adding new fun equipment and the kids love when something new is introduced.

## UPCOMING DATES

12/7/24 - Elves' Workshop 10 - 12

12/13/24 - Disney Day, Spirit Day

12/20/24 - Winter Holiday Attire Day, Spirit Day

12/23/24-1/3/25 - Winter Break

1/20/25 - MLK Jr. Birthday



Another huge thank you to everyone who helped to make the Tree lighting event possible, including...

Rachel Valenzuela

Alicia Mills

Kelli Osorio

Brian Molsberry and the team from Molsberry Market - hot chocolate donation

Tracy Mattson, Cookie Take a Bite - cookie donation

Samantha Paul, President, Mark West Area Chamber of Commerce

Todd Anderson, Chamber Board Member

MJ Girard, Chamber Board Member

Pete Lescure, Chamber Board Member

Steve Plamann, Past President, Mark West Area Chamber of Commerce

Stephanie Bisordi, Lead Ambassador for the Mark West Area Chamber of Commerce

JD Corr, Mark West Education Foundation Board Member

Jose Hernandez, MWE Custodian

Luisa Mariscal, MWE Custodian

Mason Nakamura, Director of Maintenance & Operations

The Paull Family

Special acknowledgement of appreciation to the MWUSD Board of Trustee members that were able to attend:

Priscilla Jaworski-Quintanilla, Brian Burke, Victor McKnight