



MWCS Newsletter

10/4/2019

From Ms. Franci: Campus Beautification day was a huge success! Owen, Annie, Braiden, Michael, Adam, Jazmine, Troy, and Clayton were a huge help in getting our campus ready for some upgrades. I would also like to thank Bayside Church for all of their volunteers that worked so hard throughout the day to help us clean up our campus and get it ready for some new additions. Stay tuned!!



Here is an article from Common Sense Media about the app TikTok.

TikTok Safety Tips

Manage TikTok with these easy settings. By [Caroline Knorr](#) 4/8/2019



The wild-and-wacky short videos of TikTok continue to gain popularity among kids, adults, and even celebrities. But the app has had some problems, such as illegally collecting data on users under 13, notoriously inappropriate comments, and kludgy settings that can leave you with unwanted followers. Still, its viral "challenges," creative tools, and just-plain-fun features mean your kids are probably going to want it. Read our [TikTok review](#) to get a deeper understanding of this unique app, and take a look at our [Parents' Ultimate Guide to TikTok](#) to get more information on how kids can use TikTok safely and responsibly. And check out these easy tips to help you manage your kid's TikTok experience.

Make sure tweens use their real age to create an account. If you're going to allow your tweens to join TikTok, insist that they register with their actual birth date. The app offers a limited experience for users under 13 where they can watch videos and create their own clips for private viewing, free from the data tracking the company collects on users over 13. However, access to that area of the app only requires the user to enter a birth date -- and there's nothing to prevent older users from joining as an under-13-year-old.

- Have fun using the app together with younger kids. It's a great way to spend quality media time together. Plus you can supervise them and advise them on responsible use so they have good habits when they get older.

The following settings are located in the Privacy and Settings section. To get there, go to your kid's profile page and click the three-dot icon ("...") on the top right.

Make your kid's account private. TikTok accounts are public by default, meaning anyone can see your videos, send you direct messages, and post comments. Help kids turn on privacy settings so only people they know can interact with their videos or message them on the app.

- Select Privacy and Safety. There, toggle the switch for "Private Account."

Limit comments. TikTok comments can be inappropriate. Restrict the audience that can post comments on kids' videos to Friends only -- or turn them off entirely.

- Again, select Privacy and Safety. Scroll down to Who Can Send Me Comments and choose your setting.

Limit time and inappropriate content. TikTok offers features to help limit kids' time on the app as well as videos that may be inappropriate. You can protect these settings with a passcode so kids can't change them back.

- Select Digital Wellbeing next to the icon of an umbrella. There you'll see settings for Screen Time Management and Restricted Mode.

Delete TikTok. Unlike other apps, TikTok has a few steps to follow to delete your account. You have to input a special code before you can disable it.

- Select Manage My Account. Add a phone number if you haven't already. Then tap "Thinking about removing your account?" at the bottom of the screen. Choose "Send Code" to receive a text message with the verification code. Enter the number, then select Continue. Choose Continue once again for a final confirmation that you want to delete your account, then tap Delete Account.

Volleyball: On behalf of the Mark West Charter School co-ed volleyball team we would like to thank you for the generous donation of volleyball equipment. Our school is a small charter school with 120 students in total. We have both a 7th grade and an 8th grade volleyball team. Without this donation it would have been a struggle to provide this opportunity and compete in this great sport.

We had a lot of interest in volleyball this year with over 30 students trying out to make the team. Equipment wise we were really lacking. A ball cart to hold the balls seems like a small item but without it balls are all over the gym and have to be picked up off the floor. It is both dangerous and exhausting. Our new ball cart is a huge addition. The volleyballs are of the highest quality and sure to last for years and years. They are so nice and in our school colors as well. The antennas really finish off the net so we can play by the rules.

This donation not only benefits our volleyball team but also the students in our school and the elementary school that we share a campus with. We are able to offer an elective course at the charter school of an actual volleyball class. Students who have never played volleyball but are interested now get a chance to learn the game. The elementary school has started a volleyball team this year and we are sharing our equipment in support of their program as well.

Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts,

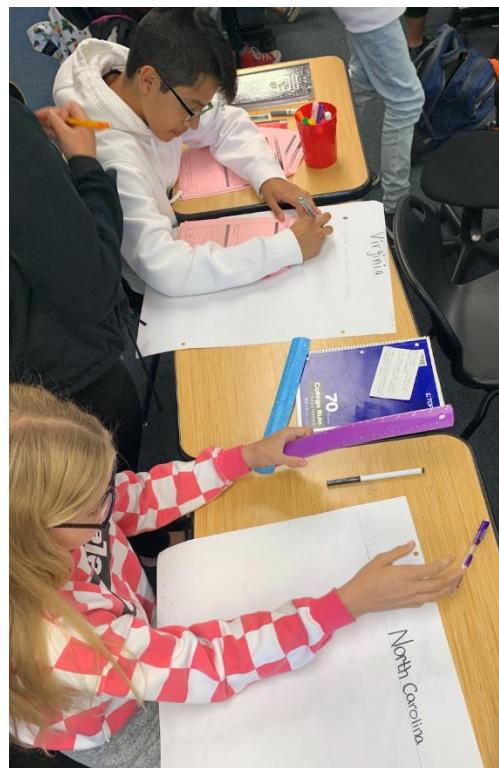
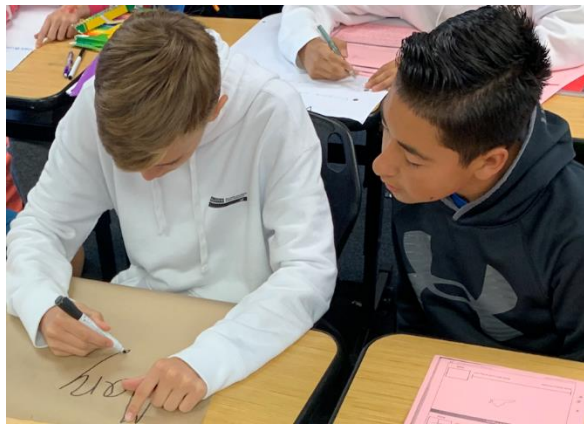
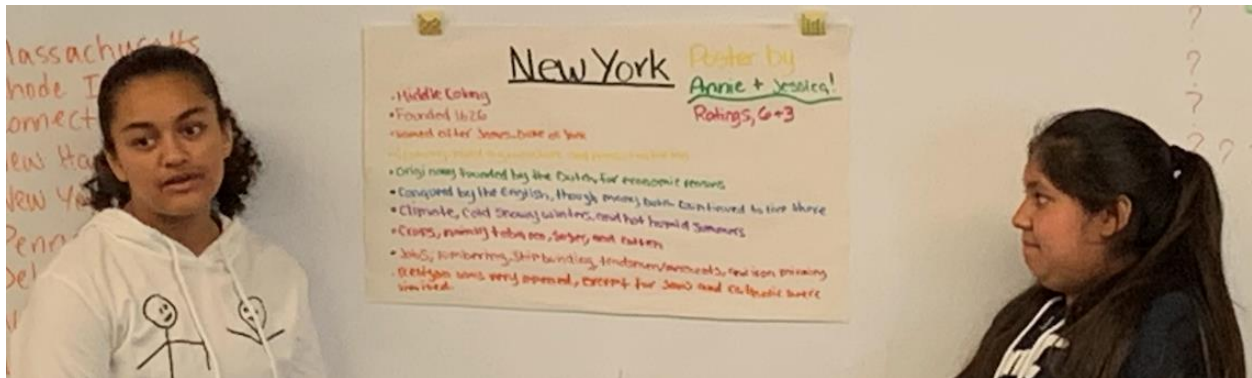
Mark West Charter School



From Ms. Bell:

History:

Students are currently learning about the first 13 colonies in America. First they engaged in a "Who Am I" scavenger hunt where they used clues and hints to help discover the 13 colonies. Then they researched 1 of the colonies with a partner to prepare a poster presentation for the class.



Family History Projects:

Students have spent countless hours researching key events from their personal histories, and organized the information into formal narrative papers and visual presentations. Students rehearsed their presentations at home and at school with peers to prepare for their big presentation day at the learning center.



We also had a special guest, Superintendent Mr. Calloway, share his family history with the 8th grade class as well!



English: Students have been introduced to their next novel, "Lord of the Flies," by William Golding. They collaboratively interacted through a series of activities that revolved around the aspects of survival.



Anthropology: students have learned about the study of biological anthropology through various activities including a human history timeline, the evolution of different animals, and through a film called, “Jane,” which is about a primatologist named Jane Goodall.



Important dates:

Friday, October 4th: Parent/Teacher Conference: No School For Students

Monday, October 7th: Volleyball Game @ Home 3:45pm and 4:45pm

Wednesday, October 9th: Volleyball Game @ GC 3:45pm and 4:45pm

Monday, October 14th: Volleyball Game @ VC 3:45pm and 4:45pm

Wednesday, October 16th: Volleyball Game @ Home 3:45pm and 4:45pm

Friday, October 18th: End of 1st Quarter