

## YARD SUPERVISOR NEEDED!!!

We are in need of one yard supervisor for the following position: Lunch Recess – M, T, TH, F 12:20-1:05 and Wed. 12:50-1:20

Please let us know if anyone is interested. We would love to get this position filled soon.

**From Ms. Franci:** What a great first two weeks of school! The students are settling in to their core classes and navigating their electives. On our first day of school we conducted a "Rules Review" to go over the BEST rules (Be Safe, Be Responsible, and Be Respectful) for each area of our campus. The staff provided the instruction and students rotated by homeroom, on their own to the various areas.

Our Back to School Night was well attended. We so appreciate the home to school connection to support our students to achieve to the best of their ability. **Thank you!** 

**PTA Membership:** We are attaching the PTA membership form to this newsletter. Please consider joining our PTA. The donations received provide classroom startup funds for teachers, assistance with field trips, special classroom projects and services for students. Please read through the membership form as it has important information and join today!

## \*Please see attached membership form

**Reward Store:** As part of our positive behavior system we are continuing with our reward store. This year we are going to have it available during their lunch break. The time will run from 12:45-1:05. This way we can provide healthy snacks for them to purchase with their Dolphin Cards. We do need parents to volunteer to run this store on Friday's. I will be sending home a schedule through Jupiter Grades and if you are available to volunteer, please sign up for a shift. Thank you in advance!

**Pick up and Drop Off:** As a reminder for pick up and drop off please use the parking lot across the street from the school. We have a crossing guard in the morning from 7:35-7:55 and in the afternoon from 3:10-3:30. This will help to assure student safety. The school parking lot is often congested with cars stopping in the red zone.

Join Our Wellness Committee!! Our District has developed a Wellness Policy that is focused on improving the health of students. The policy is developed/reviewed and updated by the wellness committee that includes teachers, parents, administrators, and other district staff. The Wellness Committee welcomes stakeholders interested in joining the committee to join our team and encourage a healthy lifestyle for students and staff. Please contact Kelly Sansone (ksansone@mwusd.org) or our school office if you would like to join our Team. Our next meeting will be held in the fall (date to be determined).

**School Site Council**: We are looking for a 7<sup>th</sup> grade parent who would like to serve on our School Site Council. The meetings are held on a weekday from 3:15-4:15. Please email Nikki at <a href="mailto:ndale@mwusd.org">ndale@mwusd.org</a> if you are interested.

**Garden:** On Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> the Community Soil Foundation held a fundraiser for our community garden. The garden is a great place for students to see farm to table in action, get their hands dirty helping with mulch and planting, as well as a way for them to enjoy being outdoors. Stay tuned for more ways to help contribute to this great resource!



**Quotes:** If you have not been on campus to see the wonderful quotes that Ms. Bell hand painted over the summer, please come by and take a look. There is one saying at the front of the school and sayings in the boys and girls bathrooms. **Thank you Ms. Bell!** 



**8**<sup>th</sup> **Grade Parents:** This is a friendly reminder that enrollment for high schools starts early. Most high schools will have enrollment dates that start in October. Please start now to decide where your student will attend high school. It will be here before you know it!

**Rally:** On Wednesday, August 21 we held our first rally. The leadership students and Mrs. Sunde did a fabulous job of preparing activities. We had our Dolphin Mascot welcome everyone in, we played Chubby Bunny where students had to put marshmallows in their mouths and answer questions (Mrs. Sunde's and Ms. Chapman's homerooms were the winners), and we had a "Greet Your Neighbor" where two 7<sup>th</sup> and two 8<sup>th</sup> grade students were in a group and got to know each other by answering ice breaker questions. It was so fun to see and hear all the interaction!



The **7th and 8th graders** collaborated in core classes. They began by playing a get to know you Bingo game and then followed it up with a geometry activity.



Here are  $\underline{8th\ grade}$  core photos from the first week of school depicting team building activities.



**8<sup>th</sup> Grade** getting to know you mandalas:



## 7th grade Language Arts and History

It has been a wonderful start to the year. I am so happy to get to work with this amazing group of kids. They are engaged, excited, and have terrific senses of humor.

In Language Arts we are working on writing a Biography about a classmate. This is an ice breaker activity where students are paired with a partner from another school. It helps them get to know someone new and it begins to develop their writing skills as well as gives me an early sample of their writing style and ability. Rough drafts are edited and returned with suggestions for revision before turning in the final draft. Due Sept. 3rd.

In History we are reviewing key skills in chapter one and then moving into our first civilization, The Roman Empire. In our first civilization unit, we will "chair"iot race during history class, learn about Roman government and power struggles, and learn what lead to the fall of the Empire. Students love learning about the gladiators.

## **Important dates:**

Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>: Labor Day – Legal Holiday – No School

Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>: Parent/Teacher Conference: No School For Students

Friday, October 18th: End of 1st Quarter