MOLALLA
RIVER ACADEMY

Family Memo
March 13-17, 2023

MRA Accreditation Results

Today we received the results from our accreditation review team review and I am proud to report our score is a **339** (out of 400) Below are the identified strengths of MRA and areas for improvement.

Noteworthy Practices:

MRA intentionally manifests a respectful and inclusive school environment. Students learn and are expected to speak respectfully to one another and to adults. They have experience in solving conflict and in making amends. This expectation permeates all classrooms and all venues on campus. As a result of the commitment of staff to creatively support students, each student, in turn, demonstrates confidence in taking a risk while learning a new skill. With each challenge, students strive toward achievement and self-efficacy.

Areas for Improvement:

1. **G**ather, disaggregate, and analyze longitudinal assessment data, both formative and summative, to evaluate learner response to instruction and learner achievement of desired learning targets so that the overall effectiveness and impact of continuous improvement goals and action steps will be enhanced over time.

    Cognia Rationale: A reliable system of assessment to monitor growth in learning will support continuous improvement planning, decision making, modification of curriculum and instruction, and deepen each learner's understanding of content.

2. Develop and implement a system of multiple classroom observations (e.g., eleot) to gather, disaggregate, and analyze the engagement of each learner in classroom learning activities so that longitudinal data is available to assess the engagement of each learner in identifying personal learning targets and in monitoring personal progress.

    Cognia Rationale: A strategic classroom observation schedule will support continuous improvement efforts to listen to student voice and amplify learner-centered conditions at MRA while promoting each learner's active discovery and expression of needs and interests.

Dates to Remember

Mar. 14--New Enrollment Open House
Mar. 27-31--Spring Break
Apr. 3rd--No School; Teacher Work Day
Apr. 5th--Public Lottery
Apr. 7th--Bingo and Raffle Night
Apr. 12-13th--Student Led Conferences
Apr. 13-14th--No School for Students
Apr. 21st--Earth Day Celebration Road Clean-Up
May 29th--Memorial Day, No School
June 7th--8th Grade Promotion
June 8th--Field Day
June 9th--Half Day; Last Day of School

One More Good-Bye

We are sad to be saying good-by to Ms. Virlynda, our 2nd grade associate teacher.
Virlynda and her family will be moving to
Spokane, Washington over Spring Break.
Thank you Virlynda for all you've done here at MRA. We wish you the best!

April 7th Aftercare Closing at 4:00pm

New Date 3/16 Family Code Night

Unfortunately the weather conspired against us this week, but happily we have Family Code Night back on the calendar for Thursday March 16th! We hope you can still join us!
We are sorry for the inconvenience, but please fill this short form out again if you can come on the new day so we have a count for devices and pizza.

HELP WANTED

We will have an Associate Teacher position available in our 2nd grade classroom beginning April 3rd for the remainder of the school year. If you are interested, please email Melanie Marrone mmarrone@mra-k8.com

Dear Families – The Kids Heart Challenge has officially kicked off, and we are so excited to Be the Torch that will light the torch of hope in the fight against heart disease and stroke! We are encouraging ALL our families to learn the lifesaving skill of Hands-Only CPR. Thank you for all your HEART work supporting our school and the American Heart Association!

Next Steps:

Join our team at http://www2.heart.org/goto/MolallaRiverAcademy or use the Kids Heart Challenge App!

Take the challenge to Move More or Be Kind and receive a FREE Be the Torch Wristband!

Follow FINN'S MISSION in your HQ to learn Hands-Only CPR with this Hands-Only CPR Instructional Video as a family! When you complete Finn's Mission, you'll earn an XL Finn's Keychain!

Donations Due: Friday, March 24th

Special School Incentives:

* The class with most students signed up for a challenge will get a playground pack (balls, jump ropes + racquets)
* Students who raise $15+ will earn a jump rope!

Please contact Mrs. Harnish or Mrs. Martin if you have any questions.

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MOLALLA RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT

MRSD Incredible Years Program

- 12-Week Virtual Elementary Group Starting 4/4/2023
- Group will meet on Tuesdays (6pm-7:30pm)
- Group will be no larger than 12 participants
- Registrations will be responded to in the order they were received

In MRSD parent education sessions, you can expect to learn a variety of research-based parenting strategies (e.g., family time, persistence coaching, rule setting, planned ignoring, etc.) through review of video vignettes, group discussion, role play activities, reading passages, and home practice.

Please use this link to register: Parent Education Program Interest Survey.

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Programa Años Increíbles de MRSD

- Grupo primario virtual de 4 semanas Fecha de inicio 4/4/2023
- Grupo se reunirá los Martes (6pm-7:30pm)
- El grupo no tendrá más de 12 participantes.
- Las inscripciones serán respondidas en el orden en que fueron recibidas.

En las sesiones de educación para padres del MRSD, puede esperar aprender una variedad de estrategias de crianza basadas en la investigación (por ejemplo, tiempo en familia, entrenamiento de persistencia, establecimiento de reglas, ignorar planificado, etc.) a través de la revisión de viñetas de video, discusión de grupo, actividades de juego de roles, lectura de pasajes y práctica en cas.

Utilice este enlace para registrarse: bit.ly/2UXDyOm

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PCT UPDATES

Your PCT group have been hard at work organizing events for the year. Below is an outline of what is happening each month. More information will be shared as each event nears. Be sure to sign up to be involved!

PCT Events

NEW DATES

Spring Plant Sale - Orders Apr 10-18th, Pickup May 10-11th

Earth Day -April 21sst
Road Clean-up--Must be over 18

Soda Pop Drive April 17th-21st

Teacher Appreciation Week - May 1-5

Bingo/Raffle - May 19th

Other PCT News

If you would like to help with any of the upcoming PCT events, please contact the PCT Staff Support Coordinator at pctstaff@mra-k8.com or the PCT Fund-raising Coordinator at pctfundraising@mra-k8.com

PCT Board

PCT Chair: **Amy Wheeler**
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PCT Staff Support Coordinator: **Angela Poff**
PCT Parent Connection Coordinator: **Daysha Egbert**