

Mark West Charter School

Newsletter

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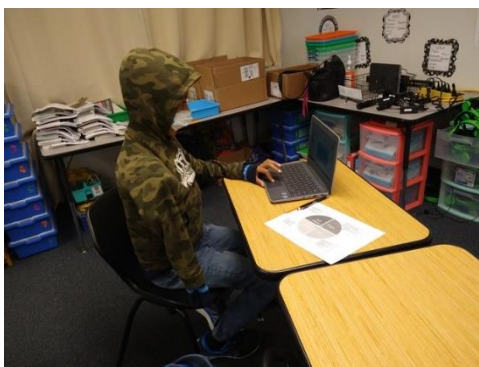
Ms. Franci: I cannot believe we are already in October!! The students are settling in and doing great! For the second quarter we are starting a new incentive program. If the students earn 10 “Caught Being Good!” coupons for the quarter and maintain a grade of C- or better in all classes they will earn a reward at the end of the quarter. For the second quarter we have planned a movie and popcorn!

As the staff and I discussed our incentive program we talked about detentions. Knowing that our job is to teach and have students learn from their mistakes we made adjustments for detentions. For one detention they must get 5 extra “Caught Being Good!” coupons, for 2 detentions they must get 10 extra “Caught Being Good!” coupons, and for 3 detentions they must get 15 extra “Caught Being Good!” coupons. If they receive more than 3 detentions they lose the privilege of attending the reward at the end of the quarter.

MWCS School Site Council: We are in need of two parents, one 7th grade and one 8th grade, to serve on our Site Council. We meet 3-4 times a year from 3:15-4:15. At this time it will be by Zoom. We do have student representation as well. If you are interested please email Ms. Franci at mfranci@mwusd.org.

Independent Study Contracts: Please remember that we need at least 5 days’ notice to get an Independent Study ready to go. It takes the teachers quite a bit of time to get all the materials together. If you are needing a contract please let Nikki Dale in the office know so she can get the paperwork started. Thank you for your cooperation!

Mrs. Minor: Community engagement class is hard at work. The students are learning about how to engage the community when it comes to problems and how to solve them. They have learned about various models used in the community to look at a problems, what are the outcomes and how to use data to change the outcomes. They are currently working on their class presentation that will be done within the next two weeks. They are learning that no matter what age you are, you have a voice and how can you use your voice to change things.



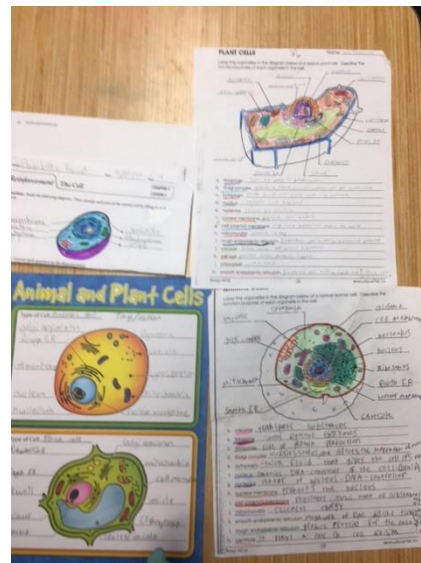
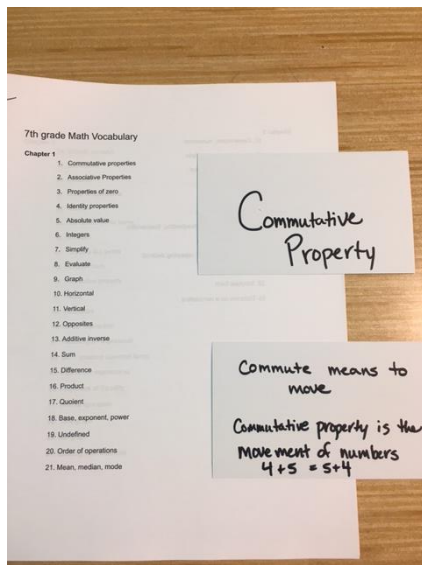
Rallies/Spirit Week: Here are a few photos from our rallies and spirit week for September. Notice the one of our new dolphin mascot “Sushi”!



Mr. Carusone: 7th grade History, the students are learning about the spread of Islam. The picture is of a group poster defining, explaining, and illustrating one of the Five Pillars of Islam. Once completed, each group will present to the class.



Mrs. Sunde: In 7th grade math we have begun math vocabulary flash cards. Learning an old but good way to study! In 7th grade science we have been looking at and completing various diagrams. Noting how different they can be even with the same information.



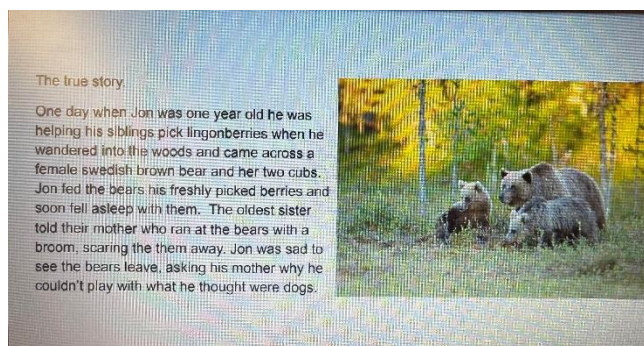
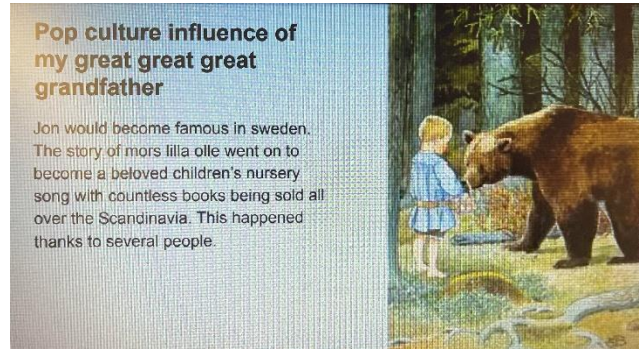
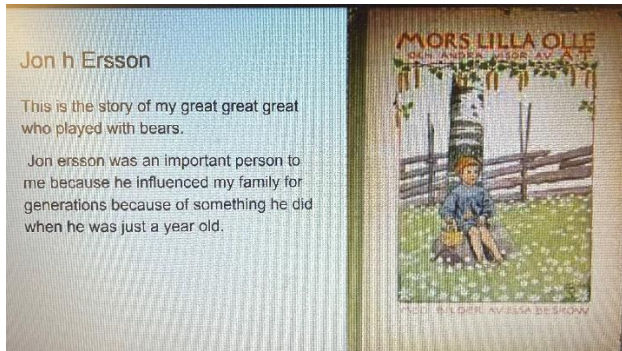
Mrs. Kaufman: The Charter Music Explorations elective class is preparing for their first performance on Tuesday, October 5 at 1:30 p.m. All students will play a variety of percussion instruments, including buckets donated by Friedman's Home Improvement. (Thank you, Friedman's!) Several students will also add their talents on violin, cello, and guitar. The audience will include 1st-6th grade classes from Mark West Elementary. Join us for our mini-concert near the lunch tables at Mark West Elementary School!

Here are some photos of the students practicing on buckets, as well as a photo of a surprise instrument that was recently donated to the music program! A huge thank you to Jamie Poore for your kind donation of the drum set! We are so looking forward to incorporating it into our class!



Mrs. Woods: Our 8th graders have been working very hard on learning about the 13 colonies. They are just about to take their colony test and then move on to the beginnings of the American Revolution and the formation of our government. I am excited to use the History Alive curriculum to stimulate their desire to learn through hands-on activities and reenactments.

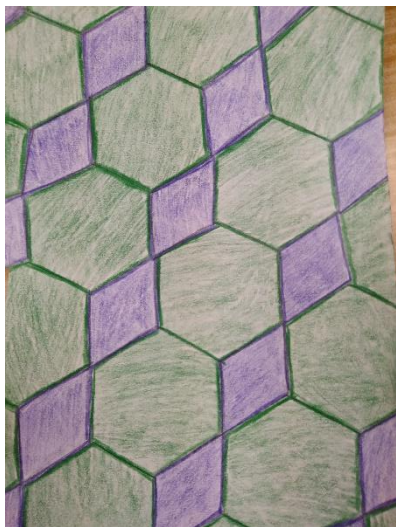
In ELA students have just finished their Family History Project presentations. These kids have some great stories from their ancestry and history. Now we are beginning to read Lord of the Flies, with a strong focus on symbolism and inference. Students are enhancing and using their analytical skills to look at the author's underlying meaning and subtle character development.



Mrs. Mayhew: The Dance class and the Choreography class will be performing what they have learned this quarter on October 7th for the rest of the school. They have been working very hard and we are all very excited :-)



Mrs. Lemieux: In 8th grade Math/Science: As students are taking a deeper dive into geometry, students explored geometric patterns in art by making tessellations. Here are two examples.



From our PTA: Mark West Site PTA Off to a Great Start!

Thank you to all the families and staff who attended our first general meeting September 13th. We appreciated all the great parent input and are so excited to send funds to our teachers to support your students and their classroom needs.

Our Spirit Store closed Friday 9/24 and our items should be shipped out around the second week of October. A huge thank you to Michelle Pulliam for coordinating our Dine N Donates – the first one was a great success at Homerun Pizza – Coming up 10/21 will be a Roundtable Dine N Donate stay tuned to the Flyer App to get all the details. We are currently 129 members strong, working towards our goal of 250 – if you have not signed yourself or your friends and family up yet we would greatly appreciate your support. Access the site directly: <https://jointotem.com/ca/santa-rosa/mark-west-site-pta> We are so appreciative to our Mark West Community Staff who have signed up as members as well.

Upcoming PTA activities will include a treat sent home for our kiddos on Friday October 29th and Movie Night, and an opportunity to go to a Warriors game in early November. Please join us for our next general membership meeting Monday October 11th at 5:30pm via zoom to get updates and more details. Be sure to download the FREE Flyer Connect App on your phone and select Mark West School Community for calendar and information updates. You do not need to be a PTA member to use the App but we would greatly appreciate your support!

Thank you for helping us to keep our community connected! Any questions please contact us at mwtigerspta@gmail.com

Melanie Dodson-Bolin
MWPTA President

Important dates:

October 4: Boys Basketball Practice at 3:30
October 5: Girls Basketball Practice at 3:30
October 6: Boys Basketball Practice at 1:30
October 7: Boys Basketball Practice at 3:30
October 8: Parent Conference Day (by Zoom) – No School for Students
October 11: Boys Basketball Practice at 3:30
October 12: Girls Basketball Practice at 3:30
October 13: Boys Basketball Practice at 1:30
October 14: Boys Basketball Practice at 3:30
October 15: End of first Quarter for Charter
October 18: Boys Basketball Practice at 3:30
October 19: Girls Basketball Practice at 3:30
October 19: District Board Meeting at 5:00
October 20: Boys Basketball Practice at 1:30
October 21: Boys Basketball Practice at 3:30
October 21: Dine and Donate at Round Table on Guerneville Road in Santa Rosa
October 24: Boys Basketball Practice at 3:30
October 25: Girls Basketball Practice at 3:30
October 26: Boys Basketball Practice at 1:30
October 27: Boys Basketball Practice at 3:30
October 29: Report Cards go home for Charter
October 29: PTA sponsored TK-8 Movie Night – Hotel Transylvania
October 31: Halloween
November 1: Professional Development Day – No School for Students
November 9: District Board Meeting at 5:00
November 11: Veteran's Day – No School
November 15: Picture Make-Up Day
November 22-26: Thanksgiving Break