

# Mark West Charter School Newsletter 3/31/23



**Ms. Franci:** We are looking for 3 yard supervisors and 2 crossing guards. The shifts for yard supervisor are: morning break from 10:00-10:15 on Wed. from 9:57-10:12 and lunch break from 12:20-1:05 on Wed. from 12:50-1:20. The crossing guard shifts, one on Lavell and another on Old Redwood Highway, are from 2:40-3:25 and on Wednesday from 12:50-1:35. If you know of anyone that may be interested, please have them go to <https://mwusd.org/employment/> to fill out the application.

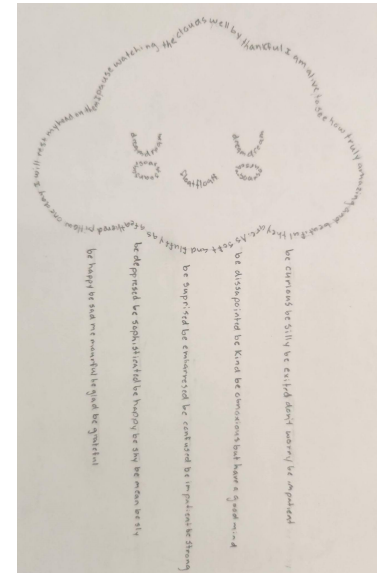
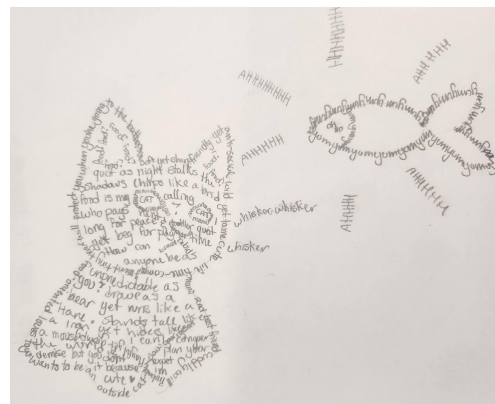
**Independent Study Contracts:** Must be for no less than 3 days and for no longer than 14 days. Please remember that we need at least 5 days notice to get an Independent Study ready to go. It takes the teachers quite a bit of time to get all the materials together. If you are needing a contract please let Nikki Dale in the office know so she can get the paperwork started. Thank you for your cooperation!

**PTA:** Our PTA is gearing up for our Walk-a-thon on Friday, April 28th. We need a lot of volunteers prior to the day and also on the day of the event to make this successful. Please email Mark West Site PTA at [mwtigerspta@gmail.com](mailto:mwtigerspta@gmail.com) if you are available to help in any way. The packets explaining the walk-a-thon came home with your child today. Please take the time to go through the packet. Thank you for supporting our PTA!

**From Mrs. Sunde:** Students have just begun a new quarter of MAKER class. This was our first attempt at St. Patty's Day themed projects!



**From Ms. Woods:** 8th Grade ELA began our Poetry Unit with a field trip to Mayhem Poets at the Luther Burbank Center. It was a wonderful performance and the students were inspired. We have learned about and written Haikus, Limericks, Free Verse, and Concrete poetry. Concrete poems take the shape of the topic or theme of the poem. We have also enjoyed writing poetry in the park. Thank goodness for the sunny days.



8th Grade History has just completed their Diary of Anne Frank Timeline Project. For the project they had to include ten significant events for Anne Frank and ten significant events that occurred at a similar time in World War II. Students created books, posters, google slides, and WeVideo timelines. Currently, we are traveling back in time and studying the economies and cultures of the Northern and Southern States of the US and the conflicts between them that lead up to the Civil War.

### Anne Frank's Life

June 12, 1942

On June 12, 1942 was Anne Frank's thirteenth birthday. On this day, Anne received a diary as her birthday present. She actually had picked the diary out herself in a bookshop, then her parents gave it to her on her birthday. Anne adored this diary and wrote on it a lot. She addressed her diary as "Kitty", a fictional character with whom she confided with. Anne Frank wrote all of her feelings, thoughts, as well as experiences in this diary.

### Events in Europe

June 3-6, 1942

On the morning of June 3, 1942, the Battle of Midway began. On this day, Japanese carriers attacked the US base on Midway. This was six months after the attack on Pearl Harbor. This air-sea battle ended Japan's hopes of counterbalancing the United States as a naval power and it turned the wave of the WWII in the Pacific.

### February 1933

The Franks (a family of Jews) moved from Germany to Amsterdam, Holland because of Hitler's control on the Jews.

During this time Germany was taken over by the power of Adolf Hitler. Hitler has taken Germany and transformed it into a war state.

### July 1942

Margot gets a call to go to a transit camp. Otto Frank doesn't want his daughter to go so he tells Anne that he was the one who was ordered to go to the camp.

Germany during this time was systematically getting Jews.

**From Ms. Kaufman:** The Make Music elective class is learning to play the guitar this quarter! So far, the students have learned the parts of the instrument, the string numbers and frets, as well as how to play (and change) several chords. In just four classes, we've already played along with some classic country music ("Jambalaya" by Hank Williams), rock and roll ("Paperback Writer" by the Beatles), and even a traditional Irish tune for St. Patrick's Day ("Miss McLeod's Reel"). Stay tuned for a possible informal performance at the end of the quarter, although it may be a little different than our usual assembly performances, since the acoustic guitar is much quieter than our usual percussion.



**From Mr. Carusone:**

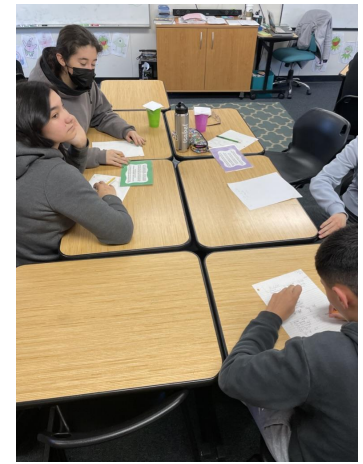
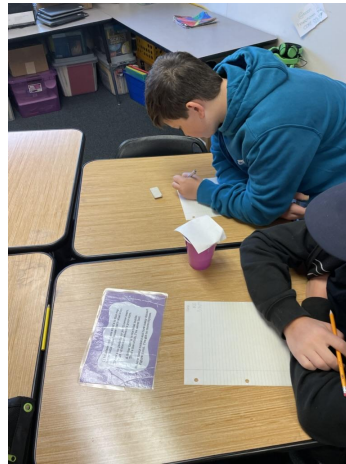
Ancient Japan is part of the 7th grade History curriculum. So after studying the culture of ancient Japan, my students researched and created ancient samurai armor out of cardboard. Samurai armor consists of a helmet (kabuto), mask (mengu), and chest armor (do) paired with shoulder guards, sleeves, a skirt, thigh protection, and shin guards. After crafting, styling, and painting their suits of armor, they were required to walk down the red carpet and model their armor for the 8th graders who had themselves crafted armor the prior year.



From Ms. Dickey:

### 8th Grade Math

In math, we completed our unit on systems of linear equations. To help review, students worked small groups to figure out how many coins and what denominations were in a cup, based on the riddles provided. Students also worked on a study guide, where they taught their classmates, preparation for their test. We began discussing functions just before Spring Break.



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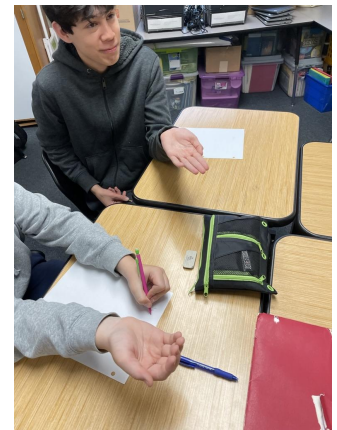
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### 8th Grade Science

Students “adopted” an element and were tasked with learning about it (the history, chemical and physical properties, fun facts, size, etc). After completing their research, students had to put together a “baby” block with all of the vital information about their element. The students had to draw the template for the block, requiring them to pull on their geometry skills.

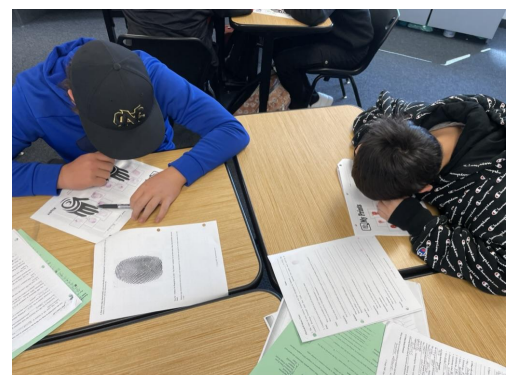
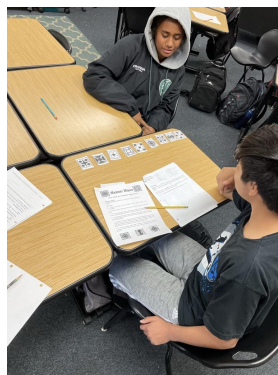
Students also had to make mini periodic tables (elements 1-18) with a partner. It required that they work together so that the two parts flowed as one.

As we work toward completing the chemistry unit, we did a lab about “disappearing” liquid with rubbing alcohol to learn about the changes in the states of matter (and what is needed to make those changes happen).



### Forensics

In Forensics, as it is the start of the quarter, students began learning about crime scenes and different kinds of evidence. They did several exercises to learn about some of the downfalls of eyewitness testimony. Students also learned about fingerprints and lifted their own latent prints!



## **Important dates:**

April 5: DELAC Meeting at 6:00 in the MWE Library

April 6: School Site Council Meeting at 3:15

April 7: Non-instructional day - No School

April 10: Non Instructional Day - No School

April 11: District Board Meeting at 5:00pm

April 17: Professional Development Day - No School for Students

April 13: PTA General Meeting at 5:30pm

April 28: PTA Sponsored Walk-a-Thon (all day)

May 4: PTA Board Meeting at 5:30pm

May 5: Cinco de Mayo

May 8-12: Staff Appreciation Week

May 9: District Board Meeting at 5:00pm

May 12: Honor Roll Field Trip to SRJC 9:30-11:45 then movie at Airport Cinemas from 11:45-2:30 (walk back to school for release at 3:15)

May 18: MWCS Open House at 5:30pm

May 19: Professional Development Day - No School for Students

May 25: Caught You Being Good Movie from 1-3:10

PTA General Meeting at 5:30pm

May 26: Epicenter All School Field Trip 9-2:30

May 29: Memorial Day - No School

May 30 - June 2: MWCS Finals Week Early Release each day (12:30pm)

June 1: PTA Board Meeting at 5:30pm

June 2: 8th Grade Promotion at 8:30am

Last Day of School

June 8: 4th Quarter MWCS Report Cards mailed home