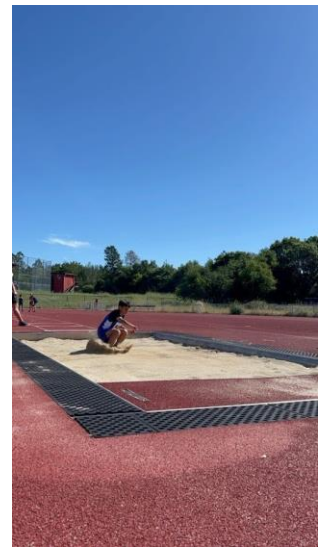


Mark West Charter School Newsletter 6/7/2024



From Ms. Franci: As the year has come to a close, I am humbled by the connections I have made this year. I have thoroughly enjoyed spending time with all the students, staff and families of MWCS. I wish you all a restful and rejuvenating summer! Go Dolphins!

MWCS Track Meet: The track meet was held on Friday, May 3 at El Molino High School. Ten students competed in events such as long jump, shot put, mile run, the 400 / 200/ 100 meter runs. The students represented MWCS well in both sportsmanship and athleticism. A huge thank you to our coaches Mr. Garcia, Mr. Jaworski, and Mr. Peralta Fernandez.



Mad Science Assembly: Thank you to our PTA for providing “Professor Proton” and the Fire and Ice assembly. Students were amazed by the experiments especially when stuff was lit on fire!



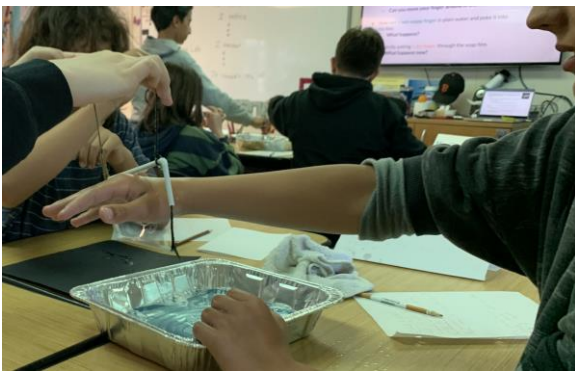
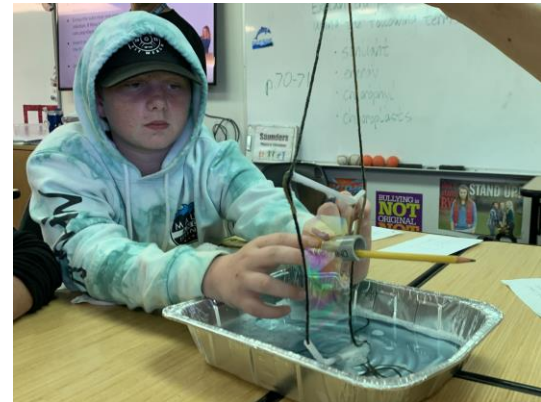
Magic Show with Wayne Houchin: Thank you again to PTA for sponsoring the magic show assembly. The students enjoyed the different illusions.



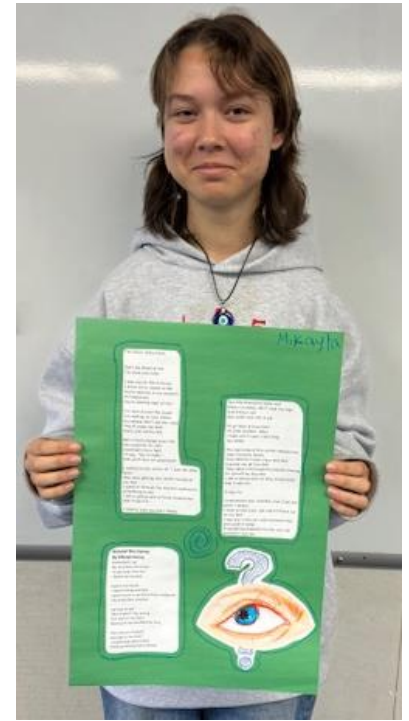
Honor Roll Field Trip: Students had a blast touring SSU and hanging out at Scandia. It was a great field trip to celebrate the students who made honor roll all 4 quarters!



7th Grade Hands-On Science Activity: We had a guest speaker, Kelly Mackura, the SCOE Science Project Coordinator who treated our 7th graders to a hands-on experiment about using and developing a model of a cell membrane (using bubble solution).



From Mr. Carusone: My 7th grade English students were assigned a "Personal Poetry Project". Each student had to find a school appropriate song to draw inspiration, copying and pasting the lyrics into a Google document. Next, each student had to write a personal poem (minimum of 12 lines). Finally, each student had to print, mount, and illustrate their poem on a separate sheet of paper.



From the Community Garden: You're invited to the annual Larkfield Community Garden Benefit presented by the Community Soil Foundation. Featuring live music, delicious food made with garden produce, excellent local wine and beer, and activities for the whole family, the Garden Benefit is a beloved community celebration. We can't wait to see you there!

From Mrs. Kaufman: The Charter strings performed one last time this school year at an assembly for elementary and charter students on Tuesday, May 28. The brief concert featured "Bloosy Woosy" by Frank Rodgers, a 12-bar blues piece that was inspired by the jingle from the old commercial for KitKat candy bars ("Give me a break, give me a break, break me off a piece of that Kit-Kat bar"). Next, the group played a melody called "El chaparrón," and we ended the short set with a latin jazz piece called "Salsa Verde" by Thom Sharp, which featured more challenging syncopated rhythms (rhythms played "off the beat").

Mrs. Kaufman wishes all the 8th-grade musicians the best of luck as they move on to high school next year. She hopes they all continue to play music in some capacity moving forward. And Mrs. Kaufman welcomes any interested returning 7th graders and incoming 6th graders to join us next year to play in our string orchestra! Playing music with a group is rewarding in itself, but it can also open up so many doors of opportunity later on with the skills you will acquire playing in an ensemble. Join us! Have a wonderful summer and keep playing!



Mrs. Edwards: Enjoying a great movie in Movie History.



Mrs. Edwards: MWCS ART CLASS
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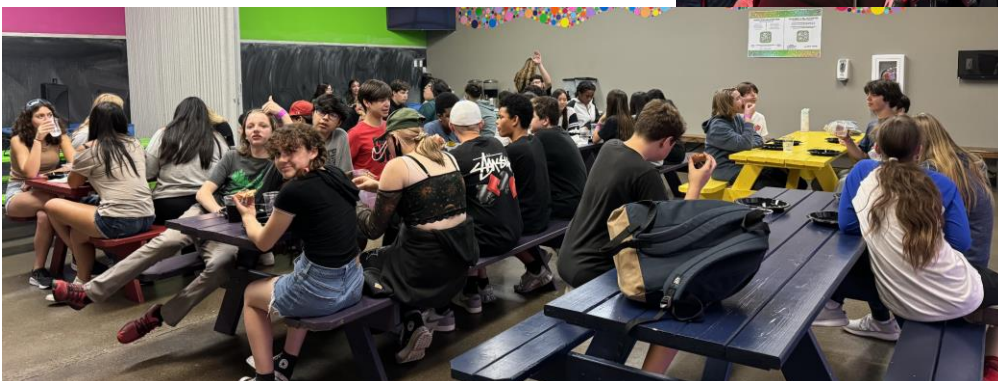


From Ms. Woods: As we wrap up the year, 8th grade students have been creating an end of the year English project. The project was to create an informative essay, presented as a three to five minute video. The topic was "A change they want to see in the world." Students chose topics in an area of interest to them. Some topics were: Depression, Anxiety, Food Waste, Global Warming, Electric Cars, Bullying, Deforestation, Homelessness and many others.

In History we jumped back to the time right after the Civil War and learned about the Era of Reconstruction as well as the Industrialization Period. Students were also given study guides and notes to prepare them for their finals in all core subject areas. We feel it is very important to teach them the necessary study habits for High School.

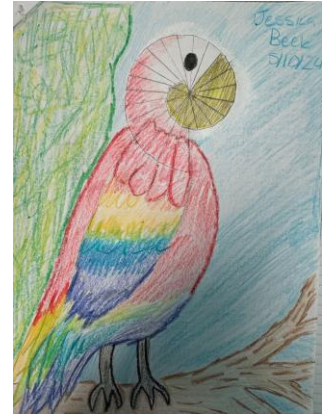
We can not express our joy, as we send this amazing group of students off to their various High Schools. They have been a pleasure to teach. They are fun, with amazing senses of humor, on top of a resilience that has been needed during their young loves. We couldn't be prouder of the hard work they did here at Mark West Charter. Please be sure to keep us updated on their progress in life. We love seeing them spread their wings and fly into their young adult lives. Have a great summer and good luck in High School!

Epicenter Field Trip: One of the most favorite field trips of the year! Students were able to bowl, play Laser Tag, ride the XD-Dark Ride and access unlimited video games. We all had a great time enjoying the space to hangout, laugh and create memories.



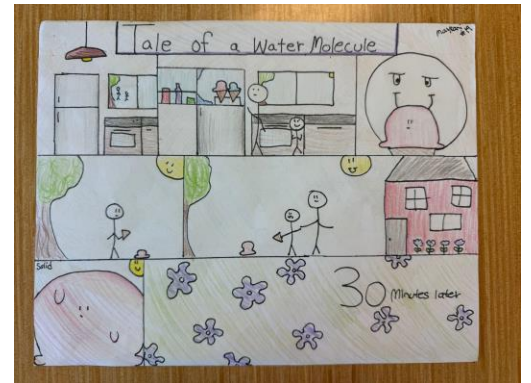
From Ms. Dickey: 8th Grade Math

In math we completed a brief unit on the Pythagorean Theorem, really focusing on *why* it works and *how* it works. We then powered through a couple of crash courses to get some exposure of some material that students may encounter during state testing. We have since slowed down and started a deeper dive into those topics; covering exponents and scientific notation, finding the volume of cylinders, cones and spheres and data analysis. The students have worked so hard and have covered the entire text!



8th Grade Science

Students were tasked with telling the story of a water molecule from solid, to liquid to gas and back again. They could do this as a story, a comic, a story board or a poem. Their creativity was so great to see!



8th Grade Promotion Luncheon: We held our first ever promotion luncheon for the 8th graders. It was a huge success! The students enjoyed their time together. Thank you to the parent volunteers who made it possible!



Lunch is Provided at Your Library

Sonoma County Library will serve lunch at seven library locations this summer! Meals are available to all children between the ages of 0-18 years. [Click here to learn where and when meals are available.](#)

We welcome families to enjoy lunch, stay to play and read together.

Summer Lunch and Summer Reading activities go hand in hand – keep learning all summer long!.

Please share with your colleagues, parents, and students!

Happy reading!

Questions? Please call your local library branch.

