



THE MUSTANG TIMES

MONTHLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Howdy Mustang Friends and Families,

As we enter our third month of distance learning we are thoughtfully planning and making preparations for our safe return. As you may have heard from our Superintendent, we are looking forward to a safe staggered return at the elementary school level after Fall Break. Please know that we will work our hardest to secure the safety of our students. Stay tuned in the upcoming weeks as there will be pertinent information about the procedures and protocols of on-site learning coming through in phone calls, emails and communication from our teachers. Every Friday at 1:00 p.m., we have our “Round Up” (principal office hours) for families to gather with one another to share ideas and provide feedback. Every voice matters and we welcome feedback. You can find the link on our Facebook page. A touchstone for this month is our first report card of the school year. You will be

receiving them via mail during the break. Please keep in mind that the grades are progress monitoring grades. Our aim is not to be punitive but to be informative to parents/guardians and to provide information about where students are in their progress for the quarter. Teachers have been setting up conferences with our Mustangs. Conferences are being scheduled by each child’s teacher and may vary from classroom to classroom. Please ask questions or share your concerns related to your child’s academics. Conferences will start the week of September 21st and will end by October 9th.

We just had our first Student of the Month award for the month of September and we will be awarding this recognition each month of school. Our award recipients for the month of September were announced in our weekly announcements for the Week of 9/21/20 to 9/25/20. The link to our weekly announcements is located in your child’s Google classroom. We also have staff celebrations.

Two McCartney Ranch teachers, Mrs. Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Schimmel, were awarded a \$500 gift certificate to use in their classroom. Thank you APS for your support of our school district. SEL (Social Emotional Learning) is an ongoing vital part of our students progress and development. Our SEL Theme and Focus for the month of October will be Self-Management. Please continue partnering with us in supporting our student’s development through structured activities, appropriate guidance as well as your love and support at home during these challenging times. We love and appreciate all the team effort that we see each and every day. Our Mustangs are worth it and we can’t wait to be back in the saddle on campus!



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GRADE LEVEL HIGHLIGHTS

Kinder

We are very excited to welcome the children in our classrooms! We have waited patiently for this day of return, therefore we will practice safety procedures such as washing hands, wearing masks, socially distancing ourselves as much as possible, and encouraging healthy habits. It is important to remember, if your child does not feel well, please do not send him or her to school. Please contact the school office and report the absence immediately. We can't wait to see all of the children at McCartney Ranch!!

1st Grade

Please remember to only come to your small group at your designated time. We only have 30 minutes with each group so timing is important. Please practice your sight words and stories from the Wonders program each day. One of our goals this year is to become fluent, confident readers. We are looking forward to seeing you in class, in person, on October 19th!

2nd Grade

We are having so much fun in 2nd grade! We will be finishing up measurement in Math and starting place value. For ELA, we are working on answering questions about stories and using complete sentences. We have been looking at characters, settings, and events of stories, as well as comparing different stories. Remember to be taking pictures of your non tech learning and turning it in to your teacher. We can't wait to see everyone in person after fall break! Keep up the good work, 2nd graders!

4TH GRADE

In fourth grade we are really starting to dig into math algorithms with addition and subtraction. We are also starting to enjoy dissecting literature and understanding themes and main ideas. Parents, thank you for all your support as we discover together the best way to learn virtually.

3RD GRADE

3rd grade hit the ground running this month! We are learning to multiply and divide, find the theme, main ideas and author's point of view in our reading comprehension. With writing we are learning to type a full paragraph with a topic and conclusion sentence. For social studies and science we are learning all about government and the importance of voting. We are having many rich class discussions about campaigning and voting. The students have started their I-Ready reading lessons and are super proactive about completing them. Way to go 3rd grade!

5th Grade

We are enjoying meeting with everyone for fall conferences! If you haven't scheduled a conference please sign up soon. Please remind your child that they need to be turning in their assignments daily and coming to class on time. Over Fall Break continue to work on ST Math and iReady to keep your brain growing!! If you are interested in purchasing books for the Scholastic Book Club please contact your child's teacher for more information. We are looking forward to seeing everyone back at the Ranch on the 26. Remember you will need a mask :)

NURSE'S CORNER



Live on the Healthy Side this Halloween

As we prepare to return to school, the school nurse would like to share some tips and tricks from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) so students can be healthier and safer. Here are a few ways to stay safe and healthy and not let your health get tricked this Halloween month:

- **Get Moving & have Skele-Fun:** Carve out time to be active this Halloween month. Take a walk and stretch to help you feel good and energized!
- **Avoid Goblin all the Candy & Eat Well:** Don't spend this Halloween filling up on junk food and sweets. Give yourself and your families healthier choices and nutritious treats.
- **Keep Your Bite Healthy:** Keep Halloween candy at bay. Correctly care for teeth by brushing with a fluoride toothpaste and flossing every day.
- **Scare Away the Flu and Colds:** Don't get spooked by the flu! Wash your hands frequently and get a flu vaccine, too!
- **Don't Be a Sleepy Zombie:** Sleep is important - even on Halloween! Get 7-9 hours of sleep each night. It's best for staying healthy and helping fight diseases!

LIBRARY

Hello Mustangs! Great News! The Book Bus is still running! The last delivery date will be October 5, 2020. The last day to request books will be September 30, 2020. Please practice filling out this form with your student/s, as we will continue to use a similar form upon return to school. If your student has books at home from last year that weren't returned, the Book Bus can pick these up too! Simply fill out the Book Request Form and mark "Yes" under the question "Will you have a book for us to pick up?" No need to request any new books just to get old ones picked up. Links and a "How To" video can be found on the McCartney Ranch website. Go to the Operation Book Bus tab in the top right corner.



SPECIALS SPOTLIGHT

SEL Tips

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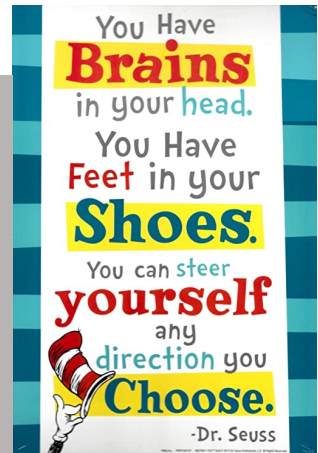


Howdy Mustangs! This is Mrs. Andres, your school counselor. Last month's SEL topic was Self-Awareness/Growth Mindset.

Being aware about our feelings, thoughts, and actions is important so that we can know and understand how to react better to our situations. Some of the skills and tools you can do to help you be more self-aware/growth mindset are: write daily in a thankful/reflection journal; breathing techniques; and mood/attitude charts. One of the activities you can do as a family is: create a "Vision Board" to help you track and see your growth in your 3, 6, 9, or 12 months goals.

This Month's SEL Focus and Theme is Self Management. Self Management is the ability to successfully regulate ones' emotions, thoughts, and behaviors in different situations. It involves effectively managing stress, controlling impulses, and motivating oneself. It is the ability to set and work toward personal and academic goals.

-Mr. Wong



OFFICE UPDATES

Hello Mustangs!

We want to remind our families to please wear a mask when entering the office and practice social distancing at all times. We look forward to seeing you all again soon. Happy October Mustangs!

PTO NEWS

Please make sure to join our PTO email list by emailing mccartneypto@gmail.com and follow us on Facebook @mcrpto to stay up-to-date on ways to support our school and any upcoming activities!



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