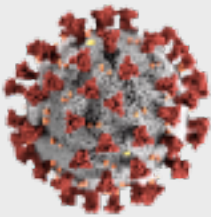


SMS Newsletter



COVID-19 Closure Memo #7

- May Celebrations
- We are here to help!
- Grade Level Specific Resources



Stay Home...Stay Safe
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Generally, the start of May is one of my favorite months. We have May Day, Star Wars Day (an official Star Wars holiday, May the 4th Be With You!), Cinco de Mayo, Mothers Day, Teacher Appreciation Week, my mother's birthday, and Memorial Day. It is a fun month with lots to celebrate.

Remember, Mother's Day is this Sunday. I hope that everyone is looking forward to celebrating their mom. Be sure to take some time to plan how you are going to express your love and appreciation of your mother. Be creative and move beyond cleaning the house or buying a bouquet of flowers. Here are some of my favorite ideas:

- Take your mom for a hike or boat ride with a picnic lunch.
- Buy some plants and make a new garden bed.
- Buy a hummingbird feeder and plant a clematis or honeysuckle with a trellis nearby.
- Make a handmade card and write a caring note to your mom.



This spring has certainly been one of the most beautiful springs in recent years. It is exciting to hear from students and parents about the various gardening and landscaping projects being completed at home during this stay at home order. My mother-in-law, who lives just west of Loon Lake, has a clear view of Mount Spokane. She always waited to plant her full garden until the snowpack had melted away. According to her, it is just about time to plant. I hope that everyone is outside playing in the dirt and enjoying the weather!

The middle school team is working hard to maintain weekly contact with all students. We have enjoyed having students and parents reach out to each of us. Please utilize our contact information listed on the left to connect with us. We are eager to hear back from you.

I have received many calls from parents and students asking about the next school year. There are undoubtedly many unknown items about next year, but one constant is that we, the Mary Walker School District and Springdale Middle School is going to be here to support, encourage and engage our students! We care, and we will be here for you!

Finally, if your family is experiencing difficulty during this time, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. I am connected with a team of counselors within the school and community. I am here to help in any way.

Sincerely,

Mr. Joachim

Mr. Joachim, Principal

"Find My Strength Worksheet"

This week we will focus on your strengths. All of you have strengths, and use them daily. Choose any of the best strength words that define you and use them in your strength descriptions! Don't see the word, choose your own strength words!

Word Bank:

Creative Enthusiastic Leader Open Minded
Organized Athletic Honest Academic Problem Solver
Happiness Independent Compassionate Funny Resilient
Loyal Eager Curious Cooperative Team Worker Hard
Worker Kind Caring Honest Trustworthy Helpful
Loving Good Listener Goal Setter Growth Mindset
Planner Mindful

My biggest strengths are:

My family would say my strengths are:

My teachers would say my strengths are:

My friends would say my strengths are:

Please consider emailing me your Strength Worksheet. I would love to hear from you.

-Jocelyne Medenwald,

School Counselor

"Stay at Home, Stay Healthy"

The district phone lines are back up and working. The COVID-19 phone number is **509.258.4798**. Please use this line to share how we can continue to support your family.

Summit Learning

If you have an Internet connection, please be sure to log onto Summit to work on your projects and focus areas. Remember, the blue line continues to work towards the end of the school year. Power and Additional Focus Areas are not red, as the timeline has been significantly interrupted by the 'Stay at Home Order.' However, Focus Areas are still due. So, sign into Summitlearning.org and jump into your courses. The teachers are eager and ready to help! You can call or email them. Use their contact info on the other side of this page.

Book Checkout

It is sad to have the local libraries closed too! Please know that we have lots of books available to borrow. Just stop by the school to borrow a novel from the bookshelf right inside the front door. Record your name, book title borrowed, and date on the clipboard on top of the shelf.

Go Outside!

It is very tempting to just sit inside the house to watch TV or play videos during this COVID-19 Closure; however, this is not the best thing to do. On Wednesdays, I help deliver meals to many homes in our area. I find that most of the time students are hiding inside the house when I arrive. Please don't get trapped inside. Get out and enjoy our beautiful spring.

Join the Drive-Through Parade, May 8th @ 5pm
Load up your family and drive by the school this Friday. The elementary and middle school staff will be there with air high-fives and treats!

We hope to see you soon!

Springdale Middle School Tidbits