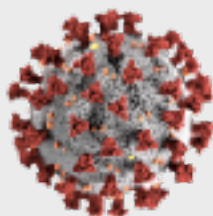


SMS Newsletter



COVID-19 Closure Memo #9

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Today is the 40th anniversary of the eruption of Mount St. Helens. I vividly remember this day in history! I remember my mother racing outside to pull my brother and me inside the house. I remember the sky darkening as ash snowed down on the yard. We retreated to my grandparents' farm at Waitts Lake to weather the fallout of ash. I remember the excitement to wear masks and play like storm troopers. The worst part of it all was that we had to stay inside for several days.

What will you remember about Covid-19 in 40 years? I am certain this experience is one we all will recall for the rest of our lives. Sadly, the ordeal continues to linger on. Our school district is working closely with the regional health district, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction(OSPI), and the Governors office to review routines and procedures to open back up for the 2020-21 school year. Everyone at the school wishes we could just get back to "normal;" however, we have to be patient as new systems and procedures are developed.

This week, we are working to coordinate the details for the **8th-grade promotion**. The promotion is currently scheduled to be on Tuesday, June 9th at 7 PM. The ceremony will be very similar to the high school graduation. More information will be coming out soon.

Please keep up the excellent work by completing the school packets or projects online at **Summitlearning.org**. Last week 51% of our middle school students were actively working on the Summit Learning platform. Great job! The teachers continue to monitor projects, checkpoints, and focus areas daily. If you need help, use the contact information in the left column to directly contact the teachers.

Last Thursday, I had the opportunity to join one of Mrs. Moss' Zoom sessions. It was great to see some smiling faces. This week, Mrs. Moss has some prizes to share out at her meetings. Be sure to log into her Zoom to say "hello" or to ask some questions.

I look forward to seeing you soon. Please don't hesitate to call or text if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Mr. Joachim, Principal



May 18, 1980, Mount St. Helens catastrophic eruption with 15-mile high column of ash.

"Accepting No"

I can accept being told no!

Sometimes we do not like being told no, but it is important to not get frustrated, angry, or upset. Remember to stay calm and follow these instructions.

If I am told no, I can do the following:

- Ask nicely if you can choose something differently or maybe have what you want later. Patience is key!
- Write down how you feel in a nice friendly way. Sometimes writing things down helps us with anger, frustration, and misunderstanding. Writing things down may help you understand why the individual chose to say no.
- Lastly, you can calmly state how you feel. Remember to do this in a polite and friendly manner.

Repeat this when you are angry for being told no:

"I have been told no, and that's okay! I will try to be an understanding person and take others needs into consideration!"

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

Jocelynn Medenwald,
School Counselor



Springdale Middle School Tidbits

"Stay at Home, Stay Healthy"

8th Grade Promotion

8th grade families and friends, please share some photos for the promotion video. We are looking for a baby picture, a few photos from your early childhood and middle school years. Please load up to three individual pictures into this shared fold. Additionally, we are looking for group photos to three or more 8th-grade students. Group photos do not count as your three photo upload: tinyurl.com/8thPromotion2020

Need Resources?

Please reach out to anyone of the middle school staff for additional resources. We have various supplies, books and activities to share.

Community Memo

With the closure of school, we know there are so many of our eighth graders missing out on activities, memories, and experiences of being an eighth grader. To help them feel special and remembered, there is a Facebook group put together on their behalf. This group is for parents/guardians to showcase their son/daughter and then someone in the community "adopts" them. When a community member "adopts" them, they will get in contact with you, to see what your son/daughters likes or dislikes and what they can do to support them during this time.

This is voluntary, and if you would rather your son/daughter did not participate, that is fine. To join the Facebook group, search for the group called, "Support a Springdale 8th Grade Student" If you do not have access to Facebook and would like your child to participate you can email Jaymi Stricker and I will put your child onto the group to be "adopted."

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This is NOT a school sponsored event, and something started to recognize and acknowledge our eighth graders hard work, and being promoted to high school. If you have any questions feel free to email me at the address above.

Thanks,
Jaymi Stricker