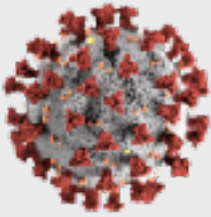


SMS Newsletter



COVID-19 Closure Memo #10

- High School Graduation
- 8th-Grade Promotion
- State Task Force



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Wow, this is the 10th week that we've been out of school on our state's 'Stay at Home' order. Staff across the district are all dearly missing our students. Generally, the end of May is filled with great excitement as students wrap-up the school year by participating in field trips, special events, and celebrations. The silent hallways and lack of students create an eerie and sad feeling within our schools.

We are looking forward to celebrating our high school seniors as they conclude their school career and transition into the world. The seniors have elected to participate in an online graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 6th, at 11:00 AM on Zoom. Please be sure to connect to the Zoom to celebrate our wonderful seniors. A link will be posted to the district's website.

The 8th-grade promotion is a rite of passage where we celebrate students as they transition from their adolescent years of middle school to the next chapter in their young lives, high school! It is a time to celebrate their growth, achievements, and determination. Sadly, nearly all of the events we generally host to celebrate our 8th-grade students are canceled due to the COVID-19 Closure. BUT not all of them! We will be hosting a festive drive-through promotion on Tuesday, June 9th, at 7 PM. At this event, students will receive their promotion certificate and a thumb drive with the 8th-grade promotion video.

Currently, the middle school team is working with students, parents, and county officials to establish a safe event that honors our eighth-grade students. More information will be shared out next week.

You can help by sharing photos and video clips for the promotion video. We are looking for images that highlight the middle school years of our current 8th graders.

Feel free to upload your pictures to tinyurl.com/8thPromotion2020.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions, comments or ideas!

Sincerely,

Mr. Joachim, Principal
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8th-grade group showing their school spirit!

"Mindsets"

Definition: Mindsets are our attitudes, thoughts, and beliefs about something. There are two types of mindsets: Fixed and Growth. Below are some examples of fixed and growth mindsets!

Fixed (criticism)	Vs	Growth (Feedback)
This Person is picking on me!		This Person cares about me and is trying to help me.
They must think I am bad at this!!		They must really believe in me or they wouldn't even bother working on my improvements!
I am SO Embarrassed!		This gives me an opportunity to learn from this situation and I can do this better!
I give up! I cannot do this and I am frustrated!		I'll take a break then I will try it out and see if it helps me improve!
I don't want to do this, it's too hard		This will give me the opportunity to challenge myself so I can grow!

Fixed mindset: people believe their qualities and intelligence are set and cannot change.

Growth Mindset: People think there are opportunities for growth and challenges! These people believe their minds can grow!

Jocelyne Medenwaldt,
School Counselor

Springdale Middle School Tidbits

"Stay at Home, Stay Healthy"

OSPI Task Force to Open Schools

On May 13th, the Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) held a task force meeting with over 120 people to review the health aspects of our current pandemic and review ideas of how to safely open our schools. Superintendent Reykdal has reported that the task force is a super diverse group of "principals, superintendents, teachers, students, parents, practitioners, community-based organizations, legislators" who are actively working on reviewing all ideas to open school.

The group initially broke into smaller groups to consider seven possible state options for opening schools. Possibilities included opening traditional on-site face to face schools, to an option to meet social distancing requirements by operating on a split or rotating schedule. At this point, the task force has made no decisions or recommendations. Some people are eager to know what next year will look like; I want to encourage everyone to be patient. Please be wise and check facts when you hear anything new. Some helpful websites to follow are:

OSPI's @ www.k12.wa.us
 Governor Inslee's Office @ www.governor.wa.gov
 Washington State Department of Health @ www.doh.wa.gov

Summer Meal Delivery

The Mary Walker School District is looking into the possibilities of continuing with our meal delivery over the summer. Our current meal delivery program has been a huge success. If you would like to be added to the meal program please call our COVID-19 Closure line at **258.4798**.

Again, it is our hope to continue with the program. We will share more information in the coming weeks if we are able to continue with the program.