

SMS Newsletter



COVID-19 Closure Memo #12

- Welcome to Summer Break!
- Stay Safe, Stay Healthy
- Next Year...still waiting!

You're Invited...



Ice Cream
Drive-Through
&
Chromebook Return

Join the middle school teachers for an ice cream drive through on the **Tuesday, June 16th** from **1PM-3PM**. Students need to return their Chromebook and any homework. They will also be permitted to access the school to retrieve personal items.

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The end of the school year has arrived...well officially, it is June 17th. This is the 12th and final installment of the middle school's weekly COVID newsletter. I want to express my great gratitude to all the teachers and staff members for their hard work and dedication throughout this COVID-19 Closure. Additionally, our parents have done an excellent job taking the reins of their student learning while putting on the teacher hat. Great job! Best of all, middle school students demonstrated their commitment to individualized student learning. The vast majority of our students have stayed connected with their teachers and completed their school work. Excellent job!

Last night was our drive through promotion ceremony for our 8th-grade class. Thankfully, the weather held! It was wonderful to see all our families and smiling 8th-grade freshman students! This class is filled with a tremendous group of talented students who will make a significant difference in our high school, both academically and athletically! Check out their promotion video: tinyurl.com/8PV2020

I want to personally thank everyone for the great school year. We made the most of it and persevered through this challenging time. I am thankful for our rural lifestyles, caring community, and dedicated teachers!

There still are many questions about next year! We are patiently waiting to receive the guidelines and regulations from the state. We will keep you in the know just as soon as we get a clear picture.

I hope to see everyone at the Ice Cream drive-through next Tuesday.

Mr. Joachim, Principal
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Springdale Middle School is Committed!

The COVID-19 Closure has certainly been disruptive to the teaching and learning in our school. Sadly, we lost a lot of teaching and learning this school year. We are committed to helping each and every child continue to grow. Please contact me if you would like to check-out resources and materials to keep you child engaged over summer. This is a great time to review and refine core content knowledge. Additionally, for those who have internet, the following links are excellent resources to keep students engaged throughout the summer.

- newsela.org
- khan.org
- www.sciencebuddies.org
- www.nasa.gov/kidsclub/
- www.ck12.org/student/
- www.kodable.com/
- www.si.edu/kids
- bensguide.gpo.gov
- duolingo.com
- everyday-earth.com
- noredink.com
- Funbrain.com



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Mental Health Therapist

From Miss. Stefanie

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Well, here we are, the last newsletter of the school year. Congratulations to all Mary Walker graduates and all the promotion students moving on to high school in the fall. Also, congratulations and thank you to all the parents and guardians who made it possible.

I want to encourage you to continue journaling your experiences as you move through this history making time. You've worked hard and overcome so much to get to this point, why not record it? I also want to say thank you to all the students I've had the privilege of knowing. It has been an honor and you've all taught me valuable lessons that I will pass on to the students that follow you.

Remember, you always have choices. I hope that you choose to live with gratitude and grace, not hate and disparity. Understand that your actions and words have impact. Yes, even the smallest gesture or kind word can change another's life, so choose wisely. Find gratitude in your life, every day. It doesn't have to be an ah-ha moment, it just has to provoke true thankfulness in your mind and heart.

The following is an excerpt from a poem titled 'Red Marbles'.

Today I wish you a day of ordinary miracles:

A fresh pot of coffee you didn't make yourself...
An unexpected phone call from an old friend
Green stoplights on your way to work...
The fastest line at the grocery store...
A good sing-along song on the radio...
Your keys found right where you left them.

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU GATHER, BUT WHAT YOU SCATTER
THAT TELLS WHAT KIND OF LIFE YOU HAVE LIVED ~Author

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See you next year and please have a safe and healthy summer! ~Miss Stefanie