



MCP WEEKLY NEWS

For the week of February 26th, 2018

THIS WEEK!!!!

DR. SEUSS WEEK (READ ACROSS AMERICA) FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 2

Students, Staff and Parents are invited to dress up and show off their Dr. Seuss best!

Monday: "If I Ran the Zoo" (Students -wear some stripes!)

Tuesday: "Green Eggs and Ham" (Students -wear as much green as possible!)

Wednesday: "Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?" (Students – wear a fun tie!)

Thursday: "Fox in Sox" (Students – wear your crazy socks!)

Friday: "The Cat in the Hat" (Students – come in your comfy PJs or dress up as your favorite character!) **Parents – sign up your kids on WINGS for the 'Hat's Off to Dr. Seuss' workshop. Sign up by 3/1 so we can be prepared!**
There are only 45 spots available.

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS:

02/26-03-02 - DR. SUESS WEEK / READ ACROSS AMERICA –Show your Dr. Seuss Spirit!

03/02 – THE CAT IN THE HAT - (Students – come in your comfy PJs or dress up as your favorite character!)
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02/28 – LAST DAY TO USE 2017-2018 LEARNING BUDGET DOLLARS Please only order what you will actually use THIS school year. Keep in mind that your unused dollars go back to MCP to help purchase technology and other amazing resources that benefit the entire school. We have a list in the MCP office of items that you may and may not purchase with your learning budget. Some suggestions you may want to consider and run past your consultant: online subscriptions, technology (iPads = \$500 / Computers \$800), Teacher Pay Teacher materials, art supplies, science experiments, etc.

03/01 – PROJECT FAIR ENTRY FORMS DUE – Extra forms are available in the MCP Office.

03/02 – BARNES & NOBLE ‘MY FAVORITE TEACHER’ DEADLINE - Teachers can win a \$500 B&N based on student entries! Registration forms are in Family Mailboxes and extras are on the information desk in the MCP office located by the main door.

03/03 – DESTINATION IMAGINATION (DI) REGIONALS. This event is taking place in Richland! Contact Tammy Darling with questions. Tammy.Darling@ksd.org

03/03 – ARCHERY COMPETITION - This will be taking place in Richland! Call the MCP Office with questions.

03/08 – SILVERWOOD ‘The Countdown Club’ (former ‘Reading is the Ticket’) forms are due by 3:30 pm in the MCP office. NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED!

03/10 9am- LEPRECHAN DASH!!! This is a one mile Fun Run! Walk or run to help earn money for MCP’s PE program! We need 100 students up to age 15 to cross the finish line in order to receive the money for MCP. The race starts 9 am on March 10th. The race is free unless you purchase a t-shirt (\$12). The deadline for purchasing the t-shirt is this coming Thursday 3/1. Families can register anytime up until the 8th. For more details and to register: <https://3rrr.org/events/?ee=217>

03/12-16 – SHOWCASE WEEK No K-8 classes. Students will have an opportunity to share a fantastic project with their consultants!

03/13 – MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD TRIP – 8:45-2:15pm - more info below. Students who take H.S. Spanish will need to attend class and will not be able to go on the field trip, per Mrs. Veleke, our Middle and High School Principal

03/13 – MCP PROJECT FAIR! 5:30 – 7:00pm - Get those projects ready to show off!

03/13 – CPR (Conference Pre-Registration) for High School students and families

3.14 – NATIONAL PI DAY! Have some math fun and eat a slice of pie! <http://www.piday.org/>

*****For more information on field trips, volunteer opportunities, and extra student activities, check out the Helping Hands bulletin board in the MCP family room and read the monthly Helping Hands newsletters that are emailed to each family!**

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME IF:

*They’ve had a fever 100 degrees or higher within 24 hours. They need to have a normal temperature WITHOUT MEDICATION for 24 hours before they return to school.

*They’ve vomited or had diarrhea within 24 hours.

*A frequent cough.

*Any rash accompanied by a fever.

*Ear pain and/or eye drainage.

*Sore throat with a fever and/or rash.

[Kennewick High School in Washington to Host USA Basketball Open Court](#)

Beginning on March 5, children who are 6-17 years old in Kennewick, Washington, will have the opportunity to participate for free in a USA Basketball Open Court – presented by Nike – at Kennewick High School.

USA Basketball Open Court provides children a safe and fun environment in which to play basketball. Children choose how to engage in the sport through free play, skill games, five-on-five, 3x3 and station options. Sessions are free to the community and open to children of all ability levels.

The USA Basketball Open Court at Kennewick High School will operate sessions for 6-9 year olds from 5-6 p.m. (PDT) and for 13-17 year olds from 6-8 p.m. on most Tuesdays and Thursdays from March 6 through April 19. Sessions for 10-12 year olds will run from 5-7 p.m. mostly on Mondays and Wednesdays from March 5 through April 19.

The complete schedule for Kennewick High School is available [online](#), and more information about USA Basketball Open Court can be found at usab.com/youth/open-court-program.

As one of USA Basketball's youth development initiatives, open court connects children to local facilities, and the free-play setting allows children the opportunity to enjoy basketball in a safe environment while earning prizes for participation. Each open court program is supervised by USA Basketball licensed coaches.

All participants must submit a waiver signed by a parent or guardian before participating in their first session. Waivers are available at the program location.

Open court participants earn points by attending sessions. Also, bonus points may be earned when a player brings a friend, has perfect attendance or makes a social post about their experience. At the end of the 12 sessions, participants can trade in points earned for custom USA Basketball Youth Development and Nike gear. The breakdown of how to earn points can be found online, as can the available prizes.

PROJECT FAIR

The project fair is an amazing opportunity for students to display their hard work and check out the creativity of their peers! Please look in your Family Mailbox (hanging folder) in the MCP Office for the Project Fair handout and registration form which is loaded with lots of information. This is a fun event that your whole family will enjoy!

***March 1st** – Entry forms are due in MCP office.

***March 13th** – COMPLETED PROJECTS must be delivered to Mid-Columbia Partnership gymnasium (the ANNEX), between 5-5:30.

***March 13th** - Project Fair – Even if you aren't showcasing a project, please invite friends and family to join you in checking out some of the other fun projects on display!

***March 12th-15th** – Students can bring in projects to show their teacher during their assigned showcase times.

MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD TRIP

Tuesday March 13th, our MCP middle school students are taking a field trip! Destinations include Tri-Tech, WSU, and CBC! There are many more important details on the registration form so please read the form carefully before signing up your child. Forms are found in your family 'mailbox' (hanging folder) in the MCP Office or can be requested from Ms.

Brooks, the MCP Secretary. Students who take H.S. Spanish will need to attend class and will not be able to go on the field trip per Mrs. Veleke.

LAST WEEK'S NEWS

IMPORTANT HEALTH UPDATES

We are at the peak of cold flu season so there are several things you can do at home to help prevent illness and keep everyone feeling healthy.

- *WASH, WASH, WASH your hands! To make sure they are washing long enough, have them sing their ABC's!
- *Get plenty of rest! School age children need 9-11 hours of sleep. Grown ups should try to get at least 8 hours of rest.
- *Drink lots of fluids and eat a well-balanced diet – especially breakfast.
- *Please keep your child home from classes if they are sick. (Scroll to the top of this week's newsletter.)

FUN FACT

We are beefing up our MCP website and are loading it with resources for MCP families and potential families.

CAMPUS TIPS & REMINDERS

We are halfway through the school year but we would love for you, our parent partners, **please remind your kids (of all ages) to please line up for their own class lines well ahead of class start time.** When they do line up, we are asking for **straight lines and close to the building.** When our students don't line up properly and on-time it contributes to tardiness and it also makes it really hard for parents, other students, and Staff to make it around our campus quickly and safely. Our MCP Paras and Staff are really working with the kids on consistency in this area but your help and encouragement to respect procedure would be fantastic!

***Please also remind your kids to keep their technology put away during lunch time for the protection of the device and to encourage them to connect with the students around them.

LOVE YOUR MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER?

Barnes & Noble is gathering student essays, poems, and thank-you letters explaining how a teacher as influenced the student's life. The winning teacher will win amazing prizes! This contest is for students of Middle School and High School Teachers. Forms are in Family Mailboxes in the MCP Office. Extra forms are available in the MCP Office.

PARENTS – PLEASE CONSIDER...

Click the link below for some EXTREMELY important information regarding technology usage. This link was highly recommended by our Middle and High School Principal, Mrs. Veleke.

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/12/22/opinions/smartphones-middle-school-opinion-ruston/index.html>

WINGS UPDATES In an effort to provide you with better service, we are updating all the kits, sets, and manipulatives in our WINGS Library system with better descriptions to make it easier to search for what you are looking for! If you can't find items you are searching for, consider using the 'Advance Search' options. Cleaning up the items in our WINGS system will take a while so please be patient with us.

YEARBOOKS

It's time to order MCP Yearbooks! MCP yearbooks are created by our very own Yearbook Class and proudly display the fun and creativity happening at MCP throughout the school year for students grades K-12! Order forms are located in the MCP office as well as your family mail folder located in the MCP Office. Yearbook prices are \$20 for a limited time only! Prices will increase in February! Make checks payable to "MCP ASB" and turn in orders to the MCP Office.

PARENT HANDBOOK & MUCH MORE!

Yes, we have one! At our MCP.KSD.ORG site you will find help, tips, handbooks, past copies of weekly news, staff lists, and much more! Go check out the website and familiarize yourself with the information that will be continuously updated!

HEALTH UPDATES Parents of 3rd, 6th, and 9th Grade Students – Please check your inboxes for health update forms and return those as soon as possible. We are needing to keep our records up-to-date. Katy Isley, our MCP nurse, is putting forms in the boxes of families who need to update their records. If you don't have a form in your family mailbox, then no updated is needed! With questions, call Katy Isley directly: 509-222-6603. Please do not call the MCP Office as we will not be able to answer questions regarding health updates.

NEW FAMILIES – GET CONNECTED AT MCP

Check your mail folder in the office at least once a week.

Read your emails. We send out Weekly News with important updates. Teachers send important emails as well!

Check PowerSchool! Some of our teachers post assignments and class updates on Powerschool. Contact Brooks for login information.

'Like' our Facebook Pages – 1) Mid-Columbia Partnership – calendar updates, pictures, district updates, etc. 2) Mid-Columbia Partnership Families – family networking & connecting, real time reminders, Helping Hands reminders.

Check out the Helping Hands wall in the Family Room – forms, Box Tops, ordering slips, field trip, spirit wear and more!

Read the monthly Helping Hands newsletter. This is emailed to you.

MIDDLE SCHOOL UPDATES

EARLY DROP OFF'S & LATE PICKUPS - Parents, please DO NOT DROP OFF YOUR KIDS EARLY OR PICK THEM UP LATE. Classes begin ON THE HOUR and end 55 minutes later unless your student has a block class or is in a High School Class. WE DO NOT HAVE A STUDENT HANG OUT OR STUDY HALL AVAILABLE. ***Students are not allowed to wait in the Family Room. The family room is for families only (students with parents).

COLLEGE BOUND SCHOLARSHIPS applications are available for Middle Schoolers to fill out BEFORE high school! Go to www.collegebound.wa.gov for information or come into the MCP office for an application!

SPORTS & MUSIC– Middle schoolers can play sports at their neighborhood middle school! Sport programs are open for 7 & 8th graders. Music programs are open for 6, 7, and 8th grades! Discuss your child's involvement with your neighborhood school or with one of the MCP Principals.

HIGH SCHOOL UPDATES – PLEASE NOTE IMPORTANT DATES!!!

***3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29 CBC GETTING STARTED WORKSHOPS** 3-4:30pm T Building Room 548

***NAVIGATION STUDENTS** schedule you mid-year navigation consulting meeting through signupgenius.com or Mrs. Perry. Meeting can be schedule through January.