



Marysville Middle School Newsletter - Fall 2020

Principal's Message

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Dates to Remember:

11/3 VOTE!
11/6 Spirt Wear Sale Ends
11/11 No School- Veterans' Day
11/12 AVID Night
11/13 End of 1st Quarter
11/26-27 No School - Thanksgiving Break

Dear Marysville Middle School Families,

Fall is in full swing, soon we will finish the first quarter, and before you know it, the holidays will be here. Classroom visits show students actively learning and teachers finding innovative ways to teach curriculum. We continue to encourage your student to leave his or her camera on during live Zoom class meetings as we have found it encourages engagement and gives teachers feedback as they conduct lessons.

As you all know, this school year continues to be a year of change. We are learning from online learning just as your students are learning. In order to provide increased time for your students to catch up on their homework and give them more opportunity to contact teachers for support, Fridays will now be asynchronous (no live Zoom classes), **except for Advisory**. Students are required to check in with each of their Asynchronous classes (M-F) and attend their Zoom Advisory class at 9:00 a.m. on Fridays, which features a new Character Strong lesson each week. Character Strong is a social emotional curriculum designed to build character.

Attendance is very important to a student's success. Students cannot learn if they are not attending school. To encourage attendance and provide incentives for attending classes each day, MMS is launching an Attendance Blitz with weekly awards and names drawn for treats. We are also recognizing students who are making positive contributions to their learning and the learning of others through our weekly selection of Wildcat Stars. Names of five Wildcat Stars per grade appear each week in our announcements video, Online with a Wildcat. Then, based on attendance, one student from each grade is chosen to be a Wildcat Superstar. MMS emissaries deliver a balloon and a treat to each Wildcat Superstar on Fridays.

Finally, we all want you to know how much we appreciate the effort and hard work your students are putting forth each day in their classes, and we appreciate the support you provide to make this happen.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Kubej
MMS Principal
(360) 965-0900



Special Thank You to

The Creamery

for their generous donation of
gift cards!



We recently did a lesson on suicide awareness. Students were asked to complete an exit ticket for this lesson and 15 were chosen randomly to receive one of these gift cards. Thank you to the students who participated and for The Creamery for this special treat we could share with our Wildcats!



PTSA
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2020-2021 PTSA Board Members

Co-Presidents: Amber Buehler & Sherry Stewart

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Treasurer: LouGene Jones

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Email:

Marysvillemiddle schoolPTSA@gmail.com

Next Meeting:

November 24th @ 5pm Please go to the

Marysville Middle School PTSA 7.4.45

Facebook Page for the zoom link



Attendance Line

In the event that your student is unable to engage in school due to illness, medical appointment or other reason, please report your student's absence as soon as possible. You have 5 days to report an absence.

You may call our automated attendance line and leave a message or send an email:

360-965-0901

hattie_nagle@msvl.k12.wa.us



If you are in immediate danger or your tip is in regards to a life-threatening emergency, call 911!

To report an unsafe situation anonymously:

Call or text your message to (360) 799-5141

Online at: <https://1248.alert1.us>

Email at: 1248@alert1.us

RESOURCES for Families & Students

Care Crisis Line (425) 258-4357

24 Hour Crisis Line (800) 584-3578

National Suicide Prevention (800) 273-TALK
(800) 273-8255

Chat available via the web at:
www.866teenlink.org

Crisis Text Line:
text "HELP", or "HELLO" or any other
introductory short word to 741741



Staff Spotlight



Meet some of our new staff members!



Lisa Foslien, Vice Principal

I am excited to join your staff this year! I have been at Marshall for 6 years as the assistant principal. Before coming to Marysville I taught in Everett at the elementary and high school levels. I also have experience at the middle school level. I have loved all the levels for different reasons. I feel that no matter the age of the student, they want to know that you care and that you feel they can be successful. I look forward to working with you to figure out how to express those beliefs to our students and families during this crazy time.

I am really a big kid at heart! When you see my office that will be evident! My analytical brain enjoys puzzles and rubik's cubes. My fastest time to solve a 3x3 cube is 1 minute and 24 seconds. I am a bit out of practice now though, so it probably will take about 2 minutes :)

I come from a family of math and science nerds . My first degree is in Geosciences and my husband is a geologist. Our kids come by the science gene quite naturally! My son, Spencer, is a senior at Lake Stevens High School. He has Aspergers and his areas of interest are math and music. When he was 12, he explained string theory to me in a way that made a lot of sense! He has far surpassed my knowledge of math and science. My daughter, Sydney, is in the 8th grade at Cavelero Mid High. She is a budding artist and engineer. If you give her tape and cardboard she will solve any problem in front of her.

As we navigate our new learning environment, I look forward to talking with each of you and offering support in any way I can.

Andrea France, PE Teacher

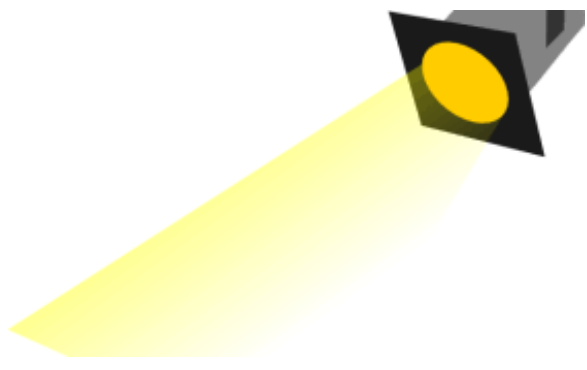
Hi, my name is Mrs. France and I am excited to be your new health and PE teacher at MMS.

I love teaching PE and helping students learn and practice ways to stay healthy from the inside out. When I am not teaching, I love to be outside doing anything with my family and our dog, Zoe. My favorite things to do are run, hike, kayak, and work in the yard. I am excited to get to meet you all once we get to come back to school!



Heather Basse, Trauma Informed Counselor

I am looking forward to joining you while Jennie is on leave. I have a background in school counseling, social work and teaching. I have worked with middle school students in the past and enjoyed doing so. I am originally from the Midwest and have two young adult age children along with a friendly pug, cat and bunny. I have traveled to many countries over the years to do humanitarian projects in orphanages, and also like to bike ride, hike and read. I look forward to working alongside you this year.



Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Speech Therapist

Hello students, My name is Miss Fitzpatrick and I am the speech therapist this year at MMS, Heritage and Legacy. I am very much enjoying working with you all. I have been in the district for 16 years and worked at Cascade, Quilceda, Tulalip, Totem, Grove and Liberty. When I'm not teaching Speech to the students I enjoy kayaking, horseback riding, tennis, bicycling, and gardening. If you haven't joined your speech class yet this year; be sure to stop by soon. Thank you.

DeeAnn May, PE/Health Teacher

Hello, Marysville Middle School families! My name is DeeAnn May, and I am a Marysville gal! I graduated from Marysville-Pilchuck many moons ago, went off to get a teaching degree at WSU and came back to teach in the community I love, Marysville. I have taught at many schools in the Marysville School District, but most of my career has been teaching at Marysville-Pilchuck High School. This is my first year at MMS and I love it! I am having a lot of fun working with the MMS students on the importance of daily physical activity and healthy habits.



Lisa Ciallella, Science Teacher

Hello! My name is Lisa Ciallella and I am so excited to be a part of the MMS Community! I have lived in Marysville for 11 years now, with my husband Matt and son Marcus. Marcus is 11.5 and is a 6th grader at Cedarcrest Middle School. I earned a BS in Biology with a Marine emphasis and minor in Chemistry from Western Washington University and went on to earn a MAT, Science Education from WGU. This is my first year of full time teaching. I completed my student teaching last fall at MGHS and loved every minute of that experience. I have also been a substitute for MSD since February 2019. When I have free time, I love to read. Currently I'm reading the Wheel of Time series for the 5th time and getting excited for the Amazon TV show. I also like to do some crafting and spend time with my family. I'm a huge Seahawks fan (Go Hawks!!) and can't wait for the Kraken to start playing! I can't wait to get to know everyone!



MARYSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

AVID FAMILY NIGHT

6th, 7th, 8th grade AVID students and
Families are invited

MMS AVID Virtual Family Night Link

Passcode: 014565

JOIN US TO HEAR MORE ABOUT AVID FROM
STUDENTS AND TEACHERS AND LEARN HOW IT
CAN HELP YOUR STUDENT PREPARE FOR HIGH
SCHOOL AND BEYOND

Thursday, November 12

5:00pm-6:00pm



2020 YEARBOOK PICKUP AND SALES

If you purchased a "Make Your Mark" yearbook last year, please stop by MMS during school hours to pick up your copy! If you still need to buy a copy, you can also do so for only \$20!

2021 YEARBOOK

The first sales window for this year's yearbook will close on November 6th! Reserve your copy now to get the lowest price of the year, \$20!

Search for Yearbook online

at: <https://wa-marysville.intouchreceipting.com/signin.aspx>

YEARBOOK APP!

Visit the Google or Apple app store and download "Yearbook Snap." This app will let you send in photos from your phone or tablet and get them into the MMS yearbook!



Spirit Gear Sale!!

Hoodie Sweatshirt available in Black or Red S-XL (XXL-XXXL add \$5) \$25

Crewneck Sweatshirt available in Black or Red S-XL (XXL-XXXL add \$5) \$20

T-Shirt available in Black S-XL (XXL-XXXL add \$3) - \$10

Snapback Hat - \$25

Masks - \$5

Click here to place an order by November 6th:

<https://wa-marysville.intouchrecepting.com/signin.aspx>





Welcome to the 2020-2021 School year. We wanted to provide information to all families on how to get in touch with the counselors at Marysville Middle School. Counselors are available to help students who need support in areas of academics, attendance, problem solving, family and friends and need to talk, or in need for community resources. We all three look forward to working with the students and their families. If you have questions about your student's class it is important to contact your student's teacher first to get information directly about the class. Below is contact information for the counselors at MMS. We look forward to working with all MMS families.

Counselors can connect with students via phone or email. If students would like, we would be glad to have individual zoom meetings to discuss student's questions or concerns and to support our students.

Ms. Mary Pat Ankerson – Counselor for students with the last name beginning A – K. I can be reached by phone or email and will get back as quickly as possible

Mary_ankerson@msvl.k12.wa.us 360-965-0922

Mrs. Cimbal – Counselor for students with the last name beginning L- Z. I can be reached by phone or email and will get back as quickly as possible

Cimbal_irwin-rainey@msvl.k12.wa.us 360-965-0923

Ms. Heather Basse - I will be filling in for Mrs. Beede until March as the trauma informed counselor at MMS. I will assist students who need additional support in the area of social-emotional needs, or help reinforcing our Character Strong concepts.

Heather_Basse@msvl.k12.wa.us 360-965-0909



Parent Bootcamp Sessions:

Marysville School District's Family Engagement

Focus on Student Academic Engagement and Social-Emotional Health

We are in unprecedented times. It is more important than ever that we cultivate positive relationships with our students and families. In an effort to ease the stress and trauma that we are all experiencing, our district is proud to offer a series of family engagement opportunities around social-emotional health and student academic engagement for the family. The Parent Bootcamp Series features conversations about AVID, the impacts of stress and trauma, and how to help your student with making good choices around drugs and alcohol. Learn more and register for courses [HERE](#).

Remember to Vote!

Election day is November 3, 2020. Ballots are due no later than 8:00 pm on election day. For more information on how to register, make changes to personal information, or obtain a ballot, go to <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/224/Elections-Voter-Registration>.



Remind



We are excited to share that our school district is rolling out Remind district-wide. If you're not already familiar with [Remind](#), it's a classroom, school, and district communication tool that helps you stay involved with your child's learning and your school and district activities and events. Remind is free to use, and you'll be able to get and send messages on any device—even a simple text message from your phone.

As part of this rollout, official accounts will be created for all the educators, parents, and students in the Marysville School District. When your child's teacher connects with Remind, you will receive a notification to join their class.

Here are video demos in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) to see how Remind works.

Free and Reduced Price Meals Form

We strongly encourage all parents/guardians to submit a Meal Application. Completing an application takes less than 10 minutes, and parents only need to complete one Meal Application. Meal Applications may be downloaded from our website: <https://www.msd25.org/.../page/child-nutrition-services--7>.

Once you submit an application, you will receive a notice in the mail as to whether your child/children can receive free or reduced-price meals.

EVERY ELIGIBLE FORM COUNTS!

Every eligible form that is not submitted means lost resources for our schools.

Submit your completed application as soon as possible to help make sure it counts toward potential new funding for our school this year.



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On the Web: <https://www.msd25.org/o/marysville-middle-school>

Also, get connected through our Device App: Marysville School District 25



- **Setting up a Family Access Account:** In order to set up an account for Family Access, you will need to have an email in your child(ren)s records in the data system. This is typically added when you enrolled your child(ren) in school but can become outdated over time. Follow these steps to get connected:
- If you have not provided an email, please contact your child(ren)s school office and provide them with parent/guardian email addresses.
- If you have an email but do not have your login information or you need to create an account, go to <https://www.msd25.org/o/district/page/skyward-family-access--38> and choose Family/Student login under the resource column.
- Click on the "forgot username or password" link and follow the steps.
- You can also connect to the Family Access App once you have an established account. Search "Family Access" on your smart phone App store. Here is a 60-second Power Up video on how to connect - click [HERE](#) to view.

Currently, there are three forms uploaded to Family Access that need attention:

- **Technology User Agreements:** As we continue our 1:1 Chromebook for each student in the district, a user agreement must be completed for each student enrolled who has been issued a district-owned device. Please log in to Family Access to complete the user agreement.
- **Military Affiliation Survey:** Each year we are required by Washington State to survey our families as to whether or not they are currently active in the US Armed Forces, National Guard or Reserves. This information is used to remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families because of frequent moves and deployment of their parents. The survey must be completed for each child attending school with the Marysville School District.
- **BECCA (Attendance) Agreement:** Each year we are required by WA State Law to notify families about the benefits of school attendance, consequences of absenteeism, resources to assist with attendance, the Marysville School District role and responsibility and the truancy law. Please review and sign the documents.
- ***Also you can update family information (phone number, email, etc.) directly in skyward. Go to "My Account" in the upper right side when signed into Family Access.***



College Bound Scholarship Opportunity

Marysville Middle School 7th and 8th grade students will have the opportunity to apply for the College Bound Scholarship. This scholarship program is through the State of Washington.

The College Bound Scholarship is

- A four-year scholarship to cover tuition at public college (In essence, the College Bound Scholarship and associated grants will cover the cost of tuition based on the highest public school. For example, students will get roughly \$11,000 toward a public 4 year university per year, \$5,000 toward a public 2 year college or technical school per year.
- To receive the scholarship, your student promise to:
 - Graduate from a Washington State high school or home school with a cumulative 2.0 GPA or higher.
- Apply to and enroll in college within one year of completing their high school diploma, and apply for financial aid.
- Apply by June 30th of their 8th grade year.
- the application form must have both the student and their parent or guardian's signature, and have an eligibility box checked. The rest of the information is optional.

Fill the application out online here

<https://portal.wsac.wa.gov/programs/college%20bound/application> or contact your counselor below for an application. Emails will be sent out to students as well, so you have a variety of opportunities to complete the application.

This is an opportunity for your student that shouldn't be missed. If you have any questions please contact us:

Mary Pat Ankerson mary_ankerson@msvl.k12.wa.us, Counselor A-K

Cimbal Irwin-Rainey, cimbal_irwin-rainey@msvl.k12.wa.us, Counselor L-Z

Marysville Middle School Weekly Schedule

A= Asynchronous Learning (Students working independently)

S=Synchronous Learning (Live teaching on Zoom)

Monday through Thursday

Time	Monday (A)	Tuesday (B)	Wednesday (A)	Thursday (B)
8:00 -8:55 am	4th Period (A)	1st Period (A)	4th Period (A)	1st Period (A)
9:00 -9:55	5th Period (A)	2nd Period (A)	5th Period (A)	2nd Period (A)
10:00 -10:55	6th Period (A)	3rd Period (A)	6th Period (A)	3rd Period (A)
10:55 -11:30	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
11:35 -12:30 pm	1st Period (S)	4th Period (S)	1st Period (S)	4th Period (S)
12:35 -1:30	2nd Period (S)	5th Period (S)	2nd Period (S)	5th Period (S)
1:35 -2:30	3rd Period (S)	6th Period (S)	3rd Period (S)	6th Period (S)

Friday

8:00 - 9:00	Teacher Planning
9:00 - 9:30	Advisory (S)
9:35 -10:10	1st Period (A)
10:15 - 10:50	2nd Period (A)
10:55 - 11:30	3rd Period (A)
11:30 -12:00	Lunch
12:00 -12:35	4th Period (A)
12:40 - 1:15	5th Period (A)
1:20 -1:55	6th Period (A)

Asynchronous Attendance

Daily attendance for all Asynchronous is required!

Here are some possible ways to be present for asynchronous times:

- 1. Participation in a Zoom with a small group or teacher***
- 2. Email communication with a teacher***
- 3. Google class login activity***
- 4. Assignment(s) turned into teacher***

FOOD FOR THOUGHT BACKPACK PROGRAM...

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MARYSVILLE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK FOOD FOR THOUGHT BACKPACK PROGRAM 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Dear Parents/Guardians;

The Marysville Community Food Bank offers a program to all families to provide food for the weekends and/or holidays when your child/children are not in school. It's called the ***Food For Thought Backpack Program***.

- It's free to all students in the Marysville and Lakewood School District.
- Participation is optional.
- All information is confidential.
- Bags can be picked up on Fridays during our normal distribution time at the Marysville Community Food Bank from 9 am to 11am. We are looking into other pick up options. If you provide us with an email address, we can keep you updated when other distribution locations are added.

If you are interested in participating, please complete the information below. Submit this form to your child's/children's school.

PRINT CLEARLY

Student Name/School: _____ Age/Grade: _____

Student Name/School: _____ Age/Grade: _____

Student Name/School: _____ Age/Grade: _____

Student Name/School: _____ Age/Grade: _____

By signing this form, I acknowledge that the FFT Weekend Meals for Kids backpack bags (a.k.a. Food For Thought Backpack Program) are packed with the freshest items possible. If my child has any food allergies then I am responsible for checking each item carefully for those allergens. I accept this food under the GOOD SAMARITAN ACT and release this agency (The Marysville Community Food Bank Services, any affiliates, and the Marysville and Lakewood School Districts) from any and all liability for any food and/or services I receive.

Parent/Guardian Name (PRINT): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____



ABSENCES

Any time a student is absent from school, they miss important instructional experiences that help them to be successful. In addition, frequent absences can have a long-term impact, including reducing the chance of on-time graduation. Because our goal is to help your student to succeed in school, we have outlined some information that can help to explain the changes in the law and how we can help your child to maintain regular, on-time attendance!

Excused v. Unexcused: What's the big deal?

When students are not in school, they miss out on instruction, so our goal is to have students attend as much as possible to maximize their chances for on-time graduation.

What are *Excused Absences*?

An excused absence is defined by the state legislature. The following are reasons for excused absences:

- ◆ Illness, health condition or medical appointment
- ◆ Family emergency
- ◆ Religious or cultural
- ◆ Court, judicial proceeding, court-ordered activity, or jury service
- ◆ Post-secondary, technical school or apprenticeship program visitation, or scholarship interview
- ◆ State-recognized search and rescue activities consistent with RCW [28A.225.055](#);
- ◆ Absence directly related to the student's homeless or foster care/dependency status;
- ◆ Absences related to deployment activities of a parent or legal guardian who is an active duty member consistent with RCW [28A.705.010](#);
- ◆ Absences due to suspensions, expulsions or emergency expulsions imposed pursuant to chapter [392-400](#) WAC if the student is not receiving educational services and is not enrolled in qualifying "course of study" activities as defined in WAC [392-121-107](#);
- ◆ Absences due to student safety concerns, including absences related to threats, assaults, or bullying;
- ◆ Absences due to a student's migrant status

What are *Unexcused Absences*?

Any absence from school is unexcused unless it meets one of the criteria provided above WAC [392-401-020](#). Family vacations are not included as an excused absence.

So, what does this mean?

Anytime your student is absent, whether planned or unplanned, parents/guardians should contact the school to inform that the student will be absent and the reason for absence. Parents can call the school and leave a message on the attendance line, but the law requires us for parents to verify the reason for absence in writing, so an email or a written note should be submitted to the office, even if parents call or leave a message.

The principal (or assistant principal) will then *excuse* or *unexcuse* the absence according to the law.

Regardless of whether the absence is excused or unexcused, the parent must notify the school within *three days*, or it will remain as unexcused in the system.

So does this mean I can't take our planned vacation?

Families should not schedule vacations or travel while school is in session. However, if a family vacation or travel *must* occur while school is in session, we ask families to notify the school's attendance *prior* to the absence. The absence(s) will not be excused, however if your student has good attendance outside of this planned absence and there are efforts to make up missed work, then the impact will be minimized.

We understand that this is a change for many of you, however, *on-time, regular attendance* is one of the most important ways to ensure gets the high-quality education he/she deserves.



Equal Opportunity Employer

Marysville School District complies with all federal and Washington State rules and regulations and will provide equal employment opportunity and treatment for all applicants and staff in recruitment, hiring, retention, assignment, transfer, promotion, and training. Such equal employment opportunity will be provided without discrimination with respect to race, creed, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. The district will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society.

The following employees have been designated to address questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Civil Rights Coordinator - Gregg Kuehn, Risk Management Supervisor, gregg_kuehn@msd25.org, 360-965-0110; Title IX Officer – Tracy Souza, Executive Director of Human Resources tracy_souza@msd25.org, 360-965-0071; Section 504 Coordinator, Andrea Wyatt, Director of Categorical Programs, andrea_wyatt@msd25.org, 360-965-0053; ADA Coordinator – Brad Roden, Director of Secondary Special Education, brad_roden@msd25.org, 360-965-0175 Address: 4220 80th Street NE, Marysville, WA 98270. Website: www.msd25.org Marysville School District is a drug- and tobacco-free workplace.

Non-Discrimination

Marysville School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

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You can report discrimination and discriminatory harassment to any school staff member or to the district's Civil Rights Coordinator, listed above. You also have the right to file a complaint.

Note: Policies that address this issue are policy 3210 "Non-Discrimination" & 5010 – "Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action." These Policies are available online at www.md25.org, at your school, or at the District Office: 4220 80th Street NE, Marysville, WA, 360-965-0000.