



MOUNT HOREB MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Hello Again Middle School Families,

Below are informational updates for parents and guardians of middle school students. I continue to share weekly student updates during Viking Hour and via email with our students.

11.13.2020

First-quarter grades: The first quarter ended on Friday, November 9th. All academic grades and work habits expectations are posted in Infinite Campus. For years we have utilized Infinite Campus in place of mailing paper report cards. Please take a moment to review your child's first-quarter grades. Infinite Campus Parent Portal

Second Step Lessons: Attached you will find the Unit 2 Second Step lesson parent letter. Second Step is a research-based social-emotional curriculum. We utilize this program regularly during Viking Hour. Students will learn how to recognize bullying and harassment, stand up safely to bullying, and respond appropriately to harassment.

Updated from Ms. Baker in the Library:

Just a reminder that the Middle School Virtual Book Fair ends on the 15th of November. See the directions below on how to access the site--happy shopping!

Since the fair is virtual, it will work similarly to most online shopping experiences. Any items ordered from Scholastic will be shipped directly to your house. If you spend above \$25 on book items, you will earn free shipping! As in other years, all purchases benefit our school. Please don't feel pressured to buy something if money is tight. The library will offer the most popular titles for checkout--in fact, many are already available today! Here is the [link](#) to request a book in case you haven't used it yet. The request does have to come from your child's school account.

All homerooms watched the Book Fair preview video on Monday, November 2nd. Students might want to share a "wish list" with you. Here is the [link](#) to the Scholastic book trailers on YouTube if you would like to watch. The playlist includes titles from each book fair in the district--all schools will have book fairs at the same time this year--so feel free to order from any school's site!

Here is the [link](#) to our middle school book fair site. Books make great presents for birthdays, holidays, or just as a way to say great job making it through 1st quarter of virtual school!

Please feel free to email me at bakerjacci@mhasd.k12.wi.us if you need book recommendations for your child, that is my favorite part of this job. Turning all kids into readers is my mission!

Thank you for all of the support you continue to give your child throughout our Virtual Learning Environment.

11.6.2020

Good Afternoon Middle School Families,

Here is a 4 minute [video](#) explaining some of the Social and Emotional Supports we have for our students here at the Middle School. If you have questions please do not hesitate to ask.

We have adopted an Evidence-Based Social Emotional Curriculum called Second Step. Information regarding this week's upcoming lessons for each grade level are listed below.

As always thank you for being our partner in your child's education. Enjoy the wonderful weather this weekend!

Paul

6th Grade Unit 1 Lesson 7:

Lesson 7: Bringing It All Together

Summary

In this week's lesson, your child will bring it all together and create an action plan to help them accomplish one of the goals they chose at the beginning of the unit.

Question

Ask your child what their goal is, how they broke it down into smaller goals, and their plans for achieving it. Discuss how you can support them if things at home or in school slow them down or stand in their way and about how you can celebrate when they achieve their goal.

Lección 7: Combinar todo

Resumen

En la lección de esta semana, su hijo combinará todo y creará un plan de acción para poder concretar uno de los objetivos que eligió al principio de la unidad.

Pregunta

Pregúntele a su hijo cuál es su objetivo, cómo lo descompuso en objetivos más pequeños y cuáles son sus planes para alcanzarlo. Hablen sobre cómo puede usted apoyarlo si en la casa o la escuela hay obstáculos que lo retrasan o le impiden llegar a su objetivo, y cómo pueden celebrar cuando el objetivo esté logrado.

7th Grade Unit 1 Lesson 7:

Lesson 7: Advice on Roadblocks

Summary

In this week's lesson, your child will put their knowledge about overcoming roadblocks into action by giving advice to a sixth-grader who is struggling to learn something new.

Question

Tell your child about a time you had to try something new to overcome a roadblock, such as asking someone for help or looking at a problem with a different viewpoint. Tell your child what eventually helped you overcome that roadblock.

Lección 7: Consejos sobre obstáculos

Resumen

En la lección de esta semana, su hijo pondrá en acción su conocimiento sobre superar obstáculos dando consejos a un estudiante de sexto grado que tiene dificultades para aprender algo nuevo.

Pregunta

Hable con su hijo sobre alguna ocasión en que usted haya probado algo nuevo para superar un obstáculo, como pedir ayuda a alguien o mirar un problema desde otra perspectiva. Dígale a su hijo qué fue lo que finalmente lo ayudó a usted a superar ese obstáculo.

8th Grade Unit 1 Lesson 7:

Lesson 7: My Path Forward

Summary

In this week's lesson, your child will envision a path to become their best self by using strengths and skills they already have.

Question

Ask your child what skills, interests, or abilities they want to develop and how you can help.

Lección 7: Mi camino futuro

Resumen

En la lección de esta semana, su hijo pensará en un camino para convertirse en su mejor versión utilizando las fortalezas y habilidades que ya tiene.

Pregunta

Pregúntele a su hijo qué habilidades, intereses o capacidades desea adquirir y cómo usted puede ayudarlo.

11.2.20

Good Morning Middle School Families,

Attached you will find the most recent edition of the [Middle Years](#). This is posted in English and Espanol on the Middle School webpage under the Families page on the Newsletters tab [MHMS Newsletters](#). You can also find two publications that focus on supporting your child during the COVID pandemic. These were posted in April and May, but much of the information is still applicable.

Here are a few quick reminders for all middle school families:

Quarter 2: To allow for all class periods to meet twice during the final week of the first quarter, the final day of the first quarter will now be Friday, November 6th instead of Thursday, November 5th. We will begin Quarter 2 on Monday, November 9th

Please remember that we have **material pick-up this week**. This will be on Wednesday, November 4th and Thursday, November 5th from 11:00 AM until 6:00 PM. As a general guideline, we ask that families with the last name beginning with A-K come on Wednesday and L-Z come on Thursday. If this is a hardship for your family we are flexible and you are welcome to come on the alternating day. We have simply separated these to reduce congestion. Pick-up will be very similar to the process used in June and August.

- Please have a sign in your car window with your child's name and grade.
- Honor social distancing. This means staying in your vehicle.
- If you, or anyone with whom you have contacted, has been ill in the past 14 days, please do not come. We would be happy to make alternative arrangements when you are feeling better.
- If you have more than one child, please visit each building for pick up of materials.

[Middle School Material Pick-Up Map](#)

Our winter clothing drive ended last week. However, if there are still items you would like to donate, you are welcome to drop them off when you pick-up materials.

The Virtual Learning Hub was also created to help with any program-specific issues. Here is the link to that site--<https://sites.google.com/mhasd.k12.wi.us/virtualllearningresources>

Please, don't hesitate to contact me. I always say--I am the first line of defense with technology problems. I am available by email all day (bakerjacci@mhasd.k12.wi.us) or by phone 437-7317. I can happily walk you (or your student) through any of the above troubleshooting steps and offer additional ones. I offer drop-in times on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8:30 also. You or your student needs to simply go to meet.google.com and join with the code Bakerlibrary at that time. Additional times can be available upon request. Please take me up on this. I am here to help!

As always if you have questions please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

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