



“All Students Learning Well, Without the Loss of Enthusiasm for Learning”

Week At a Glance

December 3, 2018

Mission

Students, Staff, and Community Dedicated to Excellence

Vision

The Marcola School District promotes academic excellence, ethical and responsible citizenship for all its students in a safe, supportive, and enriched learning environment

A crazy week for my family! As most of you know, half of my family still resides in Alaska. The 7.0 earthquake in Anchorage was a reminder of the 9.2 earthquake I experienced at the age of 6 when I lived in Chugiak, Alaska. I remember, watching Fireball XL5 on the little black and white TV in our little trailer and smelling the chili my mom was cooking for dinner. All of a sudden our dogs (both beagles) starting howling, and we thought nothing of it because beagles always howl. Within seconds, we heard a loud boom and the ground began shaking, the TV and chili fell to the floor and our trailer rocked back and forth so violently that we had a hard time getting outside. Once we were outside, I remember our neighbors on their knees praying, my mom telling me to stay by her side, and the ground moving like the waves in the ocean. We had a view of the cook inlet, but with the ground moving, our view was limited - we could see the inlet off and on, depending on the movement of the ground below our feet. The shaking lasted forever, almost 5 minutes! When it was over and we were safe, our focus was immediately on the safety of my father who worked in Anchorage and was next to the buildings that collapsed. Four hours later we heard from my dad, he had survived but had watched buildings fall in which people did not have time to escape. He told us about young kids falling into cracks that opened and closed. We saw pictures of 4th Avenue and below (a good chunk of Anchorage) collapsing as if it was being sucked up by the inlet. March 27th, 1964 was not a very Good Friday, but it is a day I will remember for the rest of my life.

Now in 2018, another huge earthquake hits Alaska! I call my daughter and grandsons immediately. They are all under desks in their classroom, not knowing the damage that was done. But due to technology they were still connected to the rest of the world. Ironically, my grandsons are the same age as me when I experienced the 1964 earthquake! Sharing my experience with the boys, helped them calm down (a little bit) and move forward to what tomorrow brings. My thoughts this week are with all my friends and family in Alaska.

I also want to announce that we will be moving forward recommendations for hire at our Monday, Special Session Board meeting. We are happy to recommend Ms. Jennifer Macauley as our new first-grade teacher and Mr. Alan Shafer as our new 5th-grade teacher, beginning January 7th, 2019.



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After interviewing several very qualified candidates, both Jennifer and Alan rose to the top. They both share our vision of “All Students Learning Well without the Loss of Enthusiasm for Learning”. Please welcome Jennifer and Alan to the Marcola team.

A few interesting reads to consider:

1. **Most Likely to Succeed**: by Tony Wagner and Ted Dintersmith
2. **Creating Innovators - the making of young people who will change the world**: by Tony Wagner
3. **What School Could Be**: - by Ted Dintersmith
4. **Culturize Every Student**: - by Jimmy Casas and Salome Thomas-EL
5. **The Innovators Mindset, Empower Learning, Unleash Talent, and Lead a culture of Creativity**: By George Couros
6. **Learn Like a Pirate, Empower Students to Collaborate, Lead, and Succeed**: by Paul Solarz

Upcoming Events:

Date	Event	Description	Time
12/03/18 Monday	Activities Schedule		
	Admin Meeting	Personnel Transition, Board Meeting	10:00
	Board Special Session	Approval of personnel and Charter agreement	5:00 pm
12/04/18 Tuesday	Activities Schedule Staff meeting	Elementary	7:15 am
12/05/2018 Wednesday	Activities Schedule Staff meeting	Mohawk - Friday PD	7:15 am
12/07/2018 Thursday	Activities Schedule Law Conference	Bill	All Day
12/08/2018 Friday	Activities Schedule Law Conference Professional Dev. Day	Bill ISTE standards and LT's	Half Day 9 - 12