



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

Week At a Glance

February 4, 2019

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

February has arrived and Spring should be just around the corner ;) However, we are looking at the possibility of snow the next two days. Please stay tuned to the news and your phone on any weather day that may be questionable for a school closure. Unless I can be convinced it is too dangerous for students to ride or walk to school, you probably won't see MSD closing school for weather. As an Alaskan, I'm not use to closing schools for 1 or 2 inches of snow.

As we continue to move forward in our efforts to identify the strengths in every student we serve, I came across this quote from Albert Einstein: “Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing it is stupid.” We have numerous geniuses in our schools, and it's our responsibility, as a community, to recognize that all of our students have strengths. As we recognize a student's strengths, they are more successful at overcoming their weaknesses/challenges. At MSD, we work hard to identify and focus on the strengths of each student we serve and then we build an individualized learning plan. Once students realize their peers, mentors, teachers, and parents have recognized their strengths, their confidence increases and they stop feeling as if they are stupid or inferior. After 40 years of teaching, administering and coaching I have always done my best to focus on the strengths of the students I serve, and I have always had good results. Marcola School District students have a wide variety of skills and strengths that just need to be noticed for the student's own personal confirmation.

Once again, I am highly recommending that parents and teachers consider reading the book, [“You Your Child and School - Navigate Your Way to the Best Education.”](#) written by Sir Ken Robinson. You may also be interested in reading this [article by Ken Robinson](#)



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Upcoming Events:

Date	Event	Description	Time
02/04/19 Monday	Activities Schedule Admin Meeting Finalize Report Cards ELEOT Observations	Bill's Office Send out Tuesday Random	10:00 am
02/05/19 Tuesday	Activities Schedule Elementary Staff Mtg Mohawk Staff Mtg ELEOT Observation CTE Feasibility Mtg.	Multi-Media STEM room Random Bill @ LESD	7:15 am 7:15 am 1:00 - 3:00
02/06/19 Wednesday	Activities Schedule Bill in Portland ELEOT Observation OSBA Round Table	Personal Random @ LESD	All Day 7-8 pm
02/07/2019 Thursday	Activities Schedule ELEOT Observations Bill in Portland Marcola PS Grades Mtg	Random Personal Historical Grades	All Day 12 - 2
02/08/2019 Friday	Activities Schedule		
02/09/2019	Activities Schedule VEX IQ Robotics Tournament	@ Mohawk high school	7:30 am 4:30 pm