



The Mirror Lake Messenger

Oct 15, '18



There are in-service days scheduled for
Friday, Oct 19th // **Friday, Oct 26th** // **Monday, Nov 12th**
There will be no school for students on these days!

Calendar Items

Oct 15 - Volleyball season begins
Oct 19 - In-service / Grading Day, no school
Oct 24-25 - Student-Led Conferences
½ day school - 11:45 release
Sign up on line
Oct 26 - In-service day, no school



*With the Principal
Wed. Oct 17th*

For a handful of randomly chosen students

Activity Bus Riding

Use of the activity is for those students involved in a school sponsored after school activity—generally sports. Any student riding the bus must have a permission slip on file. The bus does not mirror a student's regular bus route. MLMS has 13 daily buses dropping off students, so the activity bus cannot possibly replace that task! The route has long been established and, depending on numbers of students riding any given night, can take up to two hours to complete. Please review the stop you would like your student to use – the driver asks as students board and only stops at those stops for that run.

Cell Phone Policy

The cell phone policy is clearly posted in each classroom and in the entrance to each pod. So far students have been pretty respectful of the policy, which is commendable. Just as a reminder, for a student's first infraction the phone is turned in to the office and students can p/u at the end of the day. Subsequent infractions require parent pick up.

Numbers

Unexcused tardies for Oct 8 - 12 show:

6th gr = 7 / **7th gr** = 26 / **8th gr** = 15

Wrestlers – 89, 83 guys / 6 gals
Volleyballers -- 130

Isn't Great to Always be Right?

In an advisory class in the spring of last year, students were asked what area needs the most attention at Mirror Lake. There were a few really good responses, but the resounding reply at each grade level was the hallways during passing time. Teachers then asked the follow-up question, which was, "How can we make it better?" Well, students wanted signs posted that offered some kind of traffic flow – and they got them! Now the mantra is, "right side, please" by adults in the halls. So, if you want a conversation starter, ask if your child is "always right" – as on the right side of the hallways! Just this seemingly minor addition has cut down tremendously on students bumping into each other, and reduced running in the halls. Now (most) students get to class on time and in better moods. Students also mentioned it was no fun trying to get to your locker when so many other kids were hanging out in the "bays" (those "U-shaped areas") – now there are signs indicating that kids can't hang out in the locker areas, and adults try to keep them moving. Students suggested placing clocks in the halls as it would cut down on tardies. Voila'--done. Finally, students asked that locker use not be so jammed up – so careful attention was given assigning lockers and we have done what we can.

Reminder! Reminder! Reminder! Reminder!

Thursday, October 18, is the last day of the first quarter. Report cards are no longer sent home, so please be diligent about checking ParentConnect to check how your student(s) are doing. If you need help with that, please call us at 742-7900 and ask for Tammy or Colleen.