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THE WEEK AHEAD 9/28-10/2

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MURDOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Week two is in the books and I'm thrilled by the progress students are already making. We're seeing students truly invested in the work and attendance has been above 96% all week. Students are beginning to understand what they need to do to succeed and many have started setting learning goals.

This week, teachers have started their weekly 1:1 mentoring sessions. During this time, students are receiving individual feedback and support. We feel that having an adult in the school who they trust and can share difficulties and aspirations with creates a stronger learning environment. We're excited to see those relationships already flourishing.

It's incredibly important to us that all families have the opportunity to learn more about what is happening in the classroom and get their questions answered. We will be posting another video to our website later this week that will give you the opportunity to learn how to navigate around the Summit platform. We are also planning on holding additional family mentoring sessions as we did before school began.

Next week you can also expect to receive assignment messages from teachers on Parent Square. Students have already been receiving these messages from their teachers but we feel that parents also need to know what is happening in class and being assigned. As we have stated before, we truly feel that communication and teamwork will be key to our success this year. We will continue to share information, ensuring you have the knowledge and resources necessary to best support your student's learning.

We appreciate your continued support as a member of our family community!

Student Snapshots

What is Your Student Snapshot?

Your Student Snapshot is an automated text messaging service to keep you informed about your student's academic coursework and progress in the Summit Learning Platform. We are using this feature because we want to communicate more with you about your students' school experience and academic performance. We also want to better partner with you to support your student's academic goals.

What types of text messages will you receive and how often?

Parents will receive a text message introducing the Your Student Snapshot program. After that, you'll receive, on average, 2 text messages per week per child, and the texts will be personalized to your child's own academic calendar and performance. The text messages will include notifications about coursework and grades (i.e., upcoming projects and whether your child completed the project or not, progress on passing focus area content assessments, growth in cognitive skills, course grades), and suggested tips and conversations starters for you to support your student's academic goals.

How will this help you? Why should you participate?

The text messages are designed to:

1. Help you keep more up to date on what your child is learning and how they are doing in school
2. Help you better support your child's academics by being informed about your child's academic progress and by providing suggested tips
3. Foster constructive conversations between you and your child about their academics through the suggested conversation starters
4. Create a common understanding and language among families, students, and teachers to talk about your child's school experience and performance

Can you unsubscribe and/or resubscribe?

Yes! You can opt out of the program at any time by replying STOP, after the first introductory message is sent. If you want to resubscribe, just reply START.

Parent Support & Resources

The beginning of the year is very important because it is the opportunity to set the foundation and expectations of learning for the rest of the academic year. Below we've shared easy actions you can take to stay informed, talk with your child, and support their progress.

Ask your student:

- To share a goal they set.
- What their first math unit is about.
- What their first projects are about.
- How their mentoring session went this week.

As we progress over the next few weeks, we will be adding other prompts you can ask your student in order to support their progress!

Here are a couple of articles that may help you and your student during these difficult times.

Prepared Parents: Practicing Mindfulness

Prepared Parents: Calming Anxiety With Your Family

Murdock Health Center



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to a new and different school year! The Murdock Health Center will be functioning a bit differently this year. We are not currently seeing students at this time, but we are here to help with your child's physical and social/emotional needs. Please call if you have any questions or problems that we can help you with. Our full-time behavioral health clinician, Rebecca Blodgett has openings and is seeing students via telehealth. If your child is feeling stressed or needs extra support in managing their emotional well-being, please reach out to the health center or Rebecca Blodgett directly. Please see the attached flyer for more information. We have also attached the Health Center's enrollment form, please fill out and email back to clourivers@winchendonk12.org or fax to 978-297-5430 so we can have your child's most up to date information.

We are expecting our flu vaccines within the next 1 – 2 weeks. Be on the look-out for more information on our upcoming flu clinics! In order for your child to receive a flu vaccine, they must be enrolled at the Murdock Health Center.

We look forward to working with you and your child during these unprecedented times to help make this a happy and healthy school year!

Warm Regards,
Murdock Health Center Staff

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MHC Enrollment Form

TeleBehavioral Health Program Flyer

Upcoming Dates

10/7: Professional Development Day for Staff - No Classes

10/12: No School - Columbus Day

11/6: Progress Reports

11/11: No School - Veteran's Day

11/16-11/20: Building Based Parent-Teacher Conferences