

A note from Mrs. Blotsky...

The leaves are changing, and the air is getting cooler in North Dakota, that means FALL is upon us! Like the seasons, change is inevitable; this is true now more than ever, as we face a pandemic in our country and so much of our future is unknown right now. This school year we have been encouraged by our families' commitment to MPCG and the educational process, both in person and at a distance.

When planning for this school year we were all moving in new waters and we had so many questions and unknown answers; questions like, will kiddos wear masks when they are supposed to? Will they follow the social distancing guidelines? Will they adapt to everything that we are trying to do to keep them safe? Well.. shame on me, because I should know better... of course our kiddos have gone ABOVE and BEYOND of what we have asked of them! Our kiddos have proved they are resilient and empathetic; they want to be with their friends, and they want to do whatever they need to do to maintain this new "normal" in their day-to-day. We appreciate each one of our Patriots for making this year great!

As I write this letter to you all we have now been in school for 7 weeks. 7 weeks is much longer than anyone anticipated with a pandemic going on around us, but we did it! We continue to be diligent with masking, social distancing, and encouraging students and teachers to stay home when they aren't feeling well. I am beyond proud of all of the hard work that has gone into keeping our kiddos in school. Countless hours have gone into cleaning, planning, organizing, moving, learning, etc. As numbers continue to rise in our county, I encourage you to be masking, social

distancing, and helping to keep your neighbors safe. By doing this we are able to keep our kiddos in school and continue on with this GREAT school year.

Our first quarter is ending on October 16. If you have not done so, please be checking your student's academic progress daily. Please make sure to check in on your PowerSchool Account, which enables you to keep track of your student's grades and attendance. If your student needs assistance, our staff is ready to help! Your students have already taken their NWEA MAPS assessment this Fall. You will receive those reports in their report cards coming home after October 23. If you have questions about your student's fall assessment, please do not hesitate to reach out to us!

We have extraordinary educators working on behalf of each of your children every single day. If you see them, please thank them. I encourage you to send them a nice note, or maybe even a treat of gratitude; anything to show appreciation of all that they are doing to make this time in our lives a little more "normal" for each of our students. Thank a teacher, custodian, cook, paraprofessional, coach, etc. and choose to be the sunshine in someone's day, I promise you won't regret it!

Thank you again for your support and contribution to the ongoing success of our wonderful school!

Have a GREAT Fall, Patriots!

Mrs. Blotsky,

May-Port CG Principal