

# 2022 - 2023 SCHOOL YEAR

## 6/20/23- MOS FAMILY UPDATE- EOY Summer Send Off

Hello Racoon Lovers,

You're receiving this email as either a current or new family on our enrollment roster for fall 2023. Welcome to our Mead Outdoor School! We send 1-3 email updates per month to keep families informed of MOS activities. Please make a habit of skimming to the end. Then refer back as needed. An archive of all email updates can be found in the MOS Google Classroom, for which you'll gain access at the fall Orientation.

Have a delightful summer break, with lots of time devoted to making wonderful memories.

Hike on!

Your MOS team- Erin, Jen, Kirsten, Liz, Katie and Tracy

## Calendar at a Glance

With summer just staring it's hard to think about fall. So just "set it and forget it".

July 11- Family Day, 10:30am at Pine River Park

July 26- Commellini's Movie Night

Aug 2- Commellini's Movie Night

Aug TBD- Family Day, 10:30am at Pine River Park

Aug 9- Commellini's Movie Night

[Aug 15- MLO New Family Q&A 11:30 pm, PLC Library](#)

Sept 5- First Day of School/At Home Learning Begins

Sept 5- Family Orientation at MOS *Required for Weekly Contact*

September 12- First day of MOS regular schedule

September 19/21- MAP and Dibels Assessments at MOS

## Incomplete Enrollment

If your student's district enrollment is incomplete, the office staff will start contacting families next week to help you complete the missing paperwork. This includes the [Online Registration for New Students Starting 2023-24](#).

## Family Orientation

### September 5, Camp Dart-Lo

*Required for weekly contact.*

We will address safety procedures, program content, progress monitoring tools, standards, schedules, and the parent advisory group. **Bring your Chromebooks.**

- 8:30-9:30 New families pick up chromebooks/curriculum at PLC.
- 10:00-11:30 Group by Student Last name A-K
- 12:30-2:00 Group by Student Last name L-Z

- Optional guided and self-guided tours available immediately following the sessions.

## Curriculum Orders

Staff have been hard at work communicating with families to set up learning plans and order curriculum. The big order is done. Additional materials will be placed when we return in September. Email [erin.glasser@mead354.org](mailto:erin.glasser@mead354.org) if you did not place an order or have new material needs.

## Curriculum Pick Up

Families who ordered by June 12, will have curriculum ready for pick up during library hours, **beginning August 27**. Library Hours: M-F 9:15 am - 3:15 am (closed 11:30 am -12:15 pm daily for lunch)

## Parent Advisory Council

Our community thrives on the support and enthusiasm from our engaged families. We appreciate parent involvement both on-site and behind the scenes. This is an open group and any level of participation is welcome. The group discusses ways to support MOS through time/ideas/resources/community contacts/etc. as well as ways to support its families. See [Parent Advisory Council](#).

## Summer Family Get-Togethers:

**Tuesdays, July 11 AND August TBA**

10:30am at Pine River Park

## Facebook Mead Outdoor School Parent Support Group

[Mead Outdoor School Parent Support Group](#) helps MOS families connect, build friendships, share ideas, and provide encouragement with common schooling journeys. This is a great place to ask for suggestions about outdoor clothing or lunches, arrange an after school meet-up, or get curriculum ideas or teaching suggestions! [This informal support group for parents is not affiliated with Mead School District or Mead Outdoor School.](#)

## Commellini Estates Outdoor Movie Series

### With a MOS Family Meet Up!

[Commellini Estates](#), the outdoor venue up the road from Camp Dart-Lo hosts an outdoor movie series for all families to enjoy!

- July 26
- August 2
- August 9

This is a free event for the community complete with themed food and beverage choices. Bring a blanket, chairs and your appetite for a memorable night with your family. Doors open at 6:30pm. 14715 N Dartford Drive.

\* MOS Advisory Council have been asked to be onsite to run a children's craft station. If you are willing to help, please reach out to Tracy or Kristina Branson, [kristinacandice@gmail.com](mailto:kristinacandice@gmail.com).

## MLO New Family Q&A

**August 15, 11:30am**

For all families on our waitlist and those wanting an in-person introduction to the MLO parent partnership programs. We will help families determine if this program is a good fit in terms of what MOS, Five Mile and North Star require and what prospective families need. The teaching parent and child(ren) should attend. Invite friends who want to hear more about your '23-24 educational plans.

## Regular MOS Days Begin

**September 12, Camp Dart-Lo**

- Core Hours: 9:00am-2:30pm, with staggered drop off and pick up times. 8:30am and 3:00pm. More details to come.
- Packing: backpack, water bottle, snacks, lunch, sturdy shoes, layered clothing.
- Bring an insulated lunch box (or order a school lunch through the Google form)
- Camp has a pack-it-in pack-it-out policy. Students will return with all their own lunch and snack garbage. Pack "green" whenever possible.

## Summer Reading Challenge "All Together Now"

The [Spokane County Library District](#) offers students the ability to track their reading minutes, earn badges, complete challenges, and enter a fabulous prize drawing.

Parents and students can sign up and challenge each other.

Program runs June 1-August 31.

*We encourage every student to read everyday...under a tree, in a tree, in a boat, in a hammock, on a trail...wherever you happen to enjoy the clouds floating by.*

## Technology Information for Parents

- Chromebooks will be off during the month of July.
- The Common Sense Website provides some parent-friendly updates and information on all things technology related. Their latest post is [Trends & Tools June 2023: AI Is Undeniable](#) It is worth a read.

## Do you have a Passion to Share? Volunteer at MOS

We love volunteers to teach connections, help with family days and camp clean up projects, assist with reading and content supports, etc.

Visit [the volunteer page](#) on MSD website for up-to-date information.

1. Complete an [online application](#). (Select Five Mile Prairie/North Star/Mead Virtual Program)

2. HR will email a volunteer disclosure form and a volunteer rules/requirements agreement to complete along with a request for a photo identification and COVID-19 vaccination.
3. HR will conduct a background check through Washington State Patrol, a requirement for all district volunteers.
4. HR will "share" a Google Sheet with each building principal that includes "approved" volunteers.

\* If you only volunteer through the Parent Advisory Council, not at school with students, you do not have to complete the application.

## 6/9/23- MOS FAMILY Update- Annual Parent Contract

Good Evening Raccoon Lovers,

I intended to send this email this morning. But the day got away from me, just like the year. Please address the requests as soon as possible....

The final week is here. Finish strong and on time to help us wrap up our reports for TPEP and Grant work. We'll be in MOS staff meetings on Tuesday and Thursday. Tuesday is devoted to reflection and planning. We'll look carefully at all the [Family Surveys](#) as we make plans for 2023-24. Thursday is devoted to reviewing IXL Diagnostics and posting final progress reports for 2022-23.

What a joy this year has been. We're blessed to have had such wonderful, supportive families, a staff with broad passions and skills and a site with biodiversity. Thank you for being part of year one.

### Calendar at a Glance

June 12 - Compete Checklist Requirements  
June 13 - Family Day at Pine River Park, 10:30am  
June 14- Commellini's Movie Night  
June 15 - Final Progress reports due for students on an intervention  
June 15 - Final IXL Diagnostics must be up to date  
June 15 - Final Evidence of Art and PE due for students absent **2 days** (5/16-6/1)  
June 16 - Library closes for summer. Last day to return materials  
June 20 - Last official day of the 2022-23 school year.  
June 21- Commellini's Movie Night

**End of Year Checklist Requirements- Submit by today, June 12**

- [MOS 2022-23 Family Survey](#) (**ALL current MOS families**)
- [MOS 2023-24 Annual Parent Contract](#) (**Returning** MOS families)
- [Family Curriculum Order form](#) (**Returning** MOS families) Share/Email to Ms. Erin: [erin.glasser@mead354.org](mailto:erin.glasser@mead354.org). If you don't order by then, your order will be placed we return in September, which doesn't guarantee pick up of materials until October.
- OSPI Photo Release for MOS photos, videos, and artifacts from 2022-23. From [Adobe/misskiirsten@gmail.com](mailto:Adobe/misskiirsten@gmail.com).

## Family Day at Pine River Park

Tuesday, June 13, 10:30am, Pine River Park

Connect with MOS families and hear about the many ways to get involved in our school community. Bring a lawn chair, and your kids, of course to play with other MOS students. Counts as alternate contact for the week.

## Plans Changing For 2023-24?

Our roster for 2023-24 is set and full. If at any point over the summer your plans change, please let us know. We, too, want the best possible educational choice for your family. Also, we have a waitlist with new families anxious to get in.

## 6/5/23- MOS Family UPDATE- Field Trip Details

Hello Raccoon Lovers,

While there are no more on-site classes, school's not out until June 20. Students are expected to keep working on math and ELA at home, make weekly contact with a mentor teacher and update their IXL diagnostic.

The field trip(s) or the MLO Field Day this week counts for contact. The June 13 Family Day at Pine River Park (10:30am) counts for contact next week. If you are not able to attend, please send an email to a mentor teacher from your student with details of learning.

Hike on!

Your MOS team- Erin, Jen, Kirsten, Liz, Katie and Tracy

## Calendar at a Glance

- June 5 - Last day to return library items for summer check-out
- June 6 - Field Trip to Turnbull Wildlife Refuge (counts for alt. contact)
- June 7 - MLO-Wide Field Day, 11:30am (counts for alt. contact)
- June 8 - Minnehaha Field Trip for Middle Schoolers (counts for alt. contact)
- June 9 - New Family Q&A at PLC Library, 11:15am (final session until fall)
- June 12 - Submit 2022-23 End of Year Survey
- June 12 - Annual Parent Contract due

June 12 - Final chance to Order Learning Materials before September  
June 13 - Family Day at Pine River Park, 10:30am (counts for alt. contact)  
June 15 - Final Progress reports due for students on an intervention  
June 15 - Final IXL Diagnostics must be up to date  
June 15 - Final Evidence of Art and PE due for students absent **2 days** (5/16-6/1)  
June 16 - Library closes for summer. Last day to return materials

## Turnbull Field Trip Details

For all students who submitted a field trip permission slip.

Meet: Tuesday, June 6, 9:15 at the MVP parking lot 529 W Hastings Rd, Spokane. Bus leaves at 9:30am. Parents are welcome to follow in personal vehicles with tagalong siblings.

Bring: Sunscreen, bugspray, lunch, water bottle, sturdy shoes

Return: We will arrive back at the MVP parking lot 529 W Hastings Rd, Spokane, at 2:00pm

## Minnehaha Field Trip Details

For all middle schoolers who submitted a field trip permission slip.

Meet: Thursday, June 8, 9:15 at the MVP parking lot 529 W Hastings Rd, Spokane. Bus leaves at 9:30am.

Bring: Sunscreen, bugspray, lunch, water bottle, sturdy shoes

Return: We will arrive back at the MVP parking lot 529 W Hastings Rd, Spokane, at 2:00pm

## MOS Loaner Chargers are Missing

Even MOS is charged for replacements, at a cost of \$66 each. They are labeled with MOS LOANER written on duct tape. Did anyone happen to inadvertently take one home?

## MLO-Wide Field Day

For all North Star, Five Mile Prairie and Outdoor School families!

**Wednesday, June 7th at 11:30am** at Bidwell Park

[RSVP](#)

[Event Flyer](#)

This event is hosted by the MLO PTO and not sponsored by the schools.

## End of Year Checklist

- [MOS 2022-23 Family Survey](#) (**For ALL current MOS families**) Submit by June 12
- [MOS 2023-24 Annual Parent Contract](#) (For families **returning** to MOS) Submit by June 12
- OUT OF DISTRICT TRANSFER REQUEST FORMS (Required annually. Available online June 1)
- MOS [Family Curriculum Order form](#) (For families **returning** to MOS) Submit by June 12

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Learning materials must be on our approved materials list, ordered from an approved vendor, included in the WSLP, not faith-based.

[See MOS and MLO recommended materials](#)

- Chromebook/Charger Returned** (For students leaving Mead District) By June 16
- Library Items Returned** (For all MLO students)

A list of all items checked out to your student's library account was sent home on May 4. It is also available by logging into Follett or contacting the school office.

- **NOT DONE with items:** Recheck them out by **June 5th**. Clearly label them with your family name and "RETURN FOR SUMMER." You will receive an email when they are processed and ready for pickup.
- **DONE with items:** Return them to the library or to the cart at the front office by **June 16th**. These items do not need to be labeled.
- Have Questions about your student's account or general library questions? Call Cynthia Villines in the library, 509-465-4450 or email [cynthia.villines@mead354.org](mailto:cynthia.villines@mead354.org)
- **The Library closes June 16 for the summer.** Come in before then to check out books for summer reading. Library Hours: M-F 9:15 am - 3:15 am (closed 11:30 am -12:15 pm daily for lunch)
- **ALL TECHNOLOGY, RESOURCES AND MATERIALS MUST BE RETURNED BEFORE YOU CAN WITHDRAW.**

## 5/29/23- MOS FAMILY UPDATE - End of Year Checklist

Happy Memorial Day Racoon Lovers,

This is a special day for lots of families who remember loved ones who have served in the armed forces. We honor them for their contributions to our freedoms.

Tomorrow's **Living History Day should** be a show stopper. Students and staff have worked hard for weeks to prepare. Please join us at 1:30 for our final family day of the year. Papa Murphy's fundraiser coupons cards will be ready for pick up. [Reserve your cards.](#)

Hike On!  
The MOS Team

## Living History Day is here! See you tomorrow 1:45-2:30

The big day is here and we are excited to welcome you to Washington State History Living Day. Here are some tips and tricks.

- Parent Early Arrival - If you arrive a little early, please gather on the porch. Miss Kirsten will let you know when the students are ready.
- [Map](#) - It's a little like Disneyland. Study the map and plan your route accordingly. You won't have time to see them all. For a list of students and locations see here: [Living History Location by Student](#)
- Water Bottles - It's going to be a hot one. Bring your water bottle and fill up with ice water at Bird's Nest located on the other side of camp.

- Hiking Shoes - Some trails are smooth while a few are very challenging. Please wear sturdy hiking boots/shoes. Some grandparents may want to choose an alternate route. Please let any nearby teacher know if you need help.
- Facts - This has been a challenging project. Students are still learning how to share facts through living history. Enjoy the event and debrief with your student on how they might do things differently in the future. We will repeat this project in a future year.

### Living History Day Links

[Living History Location by Student](#)

[Living History Day Map](#)

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## 5/22/23- MOS FAMILY UPDATE - Papa Murphy Fundraiser

Hello Racoon Lovers,

With testing over, we're on the final leg of a tremendous year. This week's cooler weather is a welcome reprieve, and just in time for some much needed service projects.

The new shed arrives June 1. We need help leveling and preparing the site. Any parents with strength, skills and time to assist, please let us know. Work will be done this Thursday, May 25 and Tuesday, May 30.

Hike On,  
The MOS Team

### History Day Details

Feel free to send all props/costumes/large items to school for dress rehearsal on Thursday, May 25th.

On May 30th Living History Day will be from 1:30-2:30. You may arrive a little early for parking...Miss Kirsten will direct you to a starting location.

### Papa Murphy Fundraiser

The Parent Advisory Group is coordinating Coupon Card Sales to raise money for the new MOS shed.

How it works: We buy bulk cards for \$1 each. Families agree to pay \$5 each when you pick up and sell at your own pace. School keeps \$4 each. If families average 5-10 cards each, that's \$1000-2000 toward the shed.

[Reserve your cards](#) for pickup on Living History Day. Alternatively, you can donate directly to the fundraiser on Tuesday.

### Calendar at a Glance

May 30 - Family Day/Living History Day  
May 31 - Commellini's Movie Night

June 1 - Last day of on-site MOS  
June 5 - Last day to return library items for summer check-out  
June 6 - Field Trip to Turnbull Wildlife Refuge  
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## **Volunteers Needed June 1st**

Clean Up AND/OR Field Day.

Please see the [Field Day and Clean Up Flyer](#). If you have any questions or want to chat with someone directly, please feel free to email [katie.semko@mead354.org](mailto:katie.semko@mead354.org).

[Sign up to volunteer on this Google Form](#)

## **End of the School Year**

Classes at MOS end on June 1 and the last day of school is not until June 20. What happens between June 1-20?

- Once classes end at MOS on June 1, there will be no more work assigned on Google Classroom
- Students are expected to keep working on math and ELA at home until the last day of school on June 20
- Student IXL data needs to be current on June 15 to show satisfactory progress
- Students need to make weekly contact with a teacher during the week of June 5 and June 12 via one of the following options (or through email):
  - June 6 - whole school field trip to Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge
  - June 8 - middle school field trip to Minnehaha / Camp Sekani
  - June 13 - family day at Pine River Park
- End-of-the-year tasks complete by June 16
  - learning plan materials ordered
  - books returned to the library

annual parent contract signed.

## **5/8/23- MOS FAMILY UPDATE - Spring MAP Assessment**

Good Morning Raccoon Lovers,

We were blessed with such a beautiful weekend to honor our mothers. I hope all our raccoon mothers felt appreciated and loved by your children and families on Sunday and every day.

Please take a moment to review this email for some last minute reminders.  
Hike On,  
The MOS Team

## Library Closed May 15-19 for Testing

**Library returns and pick ups** will take place in the PLC entryway using the clearly marked carts.

You can call Cynthia in the library, with questions, 509-465-7750.

## Spring MAP assessment

Students will take the MAP assessment **this week** on both Tue/Thu, May 16/18. Be sure that your student(s) **bring their charged Chromebooks each day**. As always, we aim to provide a relaxed and comfortable testing environment.

We are hopeful these final MAP scores provide evidence that MOS, and our partnership with parents, provides an exceptional learning environment for students. Please reach out to us if you have any ideas or thoughts that will help us make testing a good experience for your child.

The Parent Advisory Committee is serving pancakes on Thursday morning to celebrate the completion of the testing requirements. Drop students off at 8:45 for food and community. Want to help? Reach out to [Suzi Meyers](#).

## Pokemon Card Swap

Lunchtime has evolved into a Pokeman exchange experience. While we're happy to see the students so enthusiastic, there are a few issues we need to address.

1. Lunchtime is the only time students should be accessing their cards. If they try to access them any other time of the day, we will ask students to leave their cards at home.
2. Students need to EAT. If they are too focused on trading and they aren't eating their lunch, we will have to end the Pokemon Card Swap.
3. Please review the cards with your child before they bring them on site. We are not closely supervising swaps and can't guarantee that fair trades occur. Some Pokeman cards may have considerable worth and should be left at home.

## Mead Learning Options PTO

MOS Needs Representation!

**Friday May 19, 2023 3:30pm**

[Join Zoom Meeting](#) Meeting ID: 734 2978 7951 Passcode: PTO

*Come get an update on what we have been accomplishing this year (mostly a lot of red tape and paperwork ha!), and then look towards next year and set some goals and expectations for how our schools can work together for the benefit of all our students, families and staff. There are so many cool things we can do now that some of the boring stuff has been taken care of!*

*Looking forward to seeing you then!*

Kerra, Bri and Lisa  
MLO PTO Board Members

## Middle School Field Trip

On Thursday, June 8, our middle school students have an amazing opportunity to spend time at one of our most beautiful natural areas in Spokane and connect with each other as they challenge themselves in climbing. Jonathan, one of our LDEs at MOS, has helped to set up an excellent adventure with trained instructors who will guide us at Minehaha on June 8th. For students who prefer not to climb, Ms. Erin will be leading a hike and possible disc golf adventure. This will be an excellent end to the year.

Reminders:

- 9:30-2:00 meet and pick up at MVP at 529 W. Hastings Rd.
- bring packed lunch
- bring \$15 to help cover the cost of our professional instructors
- wear closed-toed shoes, pants, and a comfortable shirt
- bring sun-block and plenty of water
- Return [permission slip](#) by **May 30**.

## Keep your Chromebook over the summer if you are....

- Staying at MOS or another MLO program
- Staying in Mead School District in a middle school or high school

(Chromebooks will be disabled from July 1-Sept. 5)

## Turn in your Chromebook at the end of the year to the PLC office if you are...

- Leaving the Mead School District

Staying in Mead, but headed to a traditional elementary school.

## 5/7/23- MOS Family Update - Library Returns Update

Good Day Raccoon Lovers,

With just eight on-site MOS days left of the year, we're all working hard to pack in as much adventure and learning as possible. The rollercoaster weather just contributes to the ride.

We're also working hard to prepare for a good start to the 2023-24 school year by doing intakes, setting up WSLPs, placing curriculum and material orders and planning programs. Most of our current families have shared their plans for next year. If you have any questions, reach out to a mentor teacher.

## Calendar at a Glance

May 9/11 - Morning Math Lab Back in Action

May 8 - June 16 - Return items to the Library

May 12 - New Family Q&A at PLC Library, 11:30am

May 15 - Progress reports due for students on an intervention

May 15 - IXL Diagnostics must be up to date  
May 15 - Evidence of Art and PE due for students absent **3 days** (4/16-5/15)  
May 16/18 - MAP testing, MOS-wide  
May 17 - Commellini's Movie Night  
May 30 - Family Day/Living History Day  
May 31 - Commellini's Movie Night  
June 1 - Last day of on-site MOS  
June 6 - Field Trip to Turnbull Wildlife Refuge  
May 6 - MOS Parent Advisory Committee, 7:00pm [Join Zoom Meeting](#)  
June 9 - New Family Q&A at PLC Library, 11:30am


## **LIBRARY RETURNS for the 22/23 School Year**

A list of all library and curriculum materials that are checked out to your student's account was sent home on May 4.

**ARE YOU DONE with your library and curriculum items?** Return them to the library or to the cart at the front office window between **May 8th and June 16th**. These items do NOT need to be labeled with your family name.

**NOT DONE with your library and curriculum items?** Want to continue to use these items for the summer? Return these items between **May 8th and June 5th**. Clearly label them with your family name and "RETURN FOR SUMMER." These items will be processed and returned to you as soon as possible. You will receive an email when they are ready for pickup and they will be available on a separate cart in the PLC building entryway.

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The Library will close **June 16** for the summer- there will be no checkouts after this date. Please come see us before then to check out books for summer reading.   
Library Hours: M-F 9:15 am - 3:15 am (closed 11:30 am -12:15 pm daily for lunch)

## **No Faith Based Curriculum - It's Not a MOS Rule, It's ALE Law**

All Mead Learning Options programs (including MOS) operate under the mandates of Washington State law governing public Alternative Learning Experience (ALE) programs. They are not entitlements or independent homeschooling. Enrollment is based on a parent's ability to be an active partner in their child's education and abide by the ALE laws.

- MLO/MOS cannot purchase or supervise the use of any faith based curriculum/materials.
- During the 30 hours of instruction covered by the WSLP, only approved materials may be used.

- Many families use family time (outside of the 30 hours) to access activities and materials that reflect their family's unique values and worldview. The school does not supervise nor comment on family time activities therefore these activities and materials cannot be used to demonstrate adequate progress.
- All families agree to comply with the Statement of Understanding, the requirements and limitations of the WSLP and curriculum materials, and applicable state ALE laws upon enrollment in MLO/MOS.

Asking a teacher to ignore or disregard the law, puts the teacher's ethics, professionalism and certification at risk as well as the integrity of the program. We have been inattentive to this issue this year, as we've worked feverishly to build the highest quality on-site experience. However, moving forward, we have established protocols to protect MOS from non-compliance violations and ensure a sustainable program for years to come.

We have developed a comprehensive [list of MOS and MLO recommended materials](#). Many of these have comparable features to popular faith based materials. If you stick with us, and want to use a non-faith-based resource that is not on the list, reach out to a Mentor Teacher. If using faith-based materials is your priority, we honor your decision, thank you for this wonderful year, and wish you the best of luck in your next adventure. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Commellini Estates Outdoor Movie Series**

[Commellini Estates](#), the outdoor venue down the road from Camp Dart-Lo is hosting an outdoor movie series for all families to enjoy!

- May 17 - Luca
- May 31 - Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs

This is a free event for the community complete with themed food and beverage choices. The Camp Fire crew will have kid crafts. Bring a blanket, chairs and your appetite for a memorable night with your family. Doors open at 6:30pm. 14715 N Dartford Drive

### **Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge Field Trip**

June 6, 9:30-2:30

[Permission Slip](#) due on May 30.

Turnbull serves as an outdoor classroom to teach about wildlife and natural resources. The interpretation programs provide opportunities for students to make their own connections to the natural world through self-guided walks and volunteer-led programs about the wildlife and habitat behind the landscapes. Students will hike the Subblefield Lake Trail, a 4-mile round trip, where the view of the forest, keystone species, and biodiversity is best. Alternatively, students will meet with staff to explore an abundance

and diversity of wildflowers, wildlife and waterfowl observation areas. We'll board a bus at the Mead Virtual Program Building at 529 West Hastings Road, at 9:30am and return there at 2:00. Parents and siblings are encouraged to come, but must drive separately. Let us know by May 30 if you plan to attend.

### **Summer STEM Academy**

Registration for summer [STEM Academy](#) is open and spots are filling quickly. Participants will learn about Historic, Current and Future Explorations, Robotics, Food Chemistry, Game Design, Digital Photography, Flight and Space, Nature, Planet Earth, and the Little Spokane River.

### **The Spokesman-Review High School Paid Internship Program**

These students would be paid to be journalists for their hometown newspaper. They will have desks right next to our newspaper's top editors, and will be using the same equipment and computers the rest of our reporters use. The students' main editor will be Rob Curley. Program graduates receive custom-written letters of reference sent directly to the colleges and scholarship funds that they request. Last year's class received more than \$200,000 in scholarships. The program runs for eight weeks beginning on June 26.

Here is the link to apply: <https://www.spokesman.com/teen-journalism-institute/>

## **4/23/23 MOS Family Update- CURRICULUM ORDERING**

Good Afternoon Racoon Lovers,

Forgive the length of this update. There's a lot to cover. Scan for highlights, then return to relevant sections. We post each email update in the Archive in Google Classroom should you discover you missed something.

Hike On,  
The MOS staff

### **Calendar at a Glance**

Apr 25 - [Curriculum Fair](#) at PLC Library

Apr 25/27 - SBA Testing grades 3-8

May 2 - MOS Parent Advisory Committee, 7:00pm [Join Zoom Meeting](#)

May 2/4 - SBA Testing Continued

May 12 - New Family Q&A at PLC Library, 11:30am

May 15 - Progress reports due for students on an intervention

May 15 - IXL Diagnostics must be up to date

May 15 - Evidence of Art and PE due for students absent **3 days** (4/16-5/15)

### **Curriculum Fair and Ordering**

**April 25 at 5:30pm at the PLC library.**

We will have brief presentations for both ELA and math followed by browsing and chatting with other parents who have used it. At the end, we will have time to collect curriculum orders for next year. Please review our [recommended curriculum](#) list and come with questions.

Have expertise or experience in any of our recommended curriculum? Come share with other families the dos and don'ts for getting the most out of at-home learning.

**ALL returning MOS families need to attend the curriculum fair OR submit your orders by April 26 to ensure that your materials will get in our next bulk order. If you already know what curriculum you will use, please fill out [this Family Curriculum Order form](#) and return it to Ms. Erin: [erin.glasser@mead354.org](mailto:erin.glasser@mead354.org)**

## Testing Reminders

- Parent group is offering morning breakfast snacks on Tuesday. Please arrive at 8:45 if you'd like to participate in breakfast. **Are you able to help provide snacks?** [MOS SBA Testing Snack Signup](#)
- **No morning math lab** on all Testing Days.
- Untrained adults may not enter the test area. Since some of our students test on the front porch and other outdoor spaces, please call first if you need to arrive during the testing day.
- Testers, bring your own book to read when you are done testing OR expect to choose a book from the lodge library.
- No morning Connection block in the schedule. During afternoon Connection block Week 1 everyone will go to their morning Connections and Week 2 everyone will go to their afternoon Connections.
- Bring your charged Chromebooks.
- Bring your own headphones and mouse IF you have them/want them. No bluetooth earbuds.
- No electronics are allowed in the testing space. This includes calculators, smart watches, and phones. Please leave these items at home.

## April 27 Family Day Canceled

With just 12 more days of on-site MOS, teachers want more instruction time due to all the lost time with testing. The organized event is canceled. You are welcome to come in between 1:45 and 2:30 to chat with a teacher or to wander and observe Connections.

\*Writing Portfolios and Washington State Maps will be sent home this day for the  $\frac{2}{3}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  classes. Please celebrate these accomplishments with your students at home!

## Final Novel Study

[Brian's Hunt](#) by Gary Paulson

This is a short, but intense book. This [Google Slides](#) has everything you will need to begin the study, except the book.

Caution: Chapter 9 has some graphic details that may not be suitable for your child's age. Please pre-read the chapter, so you can determine how to address it with your child(ren).

## Silverwood Read to Ride

Mead Learning Options had an amazing 320 participants in the Read to Ride program this year- that's 3,200 hours of reading!!

If a family requested an email ticket they should have already received an email from Silverwood with that information. Please let Cynthia in the MLO library (509-465-7750) know if that is not the case. If your family requested a printed ticket, your ticket is available for pick up in the Pittsburg Learning Center (13120 N. Pittsburg) in the main office. Please see Leora or Maxine if you have any questions. One form without a name! If your student returned their form but doesn't receive a ticket- please contact the PLC office. Thank you! Miss Cynthia

## Tick Season

While I have never encountered a tick at Camp Dart-Lo in the 36 years I've spent time there, ticks are found in eastern Washington. It's unlikely that students will pick up a tick, and it's unlikely that a tick bite will lead to illness. However, if your concern level is high, review this [information on ticks](#) provided by the Department of Health.

## Report an Absence

All schools expect notification if a child is going to be absent. At MOS, we ask that you notify us through the [Report a MOS Absence](#) form. It immediately shares the information with all the staff. This is also how we track mandatory alternate contact.

Use the Absence Form on missed days to describe evidence of learning in Art and PE if you are absent more than the 25% threshold for the month.

## 4/17/23 MOS Family Update- Connections Independent Study Time

### Calendar at a Glance

- Apr 17 - Progress reports due for students on an intervention
- Apr 17 - IXL Diagnostics must be up to date
- Apr 17 - Evidence of Art and PE due for students absent **2 days** (3/16-4/15)
- Apr 19 - Coffee and Conversation
- Apr 25 - Curriculum Fair at PLC Library
- Apr 25/27 - SBA Testing grades 3-8
- Apr 27 - Family Day
- May 2 - MOS Parent Advisory Committee, 7:00pm [Join Zoom Meeting](#)
- May 2/4 - SBA Testing Continued
- May 12 - New Family Q&A at PLC Library

### Connections Independent Study Time

To finish the year strong, we've added in a daily flexible enrollment connection for students who

haven't finished their science or social studies homework, their IXL diagnostic, or other intervention requirements. If they need more time to complete these assignments, we'll provide both the time and teacher support. As soon as they're caught up, they will return to their scheduled connections.

### **Curriculum Fair and Ordering**

**April 25 at 5:30pm at the PLC library.**

Parent focused time to learn about the most common and recommended materials and chat with parents who've used them. We will collect curriculum orders that evening. ALL returning MOS families should plan to attend OR submit your curriculum orders prior to that day. If you already know what curriculum you would like to use, please fill out [this form](#) and return it to Ms. Erin: [erin.glasser@mead354.org](mailto:erin.glasser@mead354.org)

### **Parent Advisory Committee**

Just a handful of parents were able to attend the relaunch of the PAC. Even still, they were able to make a number of decisions and get the ball rolling on a couple upcoming projects. To review the minutes, check out the document in Google Classroom. The next meeting is via [Zoom](#), 7:00pm on May 2.

### **Coffee & Conversations: Wednesdays, 1:50-2:55**

**4/19/23** Foreign languages. This group meets in the PLC library and is open to all MLO families. Bring your favorite beverage. Tagalongs are welcome.

### **Clean and Clear at Camp Dart-Lo**

Volunteer opportunity: clearing brush and trails, weeding flower beds, washing windows, sweeping buildings, etc. Tasks for all ages. Lunch is provided. Students must be accompanied by an adult. [RSVP here](#). This event is sponsored by Camp Fire.

### **Lockdown Drills**

As can be expected, a lockdown drill at outdoor school looks completely different than at a traditional school building. For our setting, we instruct students to hide like in a game of Eagle's Eye. Last Thursday we reviewed and practiced a Lockdown-Eagles Eye. It was a magnificent sight to see/not see 76 students blending into the background. Later this spring we will practice once more. Please ask your child about it and debrief if you feel they need more specific information about *why* we practice lockdowns.

### **Testing Update**

Testing is coming up soon as we aim to make it a positive experience. Our parent group is providing breakfast treats for the whole school on the first day of testing. Students will have lots of breaks and support. If you have any questions please reach out to [kirsten.erickson@mead354.org](mailto:kirsten.erickson@mead354.org).

Here is our SBA testing schedule at a glance and a link to a more [detailed version](#).

### **PRACTICE + TESTING SCHEDULE:**

- April 11 - practice ELA in SS blocks
- April 13 - practice math + sci in science blocks

- April 25 - Math CAT (1.5-2 hrs)
- April 27 - Math PT (1 hr) + WCAS (1.5-2 hrs)
  - FAMILY DAY in the afternoon
- May 2 - ELA CAT (1.5 hrs) + ELA PT, Pt. 1 (0.5 hr)
- May 4 - ELA PT, Pt. 2 (1.5-2 hrs)

### **Living History Day**

When: Family Day - Tuesday, May 30th

This week in social studies we will share information about how classes are signing up for our last big project - Washington State Living History Day. Miss Katie will lead the K-1s in a group project. The 2-8 will get to make decisions about what location/time period of Washington State History.

Google Sheet: We will use a Google Sheet to coordinate student selections. Please only have parents edit this document, or a student under the supervision of a parent.

Ideal Groups: 5 students

### **4/9/23 MOS Family Update- New Connections Schedule**

Welcome Back Racoon Lovers,

I hope you all had a restful spring break; time with family and friends, mealtime and treats, hunts and hikes in nature. The countdown now begins. With just sixteen days remaining of the 2022-23 school year, we're excited for beautiful weather, new connections and culminating projects.

This Tuesday is expected to be a wet one. The beautiful weather is on hold for a while longer. Please remind students to dress in layers including rain gear.

### **Calendar at a Glance**

Apr 11 - Parent Advisory Council

Apr 14 - New Family Q&A at PLC Library

Apr 17 - Progress reports due for students on an intervention

Apr 17 - IXL Diagnostics must be up to date

Apr 17 - Evidence of Art and PE due for students absent **2 days** (3/16-4/15)

Apr 25 - Curriculum Fair at PLC Library

Apr 25/27 - SBA Testing grades 3-8

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May 2/4 - SBA Testing Continued

### **Next Parent Advisory Council Meeting**

Please join us April 11, 1:45-2:30. We'll get reacquainted, review structure and roles,

and share out a handful of projects in the works that would benefit our MOS community. If you are interested, but unable to attend at that time, please let us know.

### **Curriculum Survey**

As we start setting up WSLPs and placing orders for math and ELA curriculum materials for next year, we want to hear how this year's choices have worked for you. Please fill out this short [Google Form](#) by **April 10**. With all the new families joining us, we want to recommend only the most robust and friendly materials to teach our students children at home.

Curriculum Fair and WSLP Meeting- **April 25 from 5:30-7:00** at the PLC library. Come hear about the most common and recommended materials and chat with parents who've used them. We will collect curriculum orders that evening.

### **Final Spring Connections Schedule**

After reviewing spring Connections requests we've placed students in as many top choices as possible. Connections will last through June 1.

## **3/29/23 MOS Family Update- Family Day Thursday 3/30** **Good Morning Raccoon Lovers,**

The last day of MOS in March is also a family day. We're excited to bring our families back onto campus after the long winter doldrums. The teachers and students have worked hard to prepare a lively Speech and Debate Tournament. It'll be a good send off for a much needed spring break.

**Hi! On!~**  
**The MOS Teachers**

### **Calendar of Events**

Mar 29 - Coffee and Connections at PLC Library, 1:50-2:55, Ideas for spring outings  
Mar 30 - Family Day, Speech and Debate Tournament  
Mar 31 - End of Silverwood Read to Ride Campaign  
Apr 3-7 - Spring Break  
Apr 11 - Parent Advisory Council  
Apr 14 - New Family Q&A at PLC Library

### **Family Day Speech and Debate Tournament**

Thursday, March 30, 1:30-2:30. Come listen to students in the K-5 groups give speeches and debate. Miss Kirsten is coordinating parent judges. To help, reach out to [kirsten.erickson@mead354.org](mailto:kirsten.erickson@mead354.org).

### **Curriculum Survey**

As hard as it is to believe, we are nearing the end of this school year and started planning for fall. One of our main goals is to get your family set up with robust math and ELA curriculum materials that will help you teach your children at home. We want to hear how your year has gone so far with the curriculum that you have been using. What is working and what isn't? Please fill out this short [Google Form](#) to give us your feedback. We would appreciate having

this survey completed by the end of spring break, **April 10**.

We have a MOS curriculum fair and WSLP planning session scheduled for **April 25 from 5:30-7** at the PLC library. Please mark your calendars! We will collect curriculum orders that evening.

### **Bring Computers to MOS**

Starting April 11, all 2-8th grade students please bring computers to school through the last day of MAP testing. We will use them for test prep, testing and research projects in social studies and science. Please label your charger with your student's name.

### **Submit Your Read to Ride Logs**

Bring your completed Silverwood Reading Logs to MOS on Thursday. We'll save you a trip to the PLC building. March 31 is the last day to turn them in.

### **Our Middle Schoolers Impress the Inland NW Land Conservancy**

The second field trip to Waikiki Springs was a huge success. Students worked hard clearing brush and chipping slash. We're proud of you and feel great at receiving such accolades for middle school volunteers.

### **[Link to Family Plans for Fall 2023-24](#)**

For the handful of families who still haven't filled out the form...Choose UNDECIDED if you are still unsure. We're starting to place new families and want to save a spot if needed.

## **3/19/23 MOS Family Update**

Mar 21 - Waikiki Springs Trip for Middle Schoolers  
Mar 23 - Connection Requests Due  
Mar 28 - Waikiki Springs Service Project for Middle Schoolers  
Mar 29 - Coffee and Connections at PLC Library  
Mar 30 - Family Day, Speech and Debate Tournament  
Mar 31 - End of Silverwood Read to Ride Campaign  
Apr 3-7 - Spring Break  
Apr 11 - Parent Advisory Council  
Apr 14 - New Family Q&A at PLC Library

### **Middle School Field Trip to Waikiki Springs**

If you haven't turned in your permission slips for the field trip on Tuesdays, March 21/28, please return the following form when you arrive.

### **Connections Request for April-may**

Enjoy reviewing the final [Connection Request](#) of the year. Make your choices and submit by Thursday, April 23. Students will have a new Connection Schedule starting Tuesday, April 11.

### **Thursday, March 30th Family Day Speech and Debate Tournament**

Our next family day is soon approaching! Our 2-5 students will be participating in a speech and debate tournament during that time. Schedule to be shared soon.

K-1 - Will hold a mini speech event with Miss Katie from 1:30-2:15

2-3 - Will hold their speeches during their content block so they are not overwhelmed with an audience. Depending on the schedule we may hold their final round when parents are on campus. At the very least we will present their award ribbons.

4-5 - Will hold preliminary rounds in the morning and final rounds during the bulk of Family Day from 1:30-2:30

6-8 - Will be filling out ballots to give feedback.

Volunteers needed:

We need 10 judges during these time periods. It doesn't take any experience...just a willingness to be impartial. It's really very fun! Parents will not judge their own students.

9:30-11:00 - 5 Judges for the 4-5 age group.

12:15 - 1:30 - 5 Judges for the 2-3 age group.

1:30-2:30 - 5-10 Judges

### **Raz-Kids Resource Underutilized**

Many of our MOS students have signed up to use Raz-Kids for extra fluency and comprehension practice. It has a built in reward system as well as lots of great data to show where students excel and struggle. We have a limited number of seats available for all our MLO programs and a growing list of students wanting a seat. If you haven't logged in in the past 30 days, you are at risk of being removed. Either log in this week or send me an email indicating your willingness to drop it. Forget how to login? [See Google Classroom](#). Raz-Kids is available all summer.

### **Link to Family Plans for Fall 2023-24**

Unsure about next year? Choose UNDECIDED when completing the form. Enrollment dictates hiring. Hiring dictates readiness. Readiness dictates the best possible start to the 2023-24 year.

### **New Family Q&A sessions**

Fridays, April 14 and May 12, at the PLC Library. To include program overviews, ALE laws, and enrollment processes for North Star, Five Mile Prairie, and MOS.

## 3/12/23 MOS Family Update

### Feeling the Pressure to Make a Decision?

We'll keep posting the [Family Plans for Fall 2023-24](#) form until we hear from all our parents. But don't let it pressure your decision. In fact, there is an option to specify UNDECIDED. Noone in satisfactory status will be removed from the MOS roster unless you request it. We're evaluating our current roster and waitlist to determine potential fall staffing needs.

### New Family Q&A sessions

Friday, April 14 and May 12, at the Pittsburg Learning Center Library. This is a combined meeting for North Star, Five Mile Prairie, and MOS, to include program overviews, ALE laws, and enrollment process.

### Assignment or Enrichment? in Google Classroom

Thank you families who responded to our "[Homework Survey](#)" so we could assess how much homework is too much homework. It's not too late, if you'd like to tell us how much time your student spends on MOS Science and Social Studies assignments.

Much of what we post is optional enrichment. But how do you know? Here's a quick reference.

- K-1: Everything posted in both Science and Social Studies is **optional enrichment**.
- 2-3: Everything posted in Science is **optional enrichment**. Social Studies has less than 30 minutes of assigned work with all the rest **optional enrichment**.
- 4-5: Everything posted in Science is **required** and should take 20-60 minutes weekly. Social Studies has 30-60 minutes of assigned work with all the rest **optional enrichment**.
- 6-8: Everything posted in Science is **required** and should take 1-2 hours weekly. Everything posted in Social Studies is **required** and should take 2 hours weekly.

Teachers can give the same assignment with differentiation for choice and voice to meet the varied needs and skill levels of the students. If your student spends more than the suggested time to complete the assigned work, reach out to the content teacher for differentiated assignments or support.

### Coffee & Conversations: Wednesdays, 1:50-2:55

**3/15/23** Ideas for new clubs next year or clubs new to you

**3/22/23** Teaching through games

**3/29/23** Ideas for spring outings/ favorite parks

**4/19/23** Foreign languages

## Monthly Progress Reports

IXL Diagnostic- make sure it is current by tomorrow, 3/15. Incomplete diagnostics will automatically result in an unsatisfactory for that content area since this is our primary method of evaluating student growth in Reading and Math.

Family Progress Reports- Due by 3/15. If your child had an unsatisfactory last month, this report helps us determine how we can support their growth.

Art and PE Reports- If your child was absent more than 2 days, we need an accounting of art and PE activities completed at home. If you reported this on the absence form, then all is good. If not, please submit an email with a summary of art and PE activities by tomorrow.

## 3/5/23 MOS Family Update- New Calendar Events

### Good Morning Raccoon Lovers,

We're looking forward to another wonderful week at Outdoor School. It doesn't matter what the weather has in store for us, we are mighty and adventurous. March is generally in like a lion and out like a lamb. This year is looking to be no exception. Please skim through the dates. Add relevant events to your calendar. Then remember you can always access previous family emails in the Google Classroom.

**Hi!ke On!~  
The MOS Team**

### Calendar at a Glance

Mar 7 - 8/9th Grade Info Meeting  
Mar 9 - CogAt screener for all second graders (and select first graders)  
Mar 9 - New Family Q&A for MLO Parent Partnerships at PLC library  
Mar 15 - Progress reports due for students on an intervention  
Mar 15 - IXL Diagnostics must be up to date  
Mar 15 - Evidence of Art and PE due for students absent 3 days (2/16-3/15)  
Mar 16 - Full CogAt Assessment for qualified students  
Mar 17 - April/May Connection Requests Form available  
Mar 21 - Waikiki Springs Trip for Middle Schoolers  
Mar 28 - Waikiki Springs Service Project for Middle Schoolers  
Mar 31 - End of Silverwood Read to Ride Campaign  
Apr 11 - Parent Advisory Council

### Next Parent Advisory Council Meeting

Let's reignite our Parent Advisory Council. It's been some time since this group has been able to meet. Please join us April 11, 1:45-2:30. We'll get reacquainted, review structure and roles, and share out a handful of projects in the works that would benefit our MOS community. If you are interested, but unable to attend at that time, please let

us know.

### **CogAT Testing for Second Grade**

Computers needed - Thursday, March 9th for all 2nd grade students (and first graders who signed the CogAT screener form). This is a district screener for highly capable students.

### **Fall Planning For 2023-24**

As we begin intaking new families and securing our roster for 2023-24, we want to hear from our current families. Please complete the [Family Plans for Fall 2023-24](#). For all of you moving on, thank you for the fun, adventures, and lessons learned. This year has equipped us to grow with more students, staff, compassion and content. We wish you best wishes on your next path.

Do you know someone who might be interested in joining our MOS community? Encourage them to complete the [Mead Learning Options Interest Form \(2023-24\)](#). [Students who have completed all the necessary paperwork and have attended applicable Q&A sessions will receive priority consideration as appropriate spots become available.](#)

### **MOS Priority Enrollment**

1. Current MOS students who are making satisfactory progress
2. Siblings of current MOS students
3. Current MLO students who are making satisfactory progress
4. In Mead district students
5. Out of district students

Our next Q&A session on **Thursday, March 9th at 2pm** will take place at the Pittsburg Learning Center Library. This is a collaborative meeting to share details about North Star, Five Mile Prairie Elementary, and Mead Outdoor School. We will give an overview of each program, ALE laws around parent partnerships, enrollment processes and timelines, and answer general questions.

### **Usborne Online Book Fair**

Thank you Katie Giolitti, organizer, and all the families who purchased books through the Usborne Online Book Fair. That level of participation resulted in \$184 in credits for MOS books. That's a lot of quality USborne books for our MOS program.

## **UPDATE- MOS is Canceled along with the rest of the District, Tuesday 2/28**

As the snow continues to blanket the northwest, I hope you have a chance to get out and build a snowman.

We'll see you all on Thursday, March 2. (knocking on wood)

## 2/28/23 MOS Late Start, Tuesday, February 28

Good Morning Bundled Raccoon Lovers,

Winter's not over yet! Due to the district delayed start, we will start at 10am, with **NO morning labs, NO Waikiki Field Trip.**

While we will still be outdoors for a good chunk of the day, we have modified the schedule to allow for more indoor warm ups if needed.

Please wear all your coldest weather clothing and bring an insulated mug for hot water.

### Caution about the Parking Lot

It's getting plowed again this morning. Conditions should be good as long as you DON'T STOP ON THE HILL. To avoid this, remember to use two lanes around the loop. Look for the cones and take the lane that is the shortest. Staff will be in the parking lot to help direct traffic. Remember to use your staggered pick up times from earlier this winter.

- Staggered arrival times (**A-H** 2:30-2:35; **I-N** 2:35-2:40; **O-Z** 2:40-2:45, **Special Circumstance** 2:45-2:50)
- Delayed arrival - no backup of cars before 2:30
- Notice by parents who want a pick up at the bottom- **TEXT-509.953.6271.**

If you aren't going to make it to MOS at all today, please use the [MOS Absence Report Form](#). Ask your child to share plans for learning.

## 2/22/23- MOS Family Update- Wind Chill Challenge Moves MOS to PLC

Hi Raccoon Lovers!

We're mighty and strong but the decision is not ours. Due to the expected frigid wind chill temperatures tomorrow, we're going to move MOS to the PLC building. The team has too many goals to give up a day of on-site learning.

Drop off at the PLC flagpole 9:00am. MOS staff will be there to escort students into the building. Our schedule will be as close to normal as possible with the exception of the morning hike and the incredible outdoor experience. We'll have normal content blocks and connections.

Other details:

- Morning Math lab is canceled. If you need the early drop off time, please reach out to me.
- You can still order school lunch.
- You do not need to dress for outdoor weather, as we will be indoors
- Pick up beginning at 2:25. We'll have lots of staff to help students find their cars. The Five Mile middle school ends at 2:45. We're going to try to get all our MOS students out before the FM parents bombard the pick up lane.
- **If you ever wanted to check out the PLC curriculum library but haven't had the opportunity, this would be a good day to do it.**

Similar to the MOS parking lot, drop off at PLC is a drive through. Parents do not need to park or leave their cars. If cars are coming in behind you, pull up past the flagpole, all the way to the corner. If you decide to escort your child into the building, please find a parking spot.

Thanks MOS community for your grace. We'll be back on our own beautiful campus in no time.

## 2/20/23 Family Update- Candy is not a School Snack

Good Afternoon Raccoon Lovers!

Students and staff are beginning to think spring. It's been a cold winter and many of us are ready to shed the layers. But it's not spring yet. This week is expecting more frigid temperatures. Please remind your student to wear their cold weather gear (layers, coats, hats, gloves, wool socks, boots).

As always, please scan this update to the bottom to catch all the relevant information. Then remember you can go back into the [Archived Family Updates](#) posted in the MOS General Classroom whenever you need to review something.

Hike On!  
Your MOS Team

### Calendar at a Glance

Feb 20 - President's Day  
 Feb 22 - Coffee and Conversation  
 Feb 28 - Waikiki Springs Trip for Middle Schoolers  
 Feb 28 - Last day to drop off Clothing Donations  
 Mar 1 - Coffee and Conversation  
 Mar 9 - CogAt assessment for all second graders (and a select few first graders)  
 Mar 9 - New Family Q&A for MLO Parent Partnerships at PLC library  
 Mar 15 - Progress reports due for students on an intervention  
 Mar 15 - IXL Diagnostics must be up to date  
 Mar 15- Evidence of Art and PE due for students absent 3 days since Feb 16  
 Mar 31 - End of Silverwood Read to Ride Campaign

### Mead Learning Options Umbrella PTO

Informational Meeting, Friday, Feb 24 at 3:30 [ZOOM LINK](#)

On the agenda: voting on the bylaws, a budget, and discussing what is needed next for the PTO to complete the formal steps needed for the PTO.

Please complete this brief [MLO PTO Interest Form](#).

If you can't make the meeting but want to get involved or If there are any questions or concerns email Bridgett Christmann at [bridgettchristmann.pto@gmail.com](mailto:bridgettchristmann.pto@gmail.com).

## **Homework Time**

If your student spends more than 2 hours on any single project or assignment, then have them stop to reach out to their teacher to determine if they're on the right track. No single assignment is meant to take that long. On the other hand, if they finish in less than 30 minutes (particularly middle schoolers) then they likely aren't putting enough effort into their work. Please complete this "[Homework Survey](#)" to share how much time is spent at home each week in support of Social Studies and Science work assigned by the MOS teachers.

Missing homework for social studies and science can impact student monthly satisfaction reports. Beginning 2/28, we're offering a Homework Club Connection each Tuesday morning with fluid enrollment for students who are not caught up on assignments from content blocks, IXL, or interventions. Staff will be available to answer questions, provide additional support and assist with technology issues.

## **Snack Time at School**

So much about MOS is non-traditional. We love that! But some things aren't. For example, we expect students to come prepared to learn, with the appropriate supplies and having done their homework. We also expect that snacks will have nutritional value. Here again is a list of [brain foods](#) to improve focus.

Please make sure your child is not bringing candy to school.

## **What's in a WSLP?**

We get several questions each month about the state requirements around written student learning plans and monthly progress reporting. In an effort to offer more clarity, we've added a WSLP Overview to the General Google Classroom.

## **Report an Absence**

The most efficient way to process an absence at MOS is through the [Report a MOS Absence](#) form. It drops the necessary information into a shared sheet that informs all the staff. This also makes it easier to follow up for alternate contact.

## **Art and PE Evidence of Learning**

Art and PE are integrated into each MOS day. If your student is absent for more than 25% (generally that is three days) of MOS days in any given reporting cycle (16th of one month to the 15th of the next), we must see evidence of at-home learning in PE and Art. That evidence may include a written description of the activities or photos of projects. Please share this evidence of learning by the 15th of the month or students will be marked unsatisfactory in those subjects.

You can use the Absence Form on missed days to describe art/PE activities for the most efficient way to share evidence of learning in Art and PE.

## Clothing Drive Continues

Donation box is on the front porch for new and gently used clothing for the Mead Student Resource Hub Teen & Kid Closet, a free clothing and school supply resource in North Spokane for local students and families in need.

All sizes from infants to teenagers are needed. Drive ends on 2/28.

## New Family Q&A

**Thursday, March 9, 2:00pm**

Enrollment for fall opens in March. Do you have friends or relatives interested in joining our MLO Umbrella family? Invite them to attend the New Family Q&A for all MLO Parent Partnerships at the library in the Pittsburg Learning Center. After an overview of the parent-partnership model, ALE requirements and the differences between the programs, parents will then choose to hear more specific information about MOS, North Star or Five Mile Prairie School.

## 2/12/23 MOS Family Update - Biome Presentations

Good Afternoon Raccoon Lovers!

Not being a football fan myself, I'll probably use the Superbowl as a way to hide behind my computer and get some school work done. I can see the draw though- the energy of team spirit, working toward a common goal, overcoming obstacles, trying innovative plays, supporting mistakes with grace, laughing at the ridiculous (if the commercials count). In a way, it's like this year at MOS.

In a few weeks, our principal will be sending out a form to share your Family Plans for Next year 23-24. We're already getting lots of requests for new students and need to be ready with a growth plan. We're dedicated to creating an exceptional school and continue to seek your thoughts. **We added a "Homework" category on the [MOS Feedback Form](#).** Please take a moment to share how much time you're spending at home each week in support of your child's Social Studies and Science work assigned by the MOS teachers.

Thank you for your energetic contribution to our team spirit, your grace in supporting our mistakes and laughing with us at the ridiculous challenges we've overcome these past couple of months.

Hike On!

Your MOS Team

## Calendar at a Glance

Feb 14 - Optional Valentine Exchange

Feb 15 - Progress reports due for students on an intervention

Feb 15 - IXL Diagnostics must be up to date

Feb 15 - Coffee and Conversation

Feb 16 - Biome Presentations (gr 2-3)

Feb 17 - Fish Hatchery Field Trip

Feb 20 - President's Day

Feb 21 - Middle Schooler Field Trip Form Due

Feb 22 - Coffee and Conversation

Feb 28 - Waikiki Springs Trip for Middle Schoolers

Feb 28 - Last day to drop off Clothing Donations  
Mar 1 - Coffee and Conversation  
Mar 9 - New Family Q&A for MLO Parent Partnerships  
Mar 31 - End of Silverwood Read to Ride Campaign

## Grades 2-3 Biome Presentations

Our 2-3 students have been working hard on building biome boxes in science and learning how to give speeches in social studies. They will present the projects on Thursday at 12:30. We would love to invite families to come and watch. Please do not arrive before this time as we will be practicing. Some students will be presenting outside so dress accordingly.

If you would like to stay after, Miss Kirsten is planning a cleaning party in the lodge during the student connection block and would love your help.

## Teen & Kid Closet Clothing Drive

Feb. 1-27 to benefit the Mead Student Resource Hub in partnership with Teen & Kid Closet, a free clothing and school supply resource in North Spokane for local students and families in need. Donation box on the front porch.

All donations of school supplies must be new and all clothing donations must be new or nearly new and clean. All sizes from infants to teenagers are needed. Check out the [Student Resource Hub's](#) up-to-date needs list [here](#).

## Coffee & Conversations: Wednesdays, 1:50-2:55

### Upcoming Topics

- 2/15/23 Scheduling Mom Time (need to refuel ourselves, how to schedule that time)
- 2/22/23 Outsourcing and adding more adults to your educational village
- 3/1/23 Local Cultural Resources and Events

## Kids Heart Challenge Fundraiser

Join the American Heart Association's **Kids Heart Challenge** to *Move More or Be Kind!* Register on the FREE **Kids Heart Challenge** App or at <http://www2.heart.org/goto/MeadOutdoorSchool>

Miss Katie is organizing Special MOS Fundraising Incentives

- School-wide incentive for \$1000 (a student average of \$13)
- Individual student incentives for \$25 and \$50.

## Dibels Assessment Results

Each student's winter Dibels results are posted in their February row of the learning plan (WSLP). This score represents student fluency, words correctly read per minute. DIBELS is a set of procedures and measures for assessing the acquisition of literacy skills. Short (one minute) fluency measures detect risk and monitor the development of these skills in kindergarten through eighth grade. DIBELS results are just one measurement tool to evaluate individual student development as well as provide grade-level feedback toward validated instructional objectives. Students who struggle with fluency generally also struggle with comprehension during independent reading. [See Dibels info for families.](#)

## 2/7/23 Heart Challenge Kick Off

Hello Racoon Lovers,

Take a look at all the information in this week's update, starting with Wednesday's Heart Challenge Zoom Meeting. I'll see you over the waves.

### Heart Challenge Kickoff

We're kicking off the American Heart Association's **Kids Heart Challenge** program on **Wednesday, February 8th at 10:30 via ZOOM** and **Thursday, February 9th at school!** The zoom informational assembly will last approximately 30 minutes. Your child will choose a heart healthy challenge to **Move More or Be Kind** and earn a FREE "Be The Torch" Wristband! We encourage every student and family to register online and learn Hands-Only CPR as a family through [FINN'S MISSION](#).

Register today on the FREE **Kids Heart Challenge** App or at <http://www2.heart.org/goto/MeadOutdoorSchool>

### Special MOS Fundraising Incentives:

- If the school reaches the goal of raising \$1,000, we'll celebrate with a party! (That's an average of \$13/student)
- Any student who raises \$25 gets to eat lunch with Ms. Shawna!
- Any student who raises \$50 gets to have a pizza lunch party, Be The Torch wristband, 4 Heart Heroes, and a Mystery Gift!
- The top two fundraising students will get to plan/run lunch recess activities for a week. (Plan for recess must be approved prior to the week the student would like to run lunch activities).

### Unique Supplies Needed

Do you have any of these items lying around that you aren't using?

Old magazines, calendars and used greeting cards, colored tissue paper, yarn, baby food jars, glue guns, watercolor paint brushes, construction paper, toilet paper rolls, pipe cleaners, old candles/wax, wood glue, leather scraps, polymer or modeling clay, bean bags, carpet squares

These items could be on loan or donated for the master woodworkers connection:

Stubby 8 oz hammers, hand saws, Cordless drills, Tape measures, Carpenters Squares, Rulers, Clamps, Drill bit set, Screw driver bit set, youth size Leather gloves, Safety glasses

### In the Library this month

February is a busy month in the library! We are featuring books about Black History Month, Valentine's Day and President's Day. We have a wide assortment from picture books to historical novels. At the end of the month we will have some new books- purchased with proceeds from our December Book Fair. Come Check them out!

The Silverwood Read to Ride program is in full swing. Students in pre-K through 6th grade can earn their FREE child's ticket to Silverwood theme park by reading 10 hours and logging their time. Reading logs are available in every MLO building and at the PLC library. Please turn in forms by April 14th to your program secretary or to Cynthia in the library.

## Parents Enroll in MOS Google Classroom

Parents are encouraged to enroll in the MOS Google Classroom under **their own email** address. Enrolling as a guardian has limitations. Checking for updates under your child's email can be inconvenient. Follow this [invite link](#) to get full access.

## MAP Test Results

Each student's winter MAP results have now been uploaded and linked to their learning plan (WSLP). Your student's WSLP was shared with you earlier this year (probably from Ms. Katie or Ms. Liz) and it is where we record monthly progress and testing results. If you cannot find your student's WSLP, please contact Ms. Tracy and she will email you a link.

In order to find your student's MAP scores, please click on the blue link in the Feb row, Math MAP column (see below). This will open up a PDF with both math and reading scores.

Month	Dates	Date of Review	Overall	Science	SS	Art	PE	Math	ELA	Reading	DIBELS	Math MAP	MAP ELA
Sep	8/30-9/15	9/15/2022	S	S	S	S	S	400	320	440			
Oct	9/16-10/15	10/31/2022	S	S	S	S	S	410	400	470	119	210	204
Nov	10/16-11/15	11/22/2022	S	S	S	S	S	410	500	470			
Dec	11/16-12/15	12/15/2022	S	S	S	S	S	430	510	450			
Jan	12/16-1/15	1/17/2023	S	S	S	S	S	440	530	480			
Feb	1/16-2/15										233	218	219

Links to help you interpret and use the MAP scores:

- [How to Interpret MAP Scores](#) video
- [MAP Information for Families](#) (includes a RIT score to grade-level chart)
- [How to Create a MAP Skill Plan on IXL](#)

## Usborne Online Book Fair

Check out the [MOS eFair](#), with high quality books for home and school. Deliveries in time for Easter. **\*This is a parent organized activity** For more information email Katie Giolitti at [katietoffer@hotmail.com](mailto:katietoffer@hotmail.com).

## Middle School Field Trip to Waikiki Springs Nature Preserve

February 28, Hosted by the Inland Northwest Land Conservancy

Sign and return attached form by February 21. (Form is also posted in the Google Classroom.)

## 1/29/23 - Family Email Update - Feb Connections Schedule

Hello Racoon Lovers,

With the end of January nearing, we're already setting our sights on seasonal changes. The frigid temperatures are hanging on, so keep the cozy clothing handy for a while longer.

## Calendar at a Glance

Feb 1 - Submit Black History Month Honor Boards to [cynthia.villines@mead354.org](mailto:cynthia.villines@mead354.org)

Feb 2 - New Connections Begin. Bring your printed schedule for reference.

Feb 6-10 - MLO Art Show

Feb 7 - Vision and Hearing Rescreening

Feb 8 - Heart Challenge Zoom Meeting

Feb 14 - Optional Valentine Exchange

Feb 15 - Progress reports due for students on an intervention  
Feb 15 - IXL Diagnostics must be up to date  
Feb 17 - Fish Hatchery Field Trip  
Feb 20 - President's Day  
Feb 28 - Waikiki Springs Trip for Middle Schoolers  
March 31 - End of Silverwood Read to Ride Campaign

### **January Connections Schedule**

We reviewed Connections requests received through the Google Form and worked hard to meet as many requests as possible. This round of Connections will last through March 30.

**Please print the schedule and send it with your student to remember.**

February Connection Schedule for {{Last name}} {{First name}}:

Tues AM {{1}}

Tues PM {{2}}

Thurs AM {{3}}

Thurs PM {{4}}

### **Supports and Interventions**

As partners in your child's education, we work hard everyday to help you help them close gaps and make academic gains. The results of the MAP data will be available soon and we'll reach out to families to discuss how we can better support your efforts.

### **MLO Coffee & Conversations: Wednesdays, 1:50-2:55, PLC Library**

#### **Topic for 2/1: Curriculum Show and Share**

Do you have something you love to use when teaching reading, printing, phonics, spelling? Supervision and activities available for school age children. Tagalongs are welcome too.

### **Heart Challenge Info Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 8th at 10:30-11:00 - Zoom Assembly-LINK TO COME SOON!**

[Heart Challenge Program Explained](#)

School Fundraising Goal: \$1,000 to help others with special hearts!!

(If the school reaches the goal, students will receive an **extra 15 minutes of recess time.**)

Any student who raises \$25 gets to **eat lunch with Ms. Shawna!**

Any student who raises \$50 gets to participate in a **pizza lunch party!**

The top fundraising student will get to **plan/run lunch recess activities for a week.** (Plan for recess must be approved by director and staff prior to the week the student would like to run lunch activities).

### **Mead Learning Options Umbrella PTO**

A handful of active parents are seeking information from all our MLO families. Please complete this [MLO PTO Interest Form](#), which will take about one minute to complete.

### **Usborne Online Book Fair**

Check out the [MOS eFair](#), with high quality books for home and school. Deliveries in time for Easter. **\*This is a parent organized activity** For more information email Katie Giolitti at [katietoffer@hotmail.com](mailto:katietoffer@hotmail.com).

### **Parent Looking for Carpooling from PLC**

Are dropping off a student for FMP Tuesday clubs or Middle school classes? Do you drive by the PLC around 9:00am on your way to MOS? Sarah Olson is looking for another parent to carpool with. Please reach out to Tracy or directly to [Maosbo@gmail.com](mailto:Maosbo@gmail.com).

### **Optional Valentine Exchange**

Since we're at MOS on Valentine's Day, students are welcome to exchange valentines, during their social studies content block. If you decide to send valentines please send one for each child in the grade band. Here are the numbers: K/1- 10, 2/3- 23, 4/5- 20, 6/8- 22. If you would like your child to address each valentine, reach out for a list of student names in your child's grade band.

### **Fish Hatchery Field Trip**

No RSVP required. Show up on 2/17 at 10am. **\*This is a parent organized activity.** For more information email Carrie Jeppesen at [clj1988@hotmail.com](mailto:clj1988@hotmail.com).

Observe spawning fish with eggs in various stages of development. Includes a 15 minute video followed by a 45 minute tour.

### **Children of the Longhouse**

We don't have any more books available. If you would like to read it at another time, we'll let you know when books come back into the library. In the meantime, the next book will be [Brian's Hunt](#) by Paulson.

## **1/22/23 - Family Email Update - Feb Connections Request Forms**

Hello Racoon Lovers,

As today marks the start of Lunar New Year, I can't help but get excited. Even though in our part of the world, spring doesn't start until March 20. Lunar New Year is also known as the Spring Festival marking the beginning of Spring. Miss Kirsten shared some interesting facts about Lunar New Year (also known as Chinese New Year) in Social Studies last week. The Year of the Rabbit begins. In Chinese culture, "the rabbit is the symbol of longevity, peace and prosperity. Rabbits are optimistic, kind-hearted, sensible and highly approachable". That sounds like our students. Maybe they are rabbits in racoon skins.

Please scan and review this week's update as needed. There's much to note.

### **Calendar at a Glance**

Jan 23 - SFCC Planetarium Field Trip

Jan 24 - February Connection Requests Form DUE

Jan 24 - Vision and Hearing Screening

Jan 27 - MLO PTO Informational Meeting

Feb 1 - Black History Month Honor Board submissions due (see last update for details)

Feb 6-10 - MLO Art Show  
Feb 17 - Fish Hatchery Field Trip  
Feb 28 - Waikiki Springs Trip for Middle Schoolers  
March 31 - End of Silverwood Read to Ride Campaign

## Sign Up for February/March Connections

We're trying something new for the next two months. Staff have requested to keep kids in connections longer in order to dig a little deeper into the topics. This Connection schedule will last February 2 through March 30.

[February Connections Request](#)- Please submit by Tuesday, February 24.

## Instructional Videos Shed Light on Classroom Tools

Thanks to Miss Erin, we now have videos to help families understand how to use Google Classroom and IXL. You can play, replay, stop or fast forward, and then come back and play again.

- [Google Classroom Tour](#)
- [IXL Information](#)

## Vision and Hearing Screening

January 24 our MLO nursing staff will be at MOS for the Vision and Hearing Screening. ALL students have the opportunity to be screened unless parents let me know you prefer to opt out. By law, we are only required to do grades K, 1, 2, 3, 5, & 7.

## What is the MLO PTO?

Five Mile Prairie, North Star and MOS are all under the "Mead Learning Options" umbrella. While each school has parents actively working with teachers to support students, we are establishing an official PTO that will:

- provide district-required liability insurance for any event that is put on by a MLO parent organization
- form a 501c3 registration so the schools can fundraise more effectively
- provide bookkeeping software to make all necessary financial reporting simple
- support proper adherence to district regulations and state laws.

Who would make up the MLO PTO?

Two parent representatives from each MLO program will form the board in order to collaborate to enrich our kids' educational experience. The board will meet two times a year, with monthly email communication. MOS representatives should also be active participants in the MOS parent group.

Not involved yet? Now's a good time to create exciting opportunities for our kids! Join the informative [Zoom Meeting on Friday, Jan 27th, 3:30pm](#). If you cannot make it, contact Kerra Sheehan at [ns.pto@mead354.org](mailto:ns.pto@mead354.org).

## Silverwood Read to Ride

Students earn a free Silverwood theme park ticket if they read and log 10 hours of independent and/or read-aloud reading. Parents track student's reading on the designated log- one log per

child. Printable PDF attached and available in the Google classroom.

## **MOS Rules in Review**

Students are the center and soul of our little community. They play a key role in building our community's culture. As we approach the halfway mark to this wonderful year of learning together, it's time to review the four things we ask of our students:

- Always be kind. Every member of our community is expected to treat others with kindness.
- Give your best effort. We don't expect students to be perfect. In fact we welcome mistakes as evidence of learning. But we always expect students to try their best in everything they do.
- Respond quickly to adult requests to make safe choices in our unique outdoor space. If an adult in our program asks a student to cooperate, we need to know they will follow directions quickly and without argument.
- Be responsible for our space and your belongings. Keep track of stuff, clean up afterwards, and help beautify our surroundings.

Please talk with your child about how they can help shape our school culture by following these four rules.

## **Middle School Field Trip to Waikiki Springs Nature Preserve**

February 28, Hosted by the Inland Northwest Land Conservancy

Conservancy Members, in consultation with experts in forest management, wildlife habitat, water resource management, and cultural history, have created an extensive, multi-year management plan to restore areas that have been damaged by overuse. This involves removing unhealthy trees and undergrowth, closing off damaging social trails, building sustainable trails that resist erosion, rehabilitating the riverbanks, and planting healthy native trees and shrubs.

A Printable Permission Slip will be posted on Google Classroom very soon. Parents will sign and return by February 21 to confirm participation.

## **Written Student Learning Plan Reviews**

By ALE law, each month teachers must update student progress reports which are located in each individual WSLP (written student learning plan). These reports include overall progress reviews, data from assessments, outlines of supports and interventions, and recaps of communications. Links to these documents were shared with parents in September. Please make a habit of reviewing the updates before the end of each month. Reach out to a teacher with any questions or concerns.

We're working with families to adjust resources and plans as they've discovered what's working and what's not. Please share your thoughts through this [End-of-Semester Curriculum Review Survey](#). We've already received responses from 12 families. Thank you.

## 1/8/23 - MAP Assessment

Hi Amazing Mos Families,

Last week in the parking lot was harsh. Conditions were treacherous and yet all our families met us with patience and grace. Your safety is our top priority and we're working with the administration to develop both immediate response and long term solutions. If you have thoughts about this, please reach out to Tracy. Families are great problem solvers and an essential part of our community.

The warmer temperatures are a welcome reprieve and will hopefully buy a few weeks of safer driving conditions. Winter has just begun, and surely there will be more difficult days ahead.

On a lighter note, MOS students and staff have incredibly uplifting attitudes about our adventures and each day has been magical. It's a joy to build this program with you.

This is a long one. Please skim to the bottom, then reread as needed. As usual, a copy can be found in the Google Classroom Email Update Archive.

### Calendar at a Glance

Jan 9- March 31 Silverwood Read to Ride

Jan 10 - MAP Testing

Jan 12 - Light Breakfast before MAP Testing

Jan 16 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no school)

Jan 17 - IXL Diagnostics must be up to date

Jan 17 - Progress reports due for students on an intervention

Jan 20 - February Connection Requests Form available

Jan 23 - SFCC Planetarium Field Trip

Jan 24 - Vision and Hearing Screening (Tentative, more details to come)

Feb 1 - Black History Month Honor Board submissions due

Feb 6-10 - MLO Art Show

Feb 17 - Fish Hatchery Field Trip

### Enrichment and Progress Monitoring Tools

**IXL**- Make sure the diagnostic is up to date.

**Lexia**- Powerful language arts program for struggling and strong students.

**Raz-Kids**- Fluency and comprehension skill building through online books and oral reading Flight checks.

**Zearn**- math differentiation with pictures, visual models, and real-life examples

**Happy Numbers**- individualized math instruction with actionable insights about student growth

**Xtra Math**- develop quick recall and automaticity of their basic math facts

Reach out to Tracy to get started on any of these online tools.

## Winter MAP Assessment, January 10 and 12.

On Thursday, the parent group is hosting a light pre-testing breakfast. Arrive between 8:30-8:45 for muffins, fruit, and hot drinks.

The entire MOS community of parents and teachers are rooting for our students to get through the MAP testing with flying colors. Testing Tips:

- Bring your charged chromebook and cord.
- We'll supply headphones, but if you have a special pair, feel free to bring them.
- Good night's sleep and [power breakfast and snacks](#)
- [Practice Test](#)
- Use IXL to target the deficit skills identified in the Fall MAP. Follow these instructions for [How to Create a MAP Skill Plan on IXL](#).
- Review [MAP Vocabulary](#) terms that match your child's MAP level from the Fall MAP score, which can be found on your learning plan.
- Make ups on Friday, Jan 13 at the PLC building

Please let us know if you have thoughts to improve the testing experience for your child.

## Silverwood Read to Ride

Jan 9-March 31

Printed forms available at all locations as well as a downloadable PDF.

Highlights:

- Students earn a free Silverwood theme park ticket if they read and log 10 hours of independent and/or read-aloud reading. Parents track student's reading on the designated log- one log per child.
- Open to students in preK-6th grade (receive a child's admission ticket for ages 3-12). Sorry, no 7-12th grade.
- As a homeschool program, younger siblings of MLO students may participate.
- Reading logs must be returned by April 14th **to the PLC office or library**.
- Tickets will be printed out or emailed by the end of April.

## **SFCC Planetarium** \*this is an unofficial, parent choice (not sponsored by Mead) activity **Monday, January 23 at 11:30 AM**

Enjoy a 50 minute presentation of both a night sky tour and a full-dome movie. Then see the self-guided Scaled Model of the Solar System exhibit~ a 20-minute walk to compare the sizes and distances from the Sun for each of the eight planets and Pluto! This exhibit is located along the central walkway with the starting point near the northeast corner of the Science Building.

Wait outside the building (weather permitting) until five minutes before the start time. Staff will meet you at the building entrance. In adverse weather, wait quietly in the lobby just outside Room 142, as other professors are teaching in adjoining classrooms.

Sign-up: Maximum capacity 52 people [Reserve your spot](#).

Parking: All campus parking is paid parking, either by meters or paid virtual permits. [More information](#).

Location: Science Building 28, Room 142. Please use the southeast entrance closest to the large silver dome on the Science building. [Campus Map](#)

## February Black History Month Honor Board for MLO

Our Veteran's Honor Board turned out so wonderfully that we are doing it again this month. Under the artistic direction of Cynthia Villines, we are requesting contributions.

Criteria:

- Fits on an 8.5 x 11 piece of paper.
- Lightweight, to adhere to the butcher paper (If you create 3D work, you can submit a picture of it.)
- Polished, edited, high quality work
- Submit to Cynthia in the PLC Library or email to [cynthia.villines@mead354.org](mailto:cynthia.villines@mead354.org) by Feb 1.

Covers one of the following:

- A reproduction of a famous piece of poetry or art by a Black author/artist
- An artistically portrayed quote by a well known black writer or speaker (include name, small picture, and one sentence bio.)
- A report on an important event that impacted Black Americans with citations and at least one image.
- A report on an important Black American with citations and at least one image.

[SAMPLE](#) for layout (this sample is not original work)

## MLO Art Show February 6-10 Monday-Friday, February 6-10, in the PLC Library

Jennie Cochran, our Five Mile High School art teacher, is coordinating an all MLO program art show. It is fun for our students to see their work displayed in art show fashion. This also helps to meet a standard of "performance".

Calling for Artists.

- Elementary- one art piece per student.
- Middle and High School- multiple pieces of "original" work per student.
- All 2D work will be matted. 3D work (pottery, sculpture, architectural models) will be displayed.
- Artwork due by January 20th. Please put the student name and program on the back of the art, for return purposes.

Email [jennifer.cochran@mead354.org](mailto:jennifer.cochran@mead354.org) your intention to participate so she can plan out the display space.

## Guided Fish Hatchery Field Trip *\*this is an unofficial, parent choice (not sponsored by Mead) activity*

Friday February 17th.

The fish are spawning right now so there will be eggs in various stages of development to observe. Includes 15 minute video followed by a 45 minute tour. For more information email

## Curriculum Resource Review

The end of the first semester is often a time when families review their curriculum materials and determine if changes need to be made for their students. We want to help. Families who have not yet completed the [Check In Survey](#), please share what's working, what's not, and how we can help.

## **MOS Absence Form**

Use the [Report a MOS Absence](#) by 9am. No need to call school or send a separate email. This counts toward alternate contact and saves time in tracking and reporting.

An absence may require make-up work. Students need to check in with their science or social studies teacher for make-up work to be completed at home to maintain satisfactory monthly progress.

## 12/29/22 MOS UPDATE - January Connections Schedule

Hello MOS families,

With just two days remaining before 2022 is officially in the books, I hope you make a few last minute memories to satisfy the ending or maybe develop a cliffhanger for 2023.

We're back to school on Tuesday, January 3. Here are some reminders after your long winter's nap.

- Dress for extended time outdoors.
- Use a thermos to enjoy a hot lunch or beverage. School lunches must be ordered on the [MOS Lunch Order Form](#).
- Print your Connections schedule.
- Review the parking lot tips. Complete the [Winter Pickup Plans](#)

### January Connections Schedule

We reviewed all the Connections requests received through the Google Form by December 28 and have worked hard to meet as many requests as possible. We will have many opportunities throughout the year to revisit and dive deeper into topics, so if your child requested something different, the chance will come.

**Please print the schedule and send it with your student to remember.**

January Connection Schedule for {{Last name}} {{First name}}:

Tues AM {{1}}

Tues PM {{2}}

Thurs AM {{3}}

Thurs PM {{4}}

**Winter MAP Assessment, January 10 and 12.**

As always, we aim to provide a relaxed and comfortable testing environment. Please review these preparation recommendations.

### Tips for Testing Confidence:

- English Language Arts - Enjoy reading throughout the break. Silent independent reading or family read-alouds all do the trick. A low or no-stakes writing journal will also help.
- Math - Jump back into math lessons soon after the holidays. A week or two of regular math before MAP makes a world of difference.
- IXL - Keeping the IXL diagnostic up to date in preparation for the MAP is a perfect two for one. To go a step further, use IXL to target the deficit skills identified in the Fall MAP. Follow these instructions for [How to Create a MAP Skill Plan on IXL](#).
- Vocabulary - Review [MAP Vocabulary](#) terms that match your child's MAP level from the Fall MAP score, which can be found on your learning plan.

Every student is different. Some kids love tests and others are not comfortable. But in the right environment every student can gain confidence to meet future challenges. You can help set them up for success with a good night's sleep, yummy breakfast and lots of exercise. Many students would also benefit from practicing a few test questions at home with their primary educator (you!). [Here is a link](#) to the practice tests for MAP.

We hope these MAP scores will provide evidence that MOS and our partnership with parents, provides an exceptional learning environment for students. Please reach out to us if you have any ideas or thoughts that will help us make testing a good experience for your child.

### Children of the Longhouse Novel Study

Set in the 15th century, a Native American boy and his twin 11-year-old sister deal with feuding tribes, bullies, village-wide games, and peaceful resolutions to difficult situations.

See our MOS Google Classroom for a slide deck of vocabulary and response questions by chapter; a Literature Lesson Unit with activities for pre-reading, reading, responding, exploring and applying new knowledge and skills; and a suggested Brave Writer digital product.

Optional Pacing Guide:

January 2: Chapter 1-3

January 9: Chapter 4-6

January 16: Chapter 7-9

January 23: Chapter 10-11

January 30: Chapter 12-Epilogue

## 12/18/22 MOS FAMILY UPDATE - January Connections Request Happy Winter Break!

Our MOS family extends the warmest of holiday wishes to your family.

The break from school work has officially begun. But we need you to complete one task before you check out for the next two weeks.

Connections plans weren't quite ready for a Friday distribution. So I'm extending the deadline to return the form to Wednesday, December 21. We need time to assemble the students' and staff schedules.

Please review the descriptions then choose your top six choices.

[January Connections Request Form](#)

- \* Adventures with Pete the Cat- Stories, games, crafts and giggles with the kind, quiet and fun-loving furry friend.
- \* Around the world in a song- Learn about the countries of the world through music
- \* Book Club- Participate in Socratic Seminar style book club. Spend time by the fire and sip some warm beverages, while interacting about literature.
- \* Campfire stories- Cozy up around the campfire for read aloud books and stories
- \* Comedy Improv- Art of making things up on the spot including characters, song lyrics, situations, scenes...growing your wit.
- \* Crafting with Ice and snow- Colored Ice Cube Painting, Salt Ice Experiment, snowbird feeders, etc.
- \* Edible Glacial Science Experiments- Learn scientific principles and eat the experiments when you are done!
- \* Games Galore- Play all kinds of board and card games for fun and champion status. Even bring a favorite game from home to share.
- \* Newspaper (4th grade and up)- Observe; write; edit and publish a MOS article.
- \* Pen and Ink- Sketchbook techniques with a variety of pens, markers, and other ink tools.
- \* Puzzles and Mind Benders- Exercise your brain muscle through teasers and games.
- \* Snowflake Science and Paper Art- Learn about the science of snowflakes and how they form, and learn artistic ways to create these symmetrical stars of the winter with paper.
- \* Snow Shelters and Sculptures- Igloos, quinzees, snowmen, bigfoot and other constructions of the imagination.
- \* Snowshoe Hiking- Blaze trails to the the peaceful corners of camp
- \* Snow Skills and Winter Ways- Fun and safety outside, including travel and snow shelters, glissading and self-arrest, way-finding and warmth, avalanches and ice.
- \* Stop Motion with Nature- Using chromebooks and google slides, create a stop motion presentation of a wonder in nature.
- \* Survival Wisdom Continued- Basic wilderness first aid, more knots and shelters, tracking, water collection and purification.
- \* Upcycled Board Game Creation- Using items usually saved from the trash, students will create family board games.
- \* Winter Crafts- Using various mediums for artistic expression

May your next two weeks be overflowing with peace, laughter, love and plenty of rest.

## 12/12/22- MOS Progress Monitoring Due Date

Hi my favorite racoon lovers!

This afternoon's pick up was nothing short of miraculous. Everything went so smoothly. The lot was an ice rink but you all handled it without flaw. Just one more day of that and we're home free until January '23.

## IXL Diagnostic Requirements for MOS Progress Monitoring

IXL Diagnostic data must be completed by the 15th each month. That is this Thursday, 12/15. Please make completing the IXL diagnostic a priority, as your child will not have time to complete IXL at school this week. Incomplete diagnostics will automatically result in an unsatisfactory for that content area since this is our primary method of evaluating student growth in Reading and Math.

Is your child struggling with basic math facts? We've added a new tool for you to try out. XtraMath helps students develop quick recall and automaticity of their basic math facts. Students with a strong foundation of basic math facts will have an easier time when they begin to tackle more advanced math, like fractions or algebra. Access through Clever. We continue to explore resources to help

## Lunch Consumption Monitoring

You've probably heard some buzz from the students about a new food check procedure at lunch. This derived from a "petition" started by students seeking to extend lunch time. Students are suggesting they do not have enough time to finish their lunch since they want to play games. We provide a lot of movement throughout the day. Lunchtime priority is to refuel students' bodies to stay happy and focused for afternoon learning. **We encourage students to eat what they pack.** Please share your feelings about lunch and the free play with your child and with us through the [Feedback Form](#).

We love how empowered students feel to advocate for their wants and needs. We're helping them learn to do so in positive, constructive ways.

## School Winter Safety Rules

Safety is crucial in each of the seasons at MOS. In winter, new safety concerns appear. We enforce these safety tips at MOS:

- Throw snowballs only when the teacher says "go".
- Walk like a penguin, to avoid slipping on the ice.
- Don't sword fight with the icicles.
- If you roll around in the snow, expect to get cold.
- Yellow snow doesn't taste like lemonade.

- Eat lunch on a dry bench.

## January Connections Requests

Keep an eye out for a separate email reminder to sign up for January Connections. We're working on the form and will hopefully have it out on Friday.

## Winter MAP Testing Prep

As we work through year two of the Reimagine Education Grant, data collection is crucial. Our program goals include high academic achievement, social-emotional strength, and improved fitness. Family support of these goals will help us demonstrate an effective, sustainable program model.

Winter MAP testing - January 10 and 12.

This data will help us evaluate program effectiveness and modify our goals. In the coming weeks we will provide details for how to prepare for the MAP and support strong student growth.

## 12/6/22- MOS Email Update- Logging into MOS Classroom

Good Evening Raccoon Lovers,

Does your child know their connection schedule? It is the same as Tuesday, and each day this month of December. Please help your child remember.

Wishing our students and staff another glorious day at Mead Outdoor School.

## Parking Lot Adventures Continue

Thank you parents for your patience and grace. Unfortunately the magic of MOS doesn't flow into the parking lot. Here's what helped:

- Staggered arrival times (**A-H** 2:30-2:35; **I-N** 2:35-2:40; **O-Z** 2:40-2:45, **Special Circumstance** 2:45-2:50)
- Delayed arrival - no backup of cars before 2:30, YEAH!
- Notice by parents who wanted a pick up at the bottom- we walked several students to the gate per parent request

Please complete the following form, [Winter Pickup Plans](#), to help us better prepare students for pickups at the gate, and to determine who may have Special Circumstance that will help to arrive 2:45-2:50.

If the snow continues to accumulate (as we anticipate it will in January), we may need help piling the snow to regain needed parking lot space. A backhoe would do the trick. Anyone have one of those?

## Parent Login to MOS General Classroom

The General Classroom is loaded with stuff (lunch orders, absence form, archives of email updates, progress monitoring tools, photos of fun, connections requests, parent support group minutes, and MORE). Access it through your student's account OR create a login of your own (class code: **jfkjesa**). Change the notifications per your preferences. onth your student's learning plan is updated after our monthly progress review. Please



### **Mead Learning Options Book Fair**

*December 5th-9th, 9 am - 3 pm (closed 11:30-Noon for lunch)*

PLC Library-13120 N Pittsburg

Books for infants through 8th grade. Proceeds benefit the MLO library.

[Check out our online fair HERE](#)

*We need volunteers! Please sign up for a shift to be eligible for a one time 20% discount*

*AND entered into a drawing for a fun prize! [Volunteer HERE](#)*

*Thank you for your support, MLO Library Staff*

### **Student Learning Plan Updates**

Every month your student's learning plan is updated to include details from the monthly progress review. Please review your updated plan regularly. This is where you will find implemented and suggested supports and/or interventions as needed.

### **Children's Home Society**

Every family faces challenges. CHS will help build a stronger family through communication, stress management, and problem-solving skills. CHS is now accepting referrals for in-house therapy on Thursday mornings. Medicare Accepted. If you would like a referral on your child's behalf, please contact Miss Tracy.

## **11/28/22- MOS December Connections Schedule**

Hello Racoon Lovers,

I hope you all had a great weekend and shared your thoughts of gratitude with those you love. We're gearing up for an exciting three weeks of December Adventure. See you tomorrow!

### **MOS Holiday Market and Barter Fair**

**Family Day, November 29, 1:45-2:30**

Support student business ventures by purchasing goods and services. Most items are .50-\$3.00 All proceeds benefit MOS classrooms. Students will sell their products then use leftover inventory to practice their "bartering" skills with other businesses.

- Cash Market: 1:45-2:15
- Barter: 2:15-2:30

Come up to 30 minutes early for parking. You can hang by the fire in WoLoHe with other parents until the Market begins.

## More Parking Lot Safety

Winter road conditions bring the likelihood of an icy driveway. If when you arrive, cars already fill the two loops at the top, please keep driving into the through lane to exit the parking lot. Turn onto Hazard into Rivilla. A single loop around the neighborhood will give us time to clear cars.

**Cars at a standstill on the hill will get stuck.**

Consider these options to reduce congestion:

- Carpool with another family to the Village Cinema parking lot.
- Use this stagger schedule (**A-H 2:30-2:35; I-N 2:35-2:40; O-Z 2:40-2:45**)

Please do not arrive before 2:30 as the students are not ready and the back up of cars cannot be managed.

## December Connections Schedule

December Connections start Thursday, December 1.

We reviewed all the Connections requests received through the Google Form and have worked hard to meet as many requests as possible. We will have many opportunities throughout the year to revisit and dive deeper into topics, so if your child requested something different, the chance will come.

This month, the connection schedule will repeat daily. Please help your student learn their schedule.

December Connection Schedule for {{Last name}} {{First name}}:

**Tues/Thurs AM {{1}}**

**TuesThurs PM {{2}}**

## A Mountain of Snow

Wednesday's forecast calls for a large accumulation of snow. Watch for emails about potential changes in the Thursday schedule.

## Vision and Hearing Screening

Our MLO nurse is screening students for vision and hearing on Dec 13. If your child is not on campus that day, there will be an alternate time at the PLC building in January.

## Perpetual Cold Weather Clothing Swap

It was hard to think of cold weather clothes when children were wearing shorts. Now that we're in the thick of the cold weather season, you may be discovering you have something someone else needs or you are in need of something someone else has.

The Facebook [MOS Parent Support Group](#) has developed a spreadsheet to share

haves/have notes with other families.

## 11/21/22- MOS Calendar of Events

### Calendar of Events

November 18 - December Connections Request Due

November 22 - Pick Up Tree of Sharing Tags

November 24 - Happy Thanksgiving, No School

November 29 - Family Day Holiday Market and Barter Fair

November 30 - MLO Coffee and Conversation, 1:50 PLC Library

December 1 - December Connections Begin (Please help you student remember their schedule)

December 2 - Return Tree of Sharing Gifts

December 5-9 - MLO Book Fair

December 6 - Parent Advisory Group Meeting, 9:00 Thomas Hammer

December 13 - Vision and Hearing Screening

December 15 - Last Day to Retrieve Lost and Found (items will be donated over the break)

December 16 - Sign Up for January Connections

December 19-Jan 2 - Winter Break

January 3 - January Connections Begin (Please help you student remember their schedule)

January 10/12 - Winter MAP Testing

### December Connections Requests are Overdue

We're missing the [December Connections Request Form](#) for about 20 students. Please submit it ASAP or your connections will be assigned automatically.

## 11/17/22 December Connections Requests

Hello MOS Families,

We enjoyed two chilly but beautiful days this week at MOS. This weekend the frigid temperatures are expected to continue with a little reprieve next week. We have just one school day next week in recognition of Thanksgiving. I'm thankful for my MOS students and staff and the magical experiences we have together. Please carefully review the information provided.

### Submit December Connections Requests

Since December is a short month for MOS, we're scheduling the Connections a little differently. Students will have just two different Connections: the same Connection on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and another Connection on Tuesday and Thursday

afternoons. Please complete the [December Connections Request Form](#) Friday, November 18, but no later than Sunday, November 20.

## Lost and Found Overflows

Unclaimed items will be donated over winter break. Come take a look.

## Family Day, November 29, 1:45-2:30

### MOS Holiday Market and Barter Fair

Bring your pocket change to Family Day to support MOS business ventures. During the month of November students have been hard at work studying economics. They have formed partnerships, written business plans, applied for loans, interviewed for jobs, and are preparing to market their goods and services to you on Family Day. Most items are .50-\$2.00 and all proceeds will benefit MOS classrooms. In addition, after selling their products, students may use leftover inventory to practice their “bartering” skills with other businesses.

- Cash Market: 1:45-2:15
- Barter: 2:15-2:30

## Optional Tools to Support At-Home Learning

We know the work you do is tough. Here are some tools to help.

**Lexia-** we highly recommend it for all K-5 students, but may ask students not making Benchmark to commit to 30-40 minutes weekly. Access through Clever. Grades 6+ reach out to Miss Erin.

**Raz-Kids-** we recommend it for K-3 students for online books for reading, listening and comprehension. Flight checks allow teachers to hear an oral fluency check without pulling students from Connections. For access, email Miss Tracy.

**Zearn-** grade-level lessons use pictures, visual models, and real-life examples with built-in differentiation. For access, email Miss Tracy.

**Happy Numbers-** individualized instruction with actionable insights about student growth For access, email Miss Tracy.

## Mead Learning Options Book Fair

December 5th - 9th in the PLC library (13120 N Pittsburg).

The Book Fair will be open 9 am - 3 pm (closed 11:30 - Noon for lunch)

Volunteers are needed to help with set up, sales and tear down. All volunteers will receive a discount on their book fair purchase (one time 20% off) and be entered into a drawing for a fun prize. Please consider signing up for a shift: [MLO Book Fair Volunteer Sign Up](#)

To shop our online fair or preview what will be available for purchase please visit our fair website:

[Mead Learning Options Book Fair](#)

## Tree of Sharing

Stop by camp or any MLO campus to grab a tag(s) with details about an item needed. Check the trees often, as there may be items added. Please return all gifts by December 2nd, wrapped or unwrapped, with THE TAG YOU TOOK FROM THE TREE attached. Thank you for supporting our MLO families.

## Need Christmas List Ideas for Your MOS Student?

Microspikes  
Compass  
Heated gloves

## Facebook MOS Parent Support Group

[MOS Parent Support Group](#) helps parents connect, build friendships, share ideas, and provide encouragement. Ask for suggestions, schedule play dates or more. [This informal group is not affiliated with MSD.](#)

## MLO Subs Needed

Mead Learning Options is looking to build up our sub pool when our regular LDEs are absent. This can be a volunteer or paid position. Subs needed on M/W for North Star clubs, Tuesdays for Five Mile clubs and T/Th for MOS Connections. If you would like to apply, reach out to Tracy.

## 11/12/22 Veterans Day

Happy Veterans Day!

We honor the service and sacrifices of our country's armed forces, by enjoying a little r&r with the ones we love. Have you thanked a veteran today?

See [archives of Email Updates](#) in the Google Classroom. You don't want to miss a thing.

## End of Day Student Pick Up

Two new lanes at the top of the hill have reduced, but not eliminated, the backlog of cars stopping on the upside of the lot. When the road is icy, this will be problematic. **Please arrive between 2:30-2:40 for student pick up. Students won't be ready before 2:30 and early arrivals just cause the backlog to grow.** Thank you for your patience as we continue to troubleshoot.

## How Are Your Curriculum Materials Working?

Three months into the year, we want to check in. Please complete the [Check In Survey](#) to help us understand what's working, what's not, and how we can help.

## An Apple a Day

Our Carter family generously donated a case of Granny Smith apples for each family who wanted it. They surprised us Thursday morning with a delivery. If you didn't get apples and would like some, let Tracy know. We'll arrange for another delivery.

## Holiday Help

This year, Mead Learning Options (MLO) would like to support families who may need a little holiday help by gathering gifts, clothing, coats and food cards. Complete this [confidential request for help](#) by Wednesday Nov. 16th.

### Tree of Sharing for families to donate....

Soon families will be able to stop by any of the four MLO campuses to grab tag(s) with details about an item needed. Check the trees often, as there may be families added. Please return all gifts by December 2nd, wrapped or unwrapped, with THE TAG YOU TOOK FROM THE TREE attached.

Warmly,

Mrs. St.Clair (Counselor) and  
[alyssa.stclair@mead354.org](mailto:alyssa.stclair@mead354.org)

Mrs. Hennessey (MLO Teacher)  
[kari.hennessey@mead354.org](mailto:kari.hennessey@mead354.org)

## Misc. Reminders

- Our Mug Fillers Conecting is seeking Metal Enamelware mugs for cooking over a fire. Do you have any to to donate or loan? We will cover them with foil, to keep them from damage.
- November 17 is photo make ups. All students need a photo identification for school records. Purchasing a package is optional. You can [order online](#).
- On Nov 17, a videographer from the district will be at MOS to get footage for an informational video about our program.
- Please review your child's connection schedule each morning, so they can transition quicker.

## Remember to Use the MOS Absence Form

No need to call school or send a separate email. [Report a MOS Absence](#) by 9:am the morning of the absence. This will also count toward alternate contact and save us all time in tracking and reporting.

An absence may require make-up work. Students need to check in with their science or social studies teacher to see what work needs to be completed at home to show satisfactory monthly progress in that subject.

## MLO Coffee & Conversations: Wednesdays, 1:50-2:55 PLC Library

Topic for 11/16/22 How do folks homeschool with toddlers/babies underfoot?

This is open to all MLO families. Bring your favorite beverage. Children are welcome too.

## 11/6/22 Dressing For Cooler Temps

Hello Raccoon Lovers,

November is a beautiful month of anticipation for wild, changing weather and special times with family. We're excited to share in the joy of it all. We have lots of news in this week's update, so please scan to the bottom then go back when you have time to read carefully and let it all sink in.

Hike on!  
Your MOS Team

## **Art/PE Monthly Requirement**

We incorporate art and PE into our school day at MOS. So as long as students attend at least 75% of MOS days each month they will make satisfactory progress in art and PE (6 out of 8 days in a typical month). If your student is absent for more than two school days in a month, please send evidence of art and PE activities completed at home by emailing a teacher with a photo(s) of artwork and a narrative about time spent participating in fitness activities that month.

## **IXL Diagnostic**

Please ensure that your student is keeping their IXL diagnostic up to date each week. This provides us with the data we need to complete our required review on the 15th of each month. The longer your student goes without working on the diagnostic, the longer it will take to get it up to date.

## **Students Give Zearn A Go**

Zearn helps kids explore concepts, discover meaning, and make sense of math through pictures, visual models, and real-life examples. It multiplies the impact of core instruction through grade-level lessons with built-in differentiation. All MOS students can access it and 19 already students have. Now get in and explore. Forget your login information? Send Miss Tracy a message.

## **Google Classroom**

Check all your student's Google Classrooms weekly to make sure that all required coursework is completed in a timely manner. Generally assignments are due towards the end of the week. All assignments must be completed by the 15th of the month in order to receive satisfactory monthly progress in social studies and science.

This is the first month that your student may be given a standards-based grade for science and social studies, representing one or more of the specific grade-level standards we're working on throughout the year. Each student must have at least a level 2 or higher to earn satisfactory progress. Reach out to your child's specific teacher with any questions or concerns.

## **Parent Advisory Group Meeting**

Tuesday, November 8, 9:00am at Thomas Hammer on Hastings.

## **Dressing for Outdoors in Cold Weather**

Now that the weather is changing, the students are starting to say "I'm cold". It's time to educate them on how to stay comfortable and make sure they have sufficient outdoor clothing to keep warm all day. We do not have backup clothing to outfit all of our students. If your student comes unprepared for the weather, we may call asking you to deliver warmer clothing or to pick up your child.

RULE #1 - Label Everything (especially gloves!)

RULE #2 - Layer, Layer, Layer

It's all about the attire...

- Waterproof hiking boots
- Insulated rain boots with good tread (family suggestions: Muck boots, Bogs or Merrell)
- Winter/snow boots (-20 below or colder rating. No rating may mean not enough insulation.)
- Base layers of synthetic, wool, silk, or bamboo fibers on legs and torso (No cotton)
- Down coat or vest under a waterproof raincoat or a winter coat
- Snow pants and/or snowsuit
- Waterproof rain pants/leg gaiters (family suggestions: Columbia, Grundens)
- Wool Socks and Sock Liners (No cotton)
- Scarf, neck gaiter, or balaclava
- Hat (pulls low enough to cover the ears)
- Water resistant gloves (2-3 pairs per day in the rain or snow)
- Rechargeable handwarmers
- Heated clothing (Battery powered socks and coats are the most common.)

Wool - Wool is expensive, shrinks, and some people can't wear it because of the itchiness, but it is by far the best way to stay warm throughout the day. Silk under your wool is a great solution.

Cost - If you are struggling to purchase the items you need for your students, please reach out to any MOS teacher. We will work to find the gear your students need to participate comfortably. Conversely, if you are a family who may be able to help another family in need, let us know.

[Family Suggestions Sheet](#) - Share suggestions on what brands to buy and where to find deals on outdoor clothing. Currently it is open to editing with anyone who has the link.

## **MOS Response to District School Delays and Closures**

**District Closures:** MOS is closed. **Students missing both MOS days in a week must make alternate weekly contact. This can be done through the [MOS Absence Report Form](#).**

**Two Hour Delay:** MOS begins at 10:00am. **Morning tutoring is canceled.**

## **Veterans Day Honor Board for MLO**

It's not too late to send a copy of any military pictures of family members in uniform from any time period. Please Include a short typed explanation about their service. We will post these on a bulletin board to share with the whole community. A good size is about 4" x 6" or 5" x 7". If you can't print at home, email to [cynthia.villines@mead354.org](mailto:cynthia.villines@mead354.org), our library specialist.

## **Misc. Reminders**

- Pyromania Connection is looking for donations of dryer lint, egg cartons, old candles (to melt down for wax)
- School Photo Make Ups are on November 17
- Dangerous objects such as weapons (including pocketknives), personal sports equipment, fireworks, drugs/alcohol/tobacco, are not permitted at school.
- We are also a cell phone free zone. If your child has a cell phone, we expect it to stay in their backpack.
- Do you have a patio heater to loan or donate? We're watching the forecast of frigid temperatures and want to be prepared.

## 10/28/22 Parking Lot Congestion

### Family Day Recap

What a great turnout for our first Family Day. Most parents were enthralled by the Geography Bee and spent the majority of time there. Some made their way to unit shelters to see journals, projects and maps. Just one taker for the Compassing Game (don't worry, we'll set it out again). Details to come for the next Family Day, November 29. Then mark your calendar for March 30, May 2, June 1. Check later in google Classroom for photos.

### Parking Lot Congestion

While the road construction has finally wrapped up, safety during pick up remains a concern. We continue to work on speeding the pick up process. But the line of cars at times is getting dangerously long. If when you arrive at camp the cars are backed up to the gate, please keep driving. Turn onto Hazard into Rivilla. A single loop around the neighborhood will give us time to clear enough cars to make entering the parking lot possible. Cars at a standstill on Dartford is a serious danger. When cars speed around the corner on the bridge, a stationary car in the blind spot will cause a crash.

Carpooling with another family or staggering arrival between 2:30 and 2:38 will help reduce congestion.

### New Online Lunch Ordering Process

Use this new [MOS Lunch Order Form](#).

- Place orders from 3:30pm the night before until 9:00am on the day of lunch delivery.
- If you need to cancel an order, you must call prior to 10:15 a.m. or your student's account will be charged \$3.50 ala carte pricing for that meal.
- Do not "double order." If you order on the form, you do **not** need to also order with Miss Jen at drop off.
- If your family has arranged for free or reduced priced lunches, those discounts will still be given. Bottom line - make sure your parents know if you are ordering lunch!
- If you forget to place an order online, let us know. We can help just like we always have.

### New Connections Schedule

Tuesday and Thursday next week will start the new November Connections Schedule. Most students will get four connections. Middle Schoolers will get three. All will get at least two of their choices.

## Our New MOS Little Library

Thanks to Calvin and Evie's grandfather and sister, we have a new little library for students to swap books. This little construction crew did an amazing job.

## Camp Dart-Lo Hosts GHOUL OL' FASHIONED FUN

October 28, 4:00-7:00

October 29, 3:30-7:00

October 30, 11:00-2:00

All ages are welcome! See attached flyer.

## Veterans Day, Nov. 11th

Veterans Day was designed as "a celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

<https://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/vetdayhistory.asp>

Within Mead Learning Options, we are creating an "honor board" about the relatives of our students who have served. We are asking families to send a copy of any military pictures of family members in uniform from any time period. Please include a short explanation (typed) about their service. We will post these on a bulletin board to share with the whole community. A good size is about 4" x 6" or 5" x 7".

EXAMPLE



**Gregory John  
Pearson,**  
cousin of Ginny  
Cronin

US Navy; Served as  
an equipment  
operator, "SEABEE"  
and died in  
Quang Tri Province,  
South Vietnam  
7/14/1969

## 10/20/22 Sign Up for November Connections

It's hard to believe we're already approaching the end of month two. It's time to sign up for our next batch of Connections. Please use this [November Connections Request Form](#). Discuss the options with your child, then submit the form on Friday, 10/21.

Students will participate in up to four Connections. Each Connection will occur on the same day each week, thus making their November Connection schedule much easier to remember than October.

### Family Day

Next Thursday, is our first Family Day, 1:45-2:30. Students will share highlights of their content blocks as well as show of some of their new skills from Connections. Families

who aren't able to make it can come for regular pick up time. We'll have plenty of supervision and other opportunities for families to participate.

## 10/16/22 More Online Resources

Good Evening Outdoor Enthusiasts,  
Wasn't this weekend just spectacular? Unusually warm, but with cool overnight temperatures needed to give the leaves the push to change colors. This update is full of useful information all the way to the end. Reach out with any questions.

Hi! on!  
Your MOS Team

## Calendar of Events

October 19 MLO Coffee and Conversation, 1:50 PLC Library *How do we help kids who are gifted/passionate about something but have no frustration tolerance?*

October 20 Earthquake Drill, 1:35

October 21 Sign Up for November Connections

October 27 Costumes AND Family Day

October 28-30 Ghoul OI Fashioned Fun

November 1 New Connections Begin

November 8 Parent Advisory Group Meeting, 9:00 Thomas Hammer

November 17 Picture Make Ups

## How to Create a MAP Skill Plan on IXL

Click on [this link](#) in our MOS google Classroom to see how to get a personalized MAP skill plan on IXL for your student to build recommended skills from the MAP assessment.

## Zearn for MOS is Up and Running

Zearn is a top-rated math learning platform that helps kids explore concepts, discover meaning, and make sense of math through pictures, visual models, and real-life examples.

Zearn multiplies the impact of core math instruction through grade-level lessons with built-in differentiation. The online component makes tracking progress easier. The word problems and fluency games give extra practice to build number sense. Small group lessons focus on right skill at the right time.

While this tool is primarily suggested for math support and interventions, all MOS students can access it. Reach out if you would like your student to begin using it.  
Classroom Access Code: MP9B6K

## Wheel on the School Novel Study

**We have copies!** It's not too late to jump in. See our MOS Google Classroom for the Pacing Guide from October - Winter Break. Feel free to read at your own pace.

The first four chapters of the book are rife with connections to our school. Inquiry based learning, thinking from the perspective of animals, wondering, small learning communities, thinking through problems, struggles, honoring elders, etc.

## “Love of Lit” Student Sharing

In Miss Kirsten's 3/4 and 1/2 Social Studies classes, students began bringing in their favorite literature series to share. If your student is interested, please reach out to Miss Kirsten to save a date! Students bring their books, set them up in the lodge in the morning, share a 1 minute presentation during their class, give other students the chance to view the books during the day, then take them home at the end of the day. It's been a great way for students to share their love of literature with one another.

## Typing Club.com

We have many students who are excited to type and share their progress on TypingClub.com. Your student can access their free MOS linked account through their school login/Clever on their Chromebook. We recommend introducing your student to typing beginning in 4th grade, once they have mastered the skill of handwriting with print and/or cursive.

## Costumes

Students are welcome to wear family friendly costumes on Thursday, October 27th. This means no fake blood or gore, no pretend weapons, and nothing that would scare Miss Kirsten. The weather is getting chilly so make sure any outfit is warm as well!

## Family Day - Thursday, October 27th

Time: 1:45-2:30

Join us for our first end-of-the-month family day. Families can tour stations where teachers will share what we have been learning throughout the month.

Some highlights include:

- First Annual MOS Team Geography Bee at Wo-Lo-He
- Salt Dough Map Display - Check out the Washington State Salt Dough map project our K-5 students created. (Students will take the maps home!)
- Compass Message Decoder Game at flagpole

## Community Event at Camp Dart-Lo

### **GHOUL OL' FASHIONED FUN , OCTOBER 28-30**

You might have seen the signs on the gate. While this event is not associated with MOS, we want to pass on the information. Ghosts and ghouls of all ages are welcome to join in the fall festivities with a spooky twist! [See attached flyer for more information.](#)

Want to help?

- Volunteer- teens and adults needed to run activity stations or clean up afterwards
- Loan- large spiders needed (6 inches, up to 2 ft)- we will return them after the event
- Donate- goodies for the bake sale, candy for the treat hunt

## 10/10/22 - Parent Support Group Meeting

### Next Parent Support Group Meeting

The Parent Advisory Council has combined with the Parent Support Group. All are welcome. Next meeting is **9:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 13th** at Thomas Hammer coffee shop on Hastings Road.

See event posted in the MOS Facebook group.

This is different from Coffee and Conversation Wednesday, which is a MLO-wide event.

October 12, 1:50-2:55 in the PLC library.

Topic for this week:

**“ What are some strategies to develop a child’s passions and encourage them to go deeper?”**

### School Picture Day, October 13, 9:00-11:00

Pictures can be ordered with the envelope on picture day, or online up to four days following picture day. Online orders do not need to complete an envelope.

Did you know you can order pics with siblings together too?

Retakes are scheduled for November 17.

### Google Classroom - Students

Please check in on your student’s Google Classrooms for both science and social studies. Students in grades 4 and up will have **at least one** weekly assignment to complete at home for **both** science and social studies. Please make sure that your student is completing their homework each week. Any missing assignments will result in unsatisfactory monthly progress for those subjects.

### Google Classroom - Parents

Parents, you are now able to join the MOS Google Classroom to see announcements and weekly updates. Using your own email address, go to <https://classroom.google.com/>, click on the + button in the upper right-hand corner, and use the following class code to join: **jfkjesa**

### WSLP Explanatory Letter (hyperlinks active)

We have attached an explanatory document, with active hyperlinks, to assist MOS families in deciphering the different scores on WSLPs. Please reach out if you have any questions regarding your child's progress, scores, or next steps. [WSLP Explanatory Letter \(hyperlinks active\)](#)

### IXL Diagnostic

All students are required to keep their IXL diagnostic up to date throughout the month. The initial diagnostic should take about 90 minutes total to complete but their range starts to open up again after about a week of inactivity. 15 minutes of weekly time on the diagnostic should be sufficient once the initial diagnostic is complete. They can also choose skills to practice on IXL but that time would be on top of the time spent on the diagnostic. We anticipate that this information will help guide your instruction at home in math and ELA. If a student does NOT have a complete diagnostic on the 15th of any month, we will pull them from connections to finish it at school.

## Unsatisfactory Monthly Progress

Your student will be marked as **unsatisfactory** for the following reasons:

- Not having an up to date IXL diagnostic on the 15th of the month
- Not making satisfactory monthly progress as determined by their WSLP

If a student receives three overall unsatisfactory marks, we are required to look at alternative educational options for them.

## Interventions

**Parents will be notified of any interventions put in place for their students via email or phone.** ALE law requires teachers to provide interventions for student support. We follow a tiered system of supports:

- Tier 1 - students who are at or above grade level **can** use the IXL diagnostic data to help support what you are already doing at home, but are not required to do any additional practice on IXL.
- **Tier 2 Interventions** - students who are below grade level are **required** to choose two or more of the suggested skills on IXL to complete at home with the guidance and support of their parents.
- **Tier 3 Interventions** - students who are significantly below grade level are **required** to choose two or more of the suggested skills on IXL to complete at home with the guidance and support of their parents **AND** are **required** to attend a scheduled morning intervention lab at MOS to receive targeted instruction and support from our certificated teachers. This instructional group will change throughout the year due to student needs.

## Quick Reminders

Although we are an outdoor school, we need to remind families that dangerous objects such as weapons (including knives), personal sports equipment, fireworks, drugs/alcohol/tobacco, are not permitted at school.

MOS Kids are Kind! As we build our community of curious, compassionate learners, we're working to shut down all behaviors that distract from that community. Expect to hear about lessons that build student capacity for friendship.

## 10/4/22 - Volunteer at MOS

### New Connection Schedule Starts 10/6

Please make sure your student knows their Thursday Connections.

## Do you have a Passion to Share? Volunteer at MOS

We love volunteers to teach connections, help with camp clean up projects, etc. If you volunteer through the Parent Advisory Council, but not at school with students, you do not have to complete the application.

What skills would you like to share?

We're looking for someone to teach Drama Fun in October Thursdays only, 11:00-11:45 and 1:45-2:30.

Application Process and Instructions. The Mead SD is now requiring all of our volunteers to either be vaccinated for COVID-19 or to have an approved medical or religious exemption to volunteer.

You can visit [the volunteer page](#) on our website for up-to-date information.

1. Complete an [online application](#). (Select Five Mile Prairie/North Star/Mead Virtual Program)
2. HR will email a volunteer disclosure form and a volunteer rules/requirements agreement to complete along with a request for a photo identification and COVID-19 vaccination card.
3. HR will conduct a background check through Washington State Patrol, a requirement for all district volunteers.
4. HR will "share" a Google Sheet with each building principal that includes "approved" volunteers.

## Lunch Pack-It-Out Policy

At MOS, we try to reduce our garbage output. So students will return each day with their own lunch and snack garbage. We encourage you to "go green" when packing food, whenever possible. Reminder: students have access to hot water.

Benefits of retrieving your child's lunch garbage:

1. Are they eating enough for the calories burned?
2. Are they leaving food you thought they'd eat?

## Parking Lot Traffic Improving

Thank you parents for working hard to help improve our pick up process. Remember, to pull up to the first available lane closest to the Lodge.

## School Picture Day Oct 13, 9:00-11:00

Regardless of a purchase, all students will be photographed for our school records. Did you know you can order pics with siblings together too? Order forms went home today. Retakes are scheduled for November 17.

## Coffee and Conversations at the MLO Library

Next event, **Oct 12, 2022**



Support, friendship and sharing ideas...

Wednesdays  
on club weeks  
1:50 pm

Bring your favorite beverage!  
Little siblings are welcome.

This is open to all parents from all MLO programs.

## Pizza Hut Book it program

Homeschool option that allows parents to monitor.

[https://www.bookitprogram.com/bookit\\_enrollment/form/enrollment](https://www.bookitprogram.com/bookit_enrollment/form/enrollment)

## 9/30/22 - New October Connections Schedule

We're switching to a new bundle of Connections for October, starting on Thursday, October 6.

We've reviewed all the Connections requests received through the Google Form and have put together an elaborate schedule of assigned Connections and free choice Connections. This month we continue to give students a dipstick of experiences in a variety of topics.

We will have many opportunities throughout the year to revisit and dive deeper into topics, so if your child wanted something different, the chance will come.

Please help us prepare your student for the transitions by reviewing their Connection schedule each morning. If they need help remembering, please print it out and send it with them.

October Connection Schedule: (sent specific to each student)

## 9/29/22 - New Absence Reporting Process

Hi Raccoon Lovers,

This week we were blessed by a sunny day and a rainy day. There's really no bad day at MOS. However, I allowed myself to get wet this morning by standing in the rain without my raincoat. Then I was chilled all day due to my damp sweatshirt. If I can do this as a grown adult, imagine

how easy it is for that to happen to a child. Please help your students dress in layers and bring extra clothes.

## Absence Report Form

If you are going to be absent from MOS, please let us know by completing the [Report a MOS Absence](#) form the night before or the morning of the absence. No more need to call the school. This will also count toward alternate contact.

## Dartford Drive is Open on the South of Dart-Lo

Finally, the road is passable. The construction is ongoing, but the end is near. With this good news, the morning drop-off window is shrinking. Please drop off between 8:50-9:00am.

## Math Lab Start Date Postponed

With the delay in getting all our students' MAP and IXL scores, we need more time to evaluate student need for the morning math lab. Next week, we will invite students to participate based on these scores. To gauge interest, please [complete this brief survey](#). New start date: October 11, 8:30-9:00.

## September Progress Report is Coming

Your child's September Progress Report and Written Student Learning Plan will be **shared** with you as a Google doc in the coming days. It will highlight data we have collected so far in IXL, MAP and Dibels. Please review the information and reach out to Ms. Liz or Ms. Katie for questions.

## October Connections Schedule is Coming

Next Thursday is the start of the new Connections schedule. Keep an eye out for an email

## Check Your Google Classrooms

Teachers are working hard to provide quality science and social studies programs for our students.

At the middle school level homework assignments are required and students will be expected to complete 2-3 hours of homework per week in both science and social studies. At the younger age bands short assignments (20-30 minutes per week) and optional enrichment activities are suggested. Please support your students' learning by carving time for these assignments on non-MOS days.

## Lost and Found

The L&F box on the front porch is starting to overflow with good stuff. Please check out the coats, waterbottles, sweatshirts, lunch boxes etc. and take home what belongs to you.

## Snacks at Camp

We move more than traditional school, so our students burn more calories. Snack time is any time a child needs to eat, as long as it doesn't interfere with learning. Feel free to send **healthy** snacks for them to access throughout the day.

## What's New in the MLO Library?

This month we have added brand new books to our shelves. We have something for every age and interest- picture books, easy readers, series, graphic novels, non fiction and young adult books. We will also have a display with fall and Halloween themed books available for checkout. The library is open to ALL students of Mead Learning Options programs and is open M-F from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm (closed 11:30 - 12:30 for lunch).

## **Whole School Optional Novel Study - *The Wheel on the School***

“Once again DeJong demonstrates his kinship with children and creatures as he builds up his narrative with brilliant detail and penetrating characterization.”

Here is our pacing guide from October - Winter Break. Feel free to read ahead!

### October

Week 1: Chapter 1 - Do You Know About Storks?

Week 2: Chapter 2 - To Wonder Why

Week 3: Chapter 3 - Wagon Wheel, Chapter 4 - Jella and the Farmer

Week 4: Chapter 5 - Pier and Dirk and the Cherry Tree

Note - The first four chapters of the book are rife with connections to our school. Inquiry based learning, thinking from the perspective of animals, wondering, small learning communities, thinking through problems, struggles, honoring elders etc.

### November

Week 5: Chapter 6 - Eelka and the Ancient Wheel

Week 6: Chapter 7 - Auka and the Tin Man, Chapter 8- Lina and the Upturned boat

Week 7: Chapter 9 - The Wheel Rim

Week 8: Chapter 10 - The Wagon in the Sea

### December

Week 9: Chapter 11 - The Storm and the Storks, Chapter 12- The Wheel on the School, Chapter 13 - Flotsam and Jetsam

Week 10: Chapter 14 - The Tots in the Tower, Chapter 15 - Storks in the Sea

## **9/27/22 ACTION ITEM: IXL Diagnostic**

Good morning!

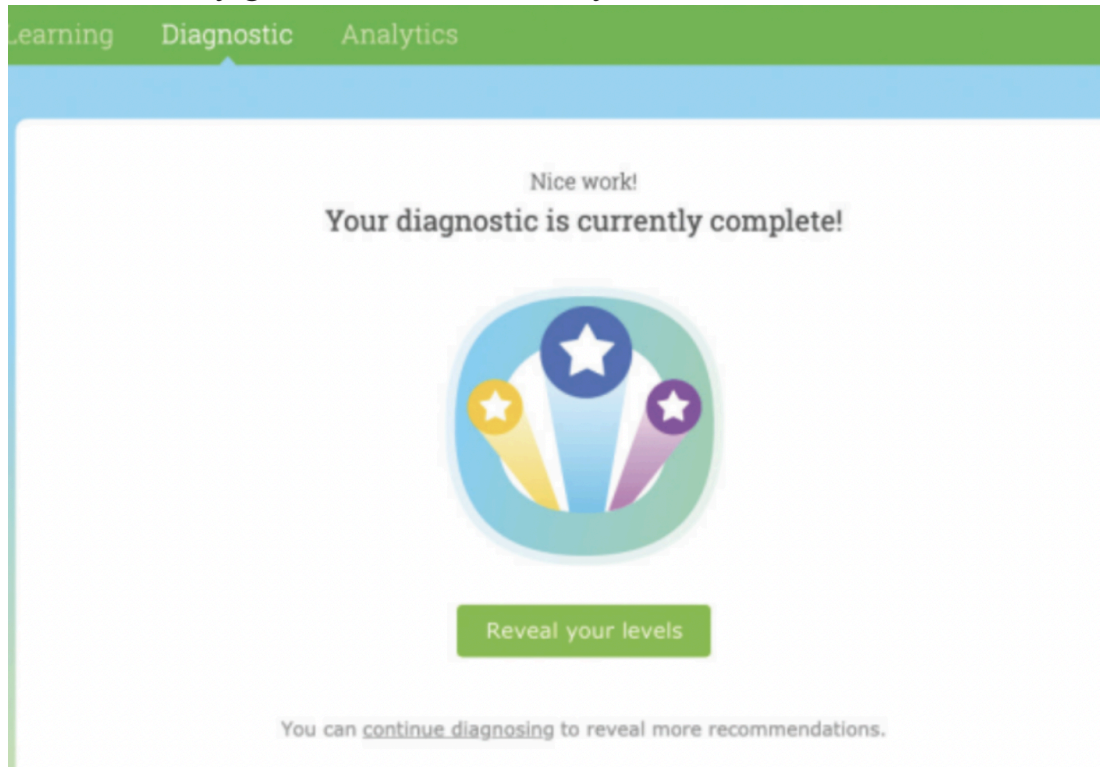
Thank you so much for sharing your wonderful students with us at MOS this year. We have been having a fantastic time so far and I can tell that we are going to make this a beautiful year together.

As a partnership program, we need your help to make sure that we have accurate and complete records for monthly progress reporting and that your students are receiving all the help and support that they might need. One of our program requirements is that your student completes at least 15 minutes of the IXL diagnostic each week. We need to have the initial diagnostic completed by the end of this week (Friday, Sept. 30) so we can record each student's starting point for the year and begin to make recommendations and/or interventions, as needed. At this point, each student should have completed, or very nearly completed, the entire

diagnostic and have a single score for math, overall ELA, and reading. IXL states that the initial diagnostic should take about 45 minutes per subject (or 90 minutes total for math and ELA). After that, it will only take about 15 minutes (or less) to keep the diagnostic up to date throughout the rest of the year.

**One or more of your students has not fully completed the [initial diagnostic](#).**

They may be very close to finishing if their range of scores is very small or very far away if their range is large. Please have your student finish the diagnostic this week until they get to the screen that says:



Please reach out to me or any of the other MOS teachers with any questions or concerns that you may have.

## 9/26/22 - Heat Wave

Hi Racoon Lovers,

### Heat Wave

Tuesday's forecast is mid eighties. It's going to be a beautiful day to be at outdoor school. Dress in layers for a cool morning and a hot afternoon. Bring your water bottle. Remember though, it might be tempting to wear your flipflops, but those are not appropriate outdoor school footwear.

## **Shout out to Parent Group**

Students and staff alike enjoyed ‘breaking bread’ together last Tuesday morning thanks to the generosity of the Parent Group. Thank you for your time and food donations to make our pancake breakfast a real hit.

## **Update on County Road Construction**

After Tuesday’s precarious road conditions, we’re all anxious for change. The work crew is scheduled to pave on Wednesday, starting with the section south of the bridge. Barring additional problems, it should be drivable by October 4. Express concerns to [Whitworth Water District](#). In the meantime, one of our parents posted an alternative route on the [Mead Outdoor School Parent Support Group](#).

## **Carpooling Anyone?**

We have a number of middle schoolers leaving early for fall sports. A couple parents have expressed interest in carpooling to cut down on road traffic. See the post in the [Mead Outdoor School Parent Support Group](#)! for more details.

Hike On!

Your MOS Team

## 9/23/22 - MAP Test Make-Ups

Dear Families,

You have one student who has a few more MAP questions to finish up next week. Here is our plan for make-up testing. Can you RSVP to let me know they can make it? We are almost done!!! So proud of all the students and their hard work.

Official MOS Make-up MAP Testing Schedule

8:20 a.m. Tuesday

8:20 a.m. Thursday

If more time is needed...

9/30 Friday @ PLC (Time to be determined)

## 9/22/22 - IXL Diagnostic Requirement

Hello families,

You are receiving this email because one or more of your students has not started their IXL diagnostic or has not made adequate progress on his or her diagnostic test.

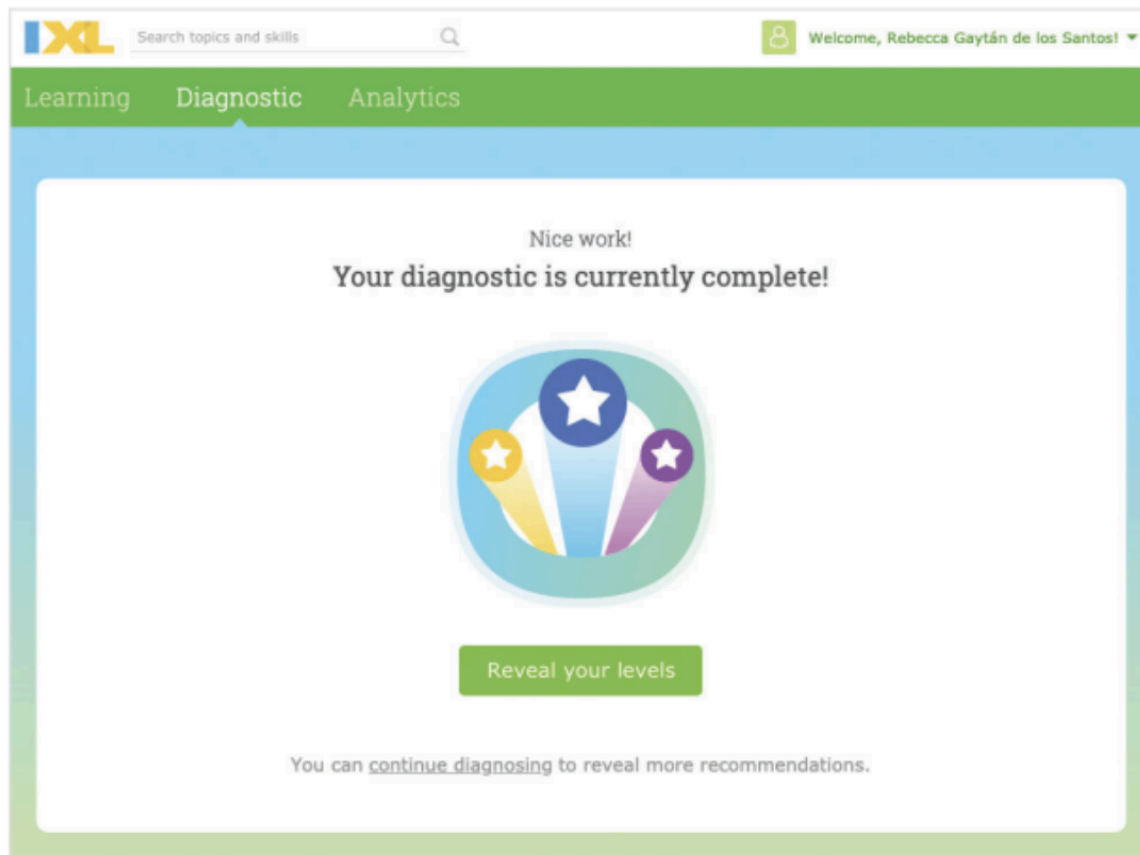
Completing at least 15 minutes of the diagnostic each week is a program requirement for MOS and failure to complete this requirement by Sept. 30 will result in unsatisfactory progress for the month. Please have your student work on the diagnostic at least 15 minutes per day until it is complete. Here is the email sent out by Ms. Tracy last week with details about how to access and complete the diagnostic as well as a guide for how to use the IXL results to help support your student's at-home learning.

Please reach out to me or any of the other MOS teachers with questions.

## At Home Progress Monitoring Tools

As we approach the end of the month and our first monthly reporting deadline, please get into [IXL](#) to complete the diagnostic by September 30. If each category has a specific number, then all we require is 15 minutes per week of diagnostic maintenance. If your category still lists a range, please put in additional time each week until a specific number is identified.

You will know your initial diagnostic is complete when you see this screen:



## 9/19/22 - Week one is in the books

Hello Outdoor Enthusiasts,

Good News- We're on the Dart-Lo campus for the foreseeable future.

Bad News- The road construction is still a hassle.

### Tuesday Pancake Breakfast

MAP testing continues on Tuesday. The MOS parent group would like to wish all our test takers a great day by starting us off with a hot breakfast in the lodge at 8:15. Our MOS parent group will be providing pancakes, syrup, and fruit, as well as a GF/DF option.

- Bring your charged Chromebooks and cords

### Parking Lot Traffic

Considering it was our first time, the afternoon traffic flow was without incident. Here are a few reminders to help:

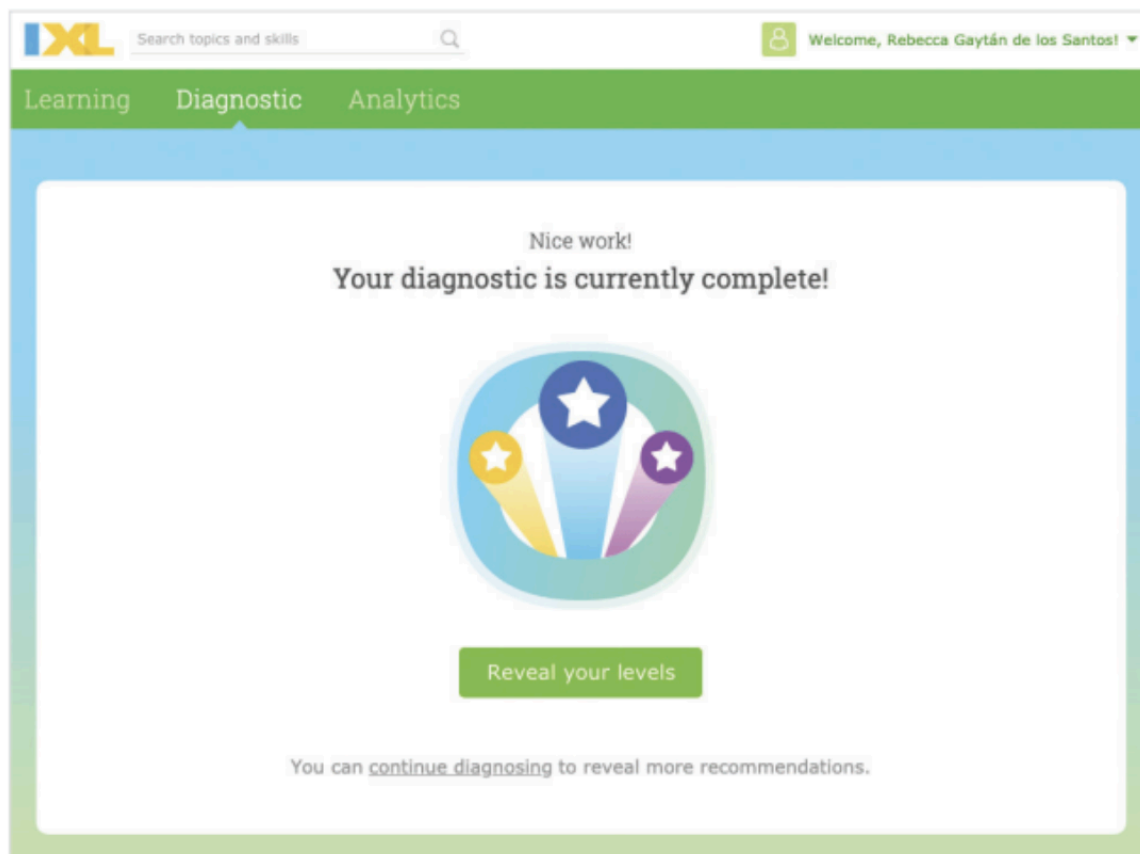
- Pull into the first most empty lane closest to the Lodge.
- If you want to get out of your car, please park in a spot in the center.
- Look cautiously for moving children and vehicles.

How to help staff (especially Miss Tracy) remember names and take attendance quickly in the morning: Have your child race Miss Tracy to see who can say their name first.

## At Home Progress Monitoring Tools

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You will know your initial diagnostic is complete when you see this screen:



**Lexia** is a powerful tool for struggling and benchmark students. While it may be required for students on an intervention, we highly recommend it for all K-5 students. Access it through Clever. Students 6+ may have access if you reach out to Miss Erin. **Raz-Kids** provides online books for reading, listening and comprehension. It provides great data for comprehension skill development. We recommend it for K-3 students. For access, email Miss Tracy.

## Mark Your Calendar: School Pictures

We will have school pictures at Camp Dart-Lo on October 13, 9:00-11:00. Did you know you can order pics with siblings together too? Retakes are scheduled for November 17.

## 9/14/22 - As the Smoke Clears

Hello Outdoor Enthusiasts,

Thank you for your grace and patience on our first indoor day of outdoor school. Students made the best of an undesirable situation and we are all the better for it.

We're still watching [AirNow.gov](https://airnow.gov) and [SpokaneCleanAir.org](https://spokanecleanair.org) to monitor Real-Time Air Quality. As of now, the Colbert/Green Bluff monitoring station is in the unhealthy for sensitive users range, which allows us to have some time outdoors during the day. **We will meet at Camp Dart-Lo**, with drop off between 8:35 and 9:00am (due to the ongoing road construction on Dartford Drive) and pick up between 2:30-2:45.

In the unlikely event the AQI rises back above 150 by 7:00am tomorrow morning, we will move MOS back to the PLC. If this happens, you will receive an email update by 8:00am.

Since the day will be back on schedule, we'll finish up MAP testing next Tuesday. Please bring your charged chromebook and power cord on 9/20.

Hike On!  
Your MOS Team

## Pancake Breakfast Hosted by the MOS Parent Group, 9/20

The parent group would like to wish all our test takers a great day by starting us off with a hot breakfast in the lodge at 8:15. Our MOS parent group will be providing pancakes, syrup, and fruit, as well as a GF/DF option. We'd love to see your kids there.

## 9/12/22 - What's with the smoke?

Hello Outdoor Enthusiasts,

Due to the smoke advisory, we're planning for an indoor day of outdoor school. We're watching [AirNow.gov](https://airnow.gov) and [SpokaneCleanAir.org](https://spokanecleanair.org) to monitor Real-Time Air Quality. As of now, the Colbert/Green Bluff monitoring station is in the unhealthy range, which requires us to keep students indoors for the duration of the day. We will meet at the PLC building, with drop off at the flagpole between 8:50 and 9:00am and pick up between 2:30-2:40.

In the unlikely event the AQI falls below 150 by 7:00am tomorrow morning, we will be able to have MOS at Camp Dart-Lo. If this happens, you will receive an email update by 8:00am with an update.

Since the day will be indoors, we'll postpone the Connections, which are primarily site-based activities. Students will have content blocks as scheduled then MAP testing. **Please bring your charged chromebook and power cord.**

Regardless of the changes, we're excited for a wonderful first day!  
Hike On!  
Your MOS Team

## IXL UPDATE

### New Logins

Firstname,lastname = Younphan

OR

Firstname,lastname460 = Younphan460

**Passwords** are the same

We merged our IXL account today with Mead Learning Options and it caused some unexpected changes to our logins. Most were changed to the examples you see above. If you have any trouble with your IXL login please contact: [kirsten.erickson@mead354.org](mailto:kirsten.erickson@mead354.org).

## Waiting on Curriculum

Are you still waiting for your curriculum order to arrive?

First, take a look at our new library, between 9am-3pm, no appointment needed between now and the end of September. You can immediately check-out the curriculum. (Exact times/days posted in the 9/9 Update)

Next, take advantage of the beautiful weather and do some experiential learning.

Finally, check out these free resources. [What to do while waiting for curriculum](#). Included is a list of great Spokane field trips.

## 9/12/22 - On-Site School Starts 9/13

Dear MOS Families,

We had such a great turnout at the Spruce and Shine! THANK YOU to all the families who participated. You are truly appreciated. We're getting more excited everyday for the wonderful community we are growing.

## Construction and Traffic on the Dartford Drive

Construction is ongoing. The tentative schedule for Dartford reopening is September 15. In the meantime, **take Dartford Drive from the South. Take hwy 395 to Hatch exit. Turn left on Hatch and left again on Dartford. Go through the construction signs.** Travel on the road is one way. Please be aware and courteous to other drivers. Pull over to the side of the road as needed to let other cars pass. We want all families to arrive safely.

## Early Drop Off During Construction

Due to this construction we will have an early drop off window for the first week of school. **Come anytime between 8:40 and 9:00.**

## Math Lab Starts October 4

With MAP testing scheduled for Sept 20/22, we will have suggestions for families by Thursday of the following week. While all students are welcome, we will have limited space available. We may have to ask families to give the space to students on an intervention plan.

## First Day Packing List

- insulated lunchbox with hand wipes and an empty gallon zip lock bag for lunch trash (all lunch trash goes home with every student)
- Snacks (for anytime students need an energy boost)
- water bottle
- Composition notebook (primary for K-1)- bring your own and decorate or we will provide one to you.
- One inch 3 ring binder (grades 6+)

## Communicating with Cert Teachers

1. Questions about Written Student Learning plan (WSLP) or progress monitoring? Contact Ms. Liz or Ms. Katie.
2. Questions about content areas? Contact the following:
  - a. K-1 and 2-3 science - Ms. Liz
  - b. K-1 social studies - Ms. Katie
  - c. 2-3 and 4-5 social studies - Ms. Kirsten
  - d. 4-5 and 6-8 science - Ms. Erin
  - e. 6-8 social studies/history and experiential learning - Ms. Jen
  - f. Connections and General MOS - Ms. Tracy

## Donations for MOS

We love free stuff! It allows us to use our money for even more. If you are cleaning out a storage room, garage, or even yard saling and can't pass up a good deal, we would appreciate donations. We posted a list on the Google Classroom. If you don't see it on the list but think we might be interested, please reach out.

## MLO Library Hours Next Week

Tuesday 09/13, Thursday 09/15 and Friday 09/16 the library will be open 9-3 (**closed from 11:45-12:30**) for checkout and check-in of library books, resources and manipulatives. The library will remain closed on Monday and Wednesday for North Star MAP testing.

If you have returns there will be a returns cart outside the PLC office and one located in the library. You do not need to put a name on your items, our new system tracks the checkouts electronically. Please do not bring donations of books or manipulatives at this time- we do not yet have a place to store them.

## 9/5/22 - Upcoming Events

Dear MOS Families,

This is a busy week for MOS families. With on-site school starting soon, here are a few important dates to know. Please read through all the details and reach out with questions.

**9/6, 12-1pm - Clothing Swap**

**9/6, 1-2pm - Family Orientation**

**9/8, 8:30-11:30am - Camp Spruce and Shine**

**9/13, 9:00-2:30pm - First Day of MOS**

Hike On!

The MOS team- Erin, Jen, Kirsten and Tracy

### Family Orientation

*Required for weekly contact.*

- Optional Family picnic 12-12:30. Self-guided tours available
- Optional guided tour will leave from the pond at 12:30.

**\*ALERT: Dartford Drive from the South is closed for road construction. Take hwy 395 to Hatch exit. Turn left on Hatch and left again on Dartford. Go through the construction signs.**

### Cold Weather Clothing Swap

Organized by the MOS Parent Advisory Council, bring outdoor clothes your children have outgrown to buy/sell/trade. Each family will set-up and remove items by the end of orientation. We suggest labeling each item with either a “free” or “price” sticker and a small sign with your family name and container to collect money.

### MOS Family Camp Spruce and Shine

Students must be accompanied by an adult. We'll be moving furniture, washing windows, sweeping shelters, organizing supplies, picking up litter, repairing equipment, etc.

### Regular MOS Days Begin

**September 13, 9:00-2:45 Camp Dart-Lo**

- Packing: backpack, water bottle, snacks, lunch, sturdy shoes, layered clothing.
- Bring an insulated lunch box (or you will be able to order a school lunch at student drop off.)
- Camp has a pack-it-in pack-it-out policy. Students will return with their own lunch and snack garbage. “Go green” when packing food, whenever possible.

## Chromebook Testers

We need to test the wifi at Camp Dart-Lo. Please have your students bring their Chromebooks orientation. During their session in the lodge with Miss Kirsten they will get a chance to connect to the wifi and we can conduct an experiment to see how many devices can get service at one time!

## IXL Reminders

Each week students must complete just 15 minutes of the **IXL diagnostic**. It has no end. It continues to identify and recommend new skill areas to practice. Students may use it more if they choose to practice the recommendations.

## Back-to-school List

These items were compiled by previous MOS parents and students. These are helpful suggestions, but you are welcome to purchase whatever works best for your children! The entire list is not necessary/required.

We posted a sheet in Google Classroom where parents have linked their favorite tips and items.

### Footwear

- Hiking shoes or tennis shoes
- Waterproof hiking boots (Note: thin rubber rainboots rarely have the traction needed for hiking).
  - Popular with families: Muck boots or Bogs or Merrell.
- Winter/snow boots.

### Clothing

- Winter Coat
- Snowpants and/or Snowsuit
- Waterproof rain pants for spring
  - Popular with families: Columbia rain pants.
- Wool Socks
- Sock Liners

### Accessories

- Scarf
- Hat
- 2-4 pairs of gloves
- Backpack

### Meal packing items

- 1-2 Thermoses (one for soup or a hot meal, one for a hot drink)
- Lunchpail or lunchbox
- Handwipes (in a ziplock bag)
- Water bottle
- Snack bars, avoid candy

### School Supplies

- Chromebook (bring fully charged)
- Headphones
- Composition Notebook

### Extras

- Hand Warmers - Electronic or regular
- Compass
- Watch or pocket clock
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Waterproof Bag for packing home lunch garbage and/or wet clothes.

### Store Suggestions

- Dick's Sporting Goods
- Other Mother's (children's consignment, used)
- Goodwill
- North 40
- REI
- Amazon
- Walmart
- General Store
- Cabela's

## 9/3/22 Google Classroom for MOS

Hello! I am one of the teacher's at Mead Outdoor School and I am reaching out because your student missed signing into one or more of their Google Classrooms at our Curriculum Connection last week. I have invited them to each of their classrooms that they will be using this year at MOS.

All students will be in **at least three** different Google Classrooms:

1. MOS (Mead Outdoor School) *\*same for ALL students*
2. MOS Science
3. MOS Social Studies or History

Middle school students will have **four** classrooms, including:

- **Experiential Learning (leadership)**

Please have them log in to their student district account and join each class. I have attached a [presentation](#) with a few short videos that you might find helpful. Each student has two short assignments that are due tomorrow, and you can absolutely help your student complete them, as needed. The goal is for them (and you!) to learn about Google Classroom as well as a bit about other students in their class. If you have any questions, please let me know. You can also have them bring their Chromebooks to Dart-Lo on Tuesday for our orientation and I can help you then.

## 8/26/22 Looking Ahead to the Start of School

Good morning Outdoor Enthusiasts,

I hope you have a plan to enjoy your last weekend before the start of the 2022-23 school year. August 30 marks the first day of school and the beginning of at-home learning. Who am I kidding? Most homeschool families continue at-home learning all summer long. Please check out the reminders. We'll see you soon.

Hike On!

The MOS team- Erin, Jen, Kirsten and Tracy

### Curriculum Connections

**August 30, 10am-noon, PLC Library**

*Required for weekly contact.*

Learn about progress monitoring tools and communication structures, build community with teachers and other families, enjoy a yummy treat and pick up your curriculum. NEW to the District- come at 9:45am to get your chromebook and network ID.

**Pick up learning resources-** A message from Cynthia, the library staff member.

- Bring a box or sturdy bags to carry your items- we do not have any available in the library at the moment.

- If you have any questions about the resources you received, reach out to your mentor teacher.
- The library will not be open for additional check outs or returns at this time.
- If you are a new family who has not yet completed your enrollment paperwork, your items will not be available for pickup. Please wait for an email letting you know your items are ready.
- If you miss the meeting, pick up your items later this week, 9am-3:00pm (closed for lunch 11:45-12:30).
- Cynthia will do her best to have your items checked out to your student when you arrive, but please understand you may have to wait a few minutes to finish up that process.

### Cold Weather Clothing Swap

Do you have cold weather clothes your children have outgrown? The MOS Parent Advisory Council has organized a Clothing Swap on **September 6, 12-1pm** at Camp Dart-Lo. Come early to set your stuff out or purchase the stuff from others.

### MOS Family Camp Spruce and Shine

How about spending your PE hours this week the servant-heart way? Join us for a family day camp clean up, **September 8, 8:30-11:30am**. We'll be moving furniture, washing windows, sweeping shelters, organizing supplies, picking up litter, repairing equipment, etc. We recently added this event to the [MOS Back To School 2022 events form](#). Please RSVP. *Counts for weekly contact* if you missed the Orientation.

### Mead Learning Options Library

The library is open to ALL members of the Mead Learning Options programs- come check out all we have to offer!

- If you have any questions or concerns about your curriculum order please reach out to library staff or to your mentor teacher.
- Items labeled with a rectangular barcode sticker (code beginning with X or T) are checked out to your student and will need to be returned to the library.
- Items without a rectangular barcode sticker are considered consumable and do not have to be returned unless you end up not using them.
- Manipulatives (games, counting bears, flash cards, etc...) may or may not have a barcode- but they ALL need to be returned to the library when you are done with them.
- The due dates for library checkouts have changed this year:
  - Items from our patron library (barcode beginning in T) are due 30 days from the date of checkout.
  - Items from our curriculum library (barcode beginning in X) are due at the end of the school year.
  - *We do however appreciate it if you return all items when you finish with them so that other students and families can enjoy them.*

- Check out our online catalog! Located on the Mead Learning Options website you will find most of our patron library collection has been cataloged. Log in to the system with your student's district username and password.
- You may place a hold on a title if the title you want is currently checked out, or you can check to see if a title is in our collection before coming into the library. Please do not place a hold on a title if it is currently available, our library staff has limited time to pull titles for families.
- Questions? Contact library para Cynthia Villines at [cynthia.villines@mead354.org](mailto:cynthia.villines@mead354.org) or call 509-465-7750
- The library is open Monday through Friday at the following times:
  - Club weeks: 9:00 am - 11:45 am AND 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
  - NS Progress weeks: 9:00 am - 11:45 am AND 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

### Optional Chromebook Insurance

Opting out means families will be held financially responsible for the full cost of repair or replacement associated with any damaged, lost or stolen equipment. To opt in: [Purchasing Chromebook Insurance Using Online Payments](#). Lack of action prior to September 16, 2022, will be considered an opt-out.

### 8/21/22 Curriculum Pick Up Changes

Good Evening Mead Outdoor School Families!

We hope you've enjoyed a wonderful summer with family and friends! We are so excited to see our students in the next few weeks.

Please take a few minutes to read through this update on curriculum orders and when you can come pick everything up.

August curriculum orders are still coming in. The staff is frantically getting deliveries inventoried, added to the system and checked out to families. The good news is that many orders have arrived and are being processed. The bad news is that they will not be ready for pick up on August 23-25.

**Families who ordered by June 6, will have curriculum ready for pick up beginning on August 30th.** Everything will be checked out and ready for fast and easy pick up on that day. There will not be additional checkouts at that time as the library is still being set up for the school year but families are free to browse the online catalog and place holds on items they would like to check out.

If you did not order curriculum and still need materials, see [Ordering Process](#) and how to [select curriculum](#). Then complete the [2022-23 Family Curriculum Order](#) and email it to [erin.glasser@mead354.org](mailto:erin.glasser@mead354.org).

Don't forget to complete the [MOS Back To School 2022 events form](#).

We appreciate your patience and look forward to helping you all get off to a great start. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email me at [nick.edwards@mead354.org](mailto:nick.edwards@mead354.org)

## 8/19/22 Fall Dates and Details

Welcome Back (almost) MOS Families!

As you begin the countdown to the kickoff of the 2022-23 school year, please review these important September dates, then complete the [MOS Back To School 2022 events form](#) to help us prepare. We must have contact with your student during the weeks of Aug 30-Sept 1 and Sept 6-8.

We hope you cherish the last two weeks of the summer break, as we do the same. We look forward to seeing you and starting a wonderful year!

Hike on!

Your MOS team- Erin, Jen, Kirsten and Tracy

## Final Summer Parent Advisory Meeting

**August 16, 10am Pine River Park**

This is an open group and any level of participation is welcome. See [Parent Advisory Council](#).

## Curriculum Pick Up

**9-11am PLC library**

Families who ordered by June 6, will have curriculum ready for pick up on any of the following days: August 22-25, Aug 30-Sept 1, Sept 6-9. If you did not order curriculum and still need materials, see [Ordering Process](#) and how to [select curriculum](#). Then complete the [2022-23 Family Curriculum Order](#) and email it to [erin.glasser@mead354.org](mailto:erin.glasser@mead354.org).

## New Family Q&A

**August 25, 12pm Dart-Lo**

If you have not attended an in-person introduction, here's your chance. We will help families determine if this program is a good fit in terms of what MOS requires and what prospective families need. The teaching parent and child(ren) should attend.

## Curriculum Connections

**August 30, 10am PLC Library**

*Required for weekly contact.*

Learn about progress monitoring tools, pick up curriculum, build community with teachers and other families, enjoy a yummy treat.

- NEW to the District- come at 9:45am to get your chromebook and network ID.

## Family Orientation

**September 6, 1pm Camp Dart-Lo**

*Required for weekly contact.*

We will address safety procedures, program content and standards, schedules, and introduce the parent advisory group.

- Optional Family picnic 12-12:30 pack a lunch to share with your family. We will provide a scavenger hunt for self-guided tours during that time.
- Optional guided tour will leave from the pond at 12:30.

## Regular MOS Days Begin

### September 13, 9:00-2:45 Camp Dart-Lo

- Packing: backpack, water bottle, snacks, lunch, sturdy shoes, layered clothing.
- Bring an insulated lunch box (or you will be able to order a school lunch at student drop off. New district lunch prices have not been posted yet.
- Camp has a pack-it-in pack-it-out policy. Students will return with their own lunch and snack garbage. "Go green" when packing food, whenever possible.

## Incomplete Enrollment

If your student's enrollment is incomplete, the office staff start contacting families next week to help you complete the missing paperwork. This includes the [MOS Application Form](#) and [Online New Student Starting 2022-2023](#).

## MOS Newspaper Final Call For Student Summer Submissions

The first release is expected in early September. Send student submissions to Danae Schilt at [danaeschilt@gmail.com](mailto:danaeschilt@gmail.com) by **August 22**. Get a jump on your journalism dreams. Learn more about the MOS student newspaper at Curriculum Connection August 30.

## Facebook Mead Outdoor School Parent Support Group

[Mead Outdoor School Parent Support Group](#)! This group exists for the purpose of helping parents of MOS students connect, build friendships, share ideas, and provide encouragement with our schooling journeys. Ask for suggestions about outdoor clothing or lunches, arrange an after school meet-up, or get curriculum ideas!

This is an informal support group for parents and is not affiliated with Mead School District or Mead Outdoor School.

## Summer Reading Challenge "Read Beyond the Beaten Path"

The Spokane County Library District program to track reading minutes, earn badges, complete challenges, and enter a fabulous prize drawing **ends August 31**. Sign up with Beanstack at <https://scl.d.beanstack.org/reader365>.

## 8/8/22 TA Acceptance Letter

Congratulations! You have been accepted as a Teacher's Assistant at Mead Outdoor School for the 2022-23 school year. Thank you for helping us blaze new trails!

We look forward to meaningful learning and playing outdoors. You will learn leadership, teaching skills, characteristics of different age groups, behavior management strategies, environmental stewardship, and value of service. Plan to join us each Tuesday and/or Thursday from 9:00am-2:30pm for school at Camp Dart-Lo. For this, you will receive up to two elective credits.

Please mark your calendar for fall startup events:

August 25- MOS New Family Q&A 12:00pm (Optional if you have attended previously)

August 30- First Day of School/At Home Learning Begins

August 30- Curriculum Connection at PLC 10:00am-12:00pm (Required for Weekly Contact)

September 6- Family Orientation at MOS 1:00 pm (Required for Weekly Contact) More details to come after school starts.

September 13- First day of MOS

The August 30 Curriculum Connection will have a station for TAs to include safety procedures, program content, schedules and community building.

Here are some answers to common questions, to help you prepare.

Q. How many students will I be working with?

A. Throughout the day, you will work with a variety of small and large groups, grade band groups and mixed grade groups, ranging from 5 to 76 students.

Q. Will I ever be left alone with the students?

A. Teachers are responsible for student supervision and delivery of content. You may be asked to transition a student or a small group to a new area or teacher.

Q. Will I be asked to do maintenance?

A. Most often, tasks will involve working with students and supporting teachers. You may be given the opportunity to do trail maintenance, light housekeeping, and service projects.

Q. Do I need to bring supplies?

A. Necessary supplies are provided. You will bring/wear appropriate attire for a day in the outdoors, a water bottle, and a lunch.

Q. Will this require any planning on my part?

A. As the year progresses, you may have chances to lead an activity or contribute in a more meaningful way, that requires some prior planning. If you have a special skill to share or idea for a project, let the teacher know.

We are eager to get to know and grow with you. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Hike on!

The MOS team- Erin, Jen, Kirsten and Tracy

## MOS Parent Advisory Meeting Reminder 7/14

We hope you are all getting a little R&R, as our summer moves quickly by.

Next week will be the second of three summer parent meetings. This is a great opportunity to connect with other families in MOS and hear about the many ways to get involved.

Tuesday, July 19, 10am, Pine River Park

Danae Schilt (mother of two MOS students and a North Star student) will lead conversation, give an update on Advisory tasks and share information about the Facebook Parent Support Group.

Bring a lawn chair. (and your kids of course if you want to let them play with other MOS students)

Can't make it? Save the date for Tuesday, August 16th 10 a.m. - Pine River Park. Also, check back on the Parent Advisory Council for minutes.

## 2021 - 2022 EOY Summer Send Off

Hello Outdoor Enthusiasts,

You're receiving this email as either a current or new family on our enrollment roster for fall 2022. Welcome to our Mead Outdoor School! We send monthly (or more) email updates to keep families informed of the activities of MOS. Please get in the habit of reading to the end. Have a delightful summer break, with lots of time devoted to making wonderful memories.

Hike on!

Your MOS team- Erin, Jen, Kirsten and Tracy

### Fall Start up Dates

With summer just starting it's hard to think about fall. So just "set it and forget it".

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September 13- First day of MOS

### Curriculum Connection

Come learn about the progress monitoring tools we will use at MOS, pick up your curriculum orders, ask questions about curriculum, discuss learning routines with fellow MOS families. Choose the time that works best for your family.

### Curriculum Orders

Staff have been hard at work to communicate with families to set up learning plans and order curriculum. The big order will be placed this June. The remainder of curriculum needs will be placed in September. If you have additional needs that arise, plan to share them with the staff when we return.

## Recap of the Parent Advisory Council

Thank you for enthusiastic attendance at this week's meeting. We settled on some summer park meeting dates. We discussed ways the group could support MOS through time/ideas/resources/community contacts/etc. This is an open group and any level of participation is welcome. See [Parent Advisory Council](#).

### Summer Parent Advisory Meetings:

Tuesday, July 19th 10 a.m. - Pine River Park

Tuesday, August 16th 10 a.m. - Pine River Park

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## MOS Newspaper \*Calling For Summer Submissions\*

Mos hopes to release its first student newspaper in early September. If your child is interested in submitting something, have them send it to Danae Schilt at [danaeschilt@gmail.com](mailto:danaeschilt@gmail.com). The Newspaper will run much like a real newspaper and not all submissions will make it into every edition. During the school year students in the Newspaper connection will be writing and making editorial decisions. This summer is a great time to get a jump on your journalism dreams.

## Summer Reading Challenge "Read Beyond the Beaten Path"

Beginning June 1, the Spokane County Library District gave students the ability to track their reading minutes, earn badges, complete challenges, and enter a fabulous prize drawing. Parents and students can sign up with Beanstack at <https://sclld.beanstack.org/reader365>. Of course we would like to encourage every student to read a little everyday...under a tree, in a tree, in a boat, in a hammock, on a trail...wherever you happen to be enjoying the clouds floating by.