

Marlin Tales



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"Machananao Elementary School will create a safe, trendsetting, community of life-long learners striving for success."

ADMINISTRATOR'S ADDRESS...

Dear Parents/Guardian:

We are so excited that the time has finally come for our ACCREDITATION VIRTUAL SELF STUDY VISIT! As I mentioned in our previous newsletters, our visit is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2021 to Friday, February 12, 2021. The Visiting Team Chairperson is Mr. Douglas Paulson, English Teacher and Enrichment Program Coordinator from the state of California. We will be inviting student and parent representatives to the virtual meeting with the Visiting Team to help them get to know our school from the students and parents' perspectives. After the visit, I'm sure we can all celebrate and take some time to reflect on how we did as a school community in maintaining our accreditation status. Even through our current situation, it is evident that our school supports distance learning through the continuation of teaching and learning. As a result, this pandemic really allowed us to come together, to support one another, be creative, learned to adapt to the situation, and still remained focused on student learning needs. It was a reflection on who we are and where we want to go. Our School Improvement Plan (SIP) is our driving force in ensuring we accomplish what we have in our plan to improve and increase student achievement at our school. MES has overcome some of the challenges with distance learning, but we will continue to address the areas of improvement. Through the various tools, techniques, skills, strategies, practices, and resources, MES was able to explore and apply distance learning for ALL students. We Are Student Centered! Speaking of celebration, February 14 is Valentine's Day....it is the time to celebrate LOVE! YOU love your children more than anything in the world. Therefore, because this is a special month... you should show your love for your child/children in a special way. Love can be shown with or without gifts. Making your child feel special everyday and not just on Valentine's Day is important. Parents should show their children they love them by acknowledging their children and letting them know that they love them. You should give hugs and kisses everyday! No matter what the age of the child is, parents should praise as much as they can to give their child encouragement. Here are some ways for parents to show their love on Valentine's Day and year round: * **Love** — Every day tell your child, "I love you. You're special to me." They need to know and feel your love and care for them. * **Time** — The most valuable gift that a parent can give to their child is their time. What children want most is parents' attention. Get more involve in your child's school and/or extracurricular activities. * **Books** If a parent is going to give an item to their child, a book makes a great gift! Take the time to read to your child. * **Games** — If the parent wants to spend time with their child and they are not sure how, the parent should ask the child if he or she would like to play a game. Spend time with your child by playing his/her favorite game. Being a parent can be a joy, but it's also a tough job, but regardless of what you give to your child on Valentine's Day, the best gift you can give to your child/children is to be loving to them and others. May your Valentine's Day be filled with Love and Happiness! LOVE definitely makes the world a better place! Stay safe everyone...spread the love, and not the germs!

SAFETY REMINDERS

The following points are guidance to safely send and receive resources between school and home during COVID-19. Also, please continue to wear a face mask over your nose and mouth, wash your hands often, and do not exit your vehicles when dropping off and/or picking up hard copy learning packets.

Families returning materials and/or assignments back to school :

- Instruct families that if they have an ill family member, not to participate, notify the school, and send a replacement such as a neighbor or a friend.
- Follow Friday Hard Copy pick-up and drop-off safety procedures and guidelines.
- Clean and disinfect tables and other equipment used in the pick-up/drop-off areas.
- Allow materials to sit for 24 hours before they are accessed by staff of paper materials, and 72 hours for electronic devices.
- Staff should use gloves for moving the materials to an interior location.

Sending resources and/or assignments from school to families:

- Paper documents can be placed in large envelopes and/or folders. Use envelopes that have a tie or use tape/labels to secure. Do not use envelopes that require moisture to secure.
- Plastics, including electronic devices, should be disinfected according to manufacturer recommendations.
- Backpacks or cloth bags should be new or laundered if used.
- Materials should be prepared at least 24 hours in advance for paper materials, and 72 hours in advance for plastic materials.

ATTENDANCE

Although MES is teaching remotely (Online and HC), please be reminded that attendance will still be taken and documented. Your child's homeroom teacher will be taking attendance on days they are providing Online (Mondays and Tuesdays) and Hard Copy (Fridays) instruction to your child.

Teachers will also be documenting students that pick up Hard Copy Learning Packets and submitting assignments. Feel free to communicate with your child's teacher/s should you need clarification regarding your child's attendance and/or schedule.



PreK-GATE

Happy February Mini-Marlin families! First, I would like to give all our families and students a huge HIGH FIVE for a smooth transition into our new online and FTF schedule that went into effect at the end of last month. While the schedule has changed, the learning will continue. This month we will be integrating the GATE standards into fun February themes of Love, Friendship, Family, etc. Our goal is to introduce our Mini-Marlins to basic low/no-tech coding to further enhance problem solving and communication skills. It's going to be a great month in PreK GATE! As a friendly reminder, students in all MOs must complete the "non-meeting day" homework assignments. **New Online Schedule:** *Monday and Tuesday: 9am - 9:30am and 10am - 10:30am* Check out https://www.kodable.com/hour-of-code/mazemaker?utm_campaign=partner&utm_medium=learn-page&utm_source=hoc-activity&utm_content=maze-maker to have your child get a head start in playing an awesome coding game!

KINDERGARTEN

Hafa Adai Parents/ Guardians...The Theme for this month is Animals and Presidents' Day. Our students will learn about Presidents whose picture is on money and the two Presidents born in this month. We will continue identifying and classifying the different kinds of animals: Mammal, Birds and Fish. For Math, students will practice counting from 0-100, and addition and subtraction. Please visit: Counting to 100 Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWHc9MdkWY>

Language Arts, students will read more sight words and identify beginning, middle, and ending sounds. Students are leaning more information and skills each day. Please encourage and guide them to succeed in school. *Si Yu'us Ma'ase, The Lil' Marlin Team*
Mrs. Borja's (F101) Online Session: Monday: 8:30am-9:45am, 11:45am-12:45pm Tuesday: 8:30am-9:30am, 11:45am-2:00pm

FIRST GRADE

Welcome Back MARLINS! As we begin our journey back with face to face sessions, please remember our school's protocols and expectations. We will also be utilizing Fridays for interventions to help with students' academic growth. PSST's for 3rd Quarter: **Reading** - RI.1.2 Identify main topic/ retell key details of a text; **Writing** - L.1.1.E Use verbs to convey a sense of past, present, and future; **Math** - 1.NBT.4 Add within 100, including adding a two-digit number and a one-digit number, and adding a two-digit number and a multiple of 10; **Science** - Sounds and Vibrations; **Social Studies** - 1.1.2 Describe historical periods after reading or listening to stories about famous people. Some fun online games: https://www.mathplayground.com/grade_1_games.html and <https://www.turtlediary.com/games/first-grade/language-arts.html>
Ms. Lanada's (E102) Online Session: Monday: 8:30am - 11:00am Tuesday: 8:45am; 11:00am, 12:15pm-1:15pm

SECOND GRADE

Let's continue working together for your child's progress. If you have any questions, contact your child's 2nd grade teacher. At home, practice:
Reading: Practice vocabulary words 3x.
Read for 75+ minutes daily.
Math: Add and subtract 3 columns with regrouping. Add and subtract one-step word problems. For more worksheets, visit math-aids.com
LA: Write a paragraph about a given picture. Begin with capital letters and end with a period.
Ms. Ampurias' (D102) Online Session: Monday- 8:30am - 10:55am Tuesday- 8:30am - 11:40am

THIRD GRADE

This month we will continue strengthening our reading comprehension and fluency skills. In Language Arts, we will be learning about the different verb tenses. In Math, we have introduced arrays, and equal groups. Through Science, we will be learning about our environment and sustainability. In Social Studies, we will explore various cultures. Please visit our grade level website for videos, and information at: sites.google.com/gdoe.net/mesmighty3rd/home. Thank you for your continued support and stay safe!
Mrs. Maluwemeng (H103) and Mr. Baisa's (H104) Online Sessions: Monday: 9:00am-11:25am; Tuesday: 9:00am-12:10pm

FOURTH GRADE

We would like to thank you all parents and guardians for taking the time to meet/talk to your child's teacher during the 2nd Quarter Virtual Parent-Teacher Conference. Just a reminder that 3rd Quarter began Jan. 8, 2021. For the month of February, your child will learn the following skills: (Reading) Main Ideas/Supporting Details and Retelling (English) Contractions with Pronouns/ Homophones and Adverbs. Continue to practice writing paragraph with correct format (Math) Multiplication of 2-4 digit number by 1-2 digits. We kindly ask that you also encourage your child to do the Extra Practice or Drill activities provided in Math Lessons. Recommended websites: www.math.aids.com, www.education.com, www.math-drills.com, Multiplication.com
Mrs. Limtuato's (C102) and Mrs. Quilit's (C103) Online Sessions: Monday: 8:30am-10:45am; Tuesday: 8:30am-11:30am

FIFTH GRADE

We would like to thank you for your continued support for your child's education. We are excited for all the new things we will learn in February! Listed below are the main topics for February. We will be learning: Math – Add and subtract fractions with unlike denominators (including mixed numbers); ELA – Use a comma to set off the words yes and no (e.g., Yes, thank you), to set off a tag question from the rest of the sentence (e.g., It's true, isn't it?), and to indicate direct address (e.g., Is that you, Steve?) Explain the relationships or interactions between two or more individuals, events, ideas, or concepts in a historical, scientific, or technical text based on specific information in the text. ELA and Math <http://www.readwritethink.org/> <http://www.hoodamath.com/>
Mrs. Fernandez' (C101) and Mr. Bukikosa's (B101) Online Session: Monday: 9:00am-10:15am, 11:00am-12:00pm Tuesday: 9:00am-10:00am, 11:00am-12:00pm, 1:30pm-2:30pm
Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Team 5th

CHAMORU K-5th

Hãfa Adai Parents/Guardians, for the month of February, we will be learning about Ayudãnten Kumunidãt (Community Helpers) as well as review past lessons that we have covered in preparation for our quarterly assessment. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We appreciate your continued patience and support! Please visit the following: CHamorur Studies GDOE website: <https://sites.google.com/gdoe.net/lessons-and-tips/chamoru-studies> Online platform by UOG. Create an account with guidance from a parent/guardian. This is a website for additional resources to grow your knowledge in the CHamorur Language. <https://www.learningchamoru.com/>
Sinora Santos' Online Session: Monday-(Kinder) 10:30am-11:00am (1st grade) 2:00pm-2:30pm (2nd/3rd grade) 11:30am-12:00pm (4th/5th grade) 1:05pm-1:35pm
Saina Ma'ãse, Sinora Santos yan Sinot Quitugua

LIBRARIAN'S LINES

Dear Parents,

For the month of February, the students will be learning the following standard in the library due to the limited time of instruction weekly:

K-1st Grade- Dictionary- ABC order, guide words, definition

2nd-5th- Dictionary- guide words, entry word, pronunciation, definition, plural form, part of speech, & origin

Valentine's Day is celebrated this month. I will be reading books about the origin of Valentine's Day and how it is celebrated. The students will also be exposed to stories and information of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln to celebrate Presidents' Day on Feb.15th.

Here is a website for your child/ren to learn & read and have fun at the same time <http://www.magictreehouse.com>



Happy Reading! Mrs. Arriola

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Greetings Marlins! As you may already know our Accreditation visit is in a few days away and we can prepare ourselves by attending the second FAST workshop. I encourage you to speak to myself and any other faculty about their focus group and what roles you can have within the school accreditation process. We welcome any insights and feedback. As for any counseling concerns my office and telephone lines are open and I am looking forward to working together.

February Virtue: Compassion
"Caring about how others feel"

Community Learning Center (CLC): MES is one of the 21 schools that will be participating as a CLC which will provide after-hours support for students seeking to utilize the centers to access the internet or to use school equipment to complete schoolwork. MES will open Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays from 3:30pm to 7:30pm to allow students from their village or surrounding areas to utilize school equipment (laptops, printers, scanners, etc.) and/or the Wi-Fi signal. GDOE, Charter and Private school students and their families will be allowed to access these centers. CLCs will open on February 1, 2021.

ESL

Greetings Parents/Guardians,

First, we would like to thank you for starting off 2021 with greater confidence and trust in MES' administration, faculty and staff, and in us your ESL team as we begin Face-to-Face (FtF) instruction once again. Secondly, we are excited to have a newly-hired ESL teacher to serve our ELLs in the primary grades (2nd & 3rd), Mrs. Lanada-Toves. Ms. Ichin is also a new addition to the team, who will assist us in meeting various program objectives and in communicating directly with parents. Aside from new faces, 2021 brings with it many new challenges as well. At the forefront of everything else that we do is to ensure the safety and protection of all stakeholders, especially the students we serve. The need for wearing facemasks, hand-washing, and sanitizing often can never be overstated, and we expect this to continue as common practice for all of us if we expect some kind of normalcy to return in the near future. Thirdly, we ask for your continued understanding and patience even as you struggle to assist your ELL(s) at home with various assignments and projects placed before them. There are several online resources available to learn about coping and surviving these stressful conditions at home. This is one of them: <https://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/patients/coronavirus-information/family-resources>. A child's future becomes brighter each time their parent or guardian takes extra effort at supporting their path to learning. Dr. Quitano, Mrs. Lanada-Toves, & Ms. Ichin.

GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION

This month, students will fall in love with exercising their brains through our GATE standard: critical thinking. For detailed information on critical thinking, please visit: https://www.canr.msu.edu/news/the_importance_of_critical_thinking_for_young_children

Additionally, students will continue to think divergently and creatively through this standard. Parents, please continue to remind your child to stay up to date with announcements and assignments on Google Classroom.

Online Sessions:

Monday: (1st & 2nd grade) 12:30pm-1:30pm

Tuesday: (3rd, 4th, and 5th grade) 1:30pm-2:30pm

Thank you, Mrs. Cielito Rivera

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Hafa Adai, Marlins! The Special Education Program is providing instruction in the classroom, as well as lessons for the hard copy model of learning. Online interventions are also offered. We are working on improving skills in letter and number recognition, quantity discrimination, word fluency, and reading comprehension. We will also work on activities to build fine motor skills, such as writing. -Ms. Tenorio

The following has 6 activity suggestions to build fine motor skills:

<https://www.understood.org/en/learning-thinking-differences/child-learning-disabilities/movement-coordination-issues/6-fine-motor-activities-for-young-kids>

PTO NEWS

If you have any questions contact us at machespto@gmail.com
 And be sure to check out our school website for more information.

PTO Officers:

President- Reachell Pangelinan
 Vice-President- Emi Villaluz
 Secretary- Alvina Toves
 Treasurer- Jen Ma'anao
 Public Relations Officer- Liz Galvez

During the Covid-19 Quarantine PTO Officers delivered food to some of our students and their families that were not able to make it to the school for food distribution pick up.



Parent Training Available

During CLC (Community Learning Center) Parents will be given an option to participate in Parent

Trainings on that day.

Date: Fridays Only

Duration: 35 minutes

Location: F102 (Kindergarten Wing)

For more information email us at:
machespto@gmail.com



**STAY SAFE
 MARLINS!**



February 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Online MOL 1 *CLC Opens	Online MOL 2	Face to Face Session A 3 <small>Focus Group A Meeting</small>	Face to Face Session B 4 PTO Meeting 5:00pm FAST Workshop #2	Grab & Go Meal AND Hard Copy Distribution 9:00am-12:00pm 5	6
7	Online MOL 8	Online MOL 9	Face to Face Session A 10 <small>Focus Group BCD Meeting</small>	Face to Face Session B 11 <small>Focus Group E Meeting</small>	Grab & Go Meal AND Hard Copy Distribution 9:00am-12:00pm 12	13
Accreditation Self Study Visit						
14 Valentines Day	Online MOL 15	Online MOL 16	Face to Face Session A 17 <small>Disseminate 3rd Mid Qtr Progress Reports</small> <small>Focus Group A Meeting</small>	Face to Face Session B 18	Grab & Go Meal AND Hard Copy Distribution 9:00am-12:00pm 19	20
21	Online MOL 22 Lock Down Drill 1:30pm	Online MOL 23	Face to Face Session A 24 <small>Focus Group BCD Meeting</small>	Face to Face Session B 25 <small>Focus Group E Meeting</small>	Grab & Go Meal AND Hard Copy Distribution 9:00am-12:00pm 26	27
28	*CLC = Community Learning Center will be open every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. 3:30pm-7:30pm Last Call at 6:00pm.			Monthly Virtue: COMPASSION I care about how others feel.		