



Marion Cross

Principal's Newsletter

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Website

Marion Cross Mosaic Sign Unveiled

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Calendar

- 10/25 K-3 Open House
4:30-6:00
- 10/27 4-6 Open House
4:30-6:00
- 11/2 School Board
Meeting 7:00
- 11/10 No School
Teacher In-Service**
- 11/16 Early Dismissal
Teacher In-Service
12:00**
- 11/18 No School
Parent Conferences**

The glass and tile sign that now hangs above the main entrance here at school is truly one-of-a-kind! The plaque that will soon hang (hopefully) just outside the entrance reads:

"Faculty, parents and friends joined together to create this beautiful tile & glass mosaic. The rainbow motif symbolizes the Marion Cross School community with every color representing a different grade level and the separate pieces indicating the individuality of our students. Each piece, and each student, may be different, but when the pieces come together, the rainbow emerges."

Many people deserve our thanks for their efforts in bringing this sign to life. I would like to offer a special thanks to Vicky Bipart and Shep Butler and their family for allowing the sign to be housed in their basement while all of us traipsed in and out to work on (or in my case, just gawk at) this work of art. Of course, we need to acknowledge the inspiration behind this project, Ms. Tracy Smith, our Art teacher.

(In case you are wondering, the wooden support will be painted to match the background...not to worry!)

..... Open Houses

Our annual Open Houses are Tuesday (K-3) and Thursday (4-6) of next week. Unlike Curriculum Nights, families are invited to visit the classrooms, view student work, and wander the school visiting locations other than the classroom. Please do not feel an obligation to be here from start to finish. The timing of these events (4:30-6:00) was designed to allow parents and families to wander in when they can and to leave when they need to.

Names in Clothing!

It's that time of year when kids wear three layers of clothing to school and go home with only one! Please put names in all clothing. Listen to me.....I'm a parent.....I know these things! Now, where's my marker.....

Dani Ligett is off to Texas

The MCS effort to support those in need due to the storms and flooding down south continues as our school counselor, Dani Ligett, prepares to head to Texas. Dani is an EMT who works in the Upper Valley on an ambulance service and has been called up to support a temporary medical facility in Texas. She expects to leave early this week and will be gone for about two weeks. Our PE teacher, Rick Newton, returned from three weeks in New Orleans and will share, with the school, his experiences at our next REP.

Homework Club

Tuesdays & Thursdays
3:15 - 4:30
Library Classroom

Bicycle Vandalism

We recently had an incident of a bicycle being left at school and being ruined over a weekend. While Norwich is far safer than most communities, and many bicycles have been left at school without incident, I want you to be aware that we are not completely free from vandalism. Please make every effort to take bicycles home each night, especially prior to the weekends.

Pupil Services Team (PST)

The next installment of: Name Those Initials - The Pupil Services Team is comprised of our Special Education service providers and other faculty members such as the School Nurse, School Counselor and our Reading Teacher. This team meets weekly to discuss how we can support students who are struggling in the classroom. While the PST is part of the special education system outlined by the state of Vermont, it also serves as a sounding board to find ways to support students without the use of special education services. Our goal is to find the least restrictive measures that will help a child succeed in the classroom.

Crazy Calendar

African Drumming, NECAP Testing, finally we can get back to a normal schedule. Oops, I guess not. November's calendar is tricky. We have moved one of our In-Service days to accommodate (as a district) the High School renovation schedule. So, please look at the calendar carefully and plan accordingly.

Final Word...

"Sorry about that, Chief!"

- Maxwell Smart, Agent 86
(in memory of Don Adams)

Rob Edson