

# *Margaret Chase Smith School*

## **Weekly Update**



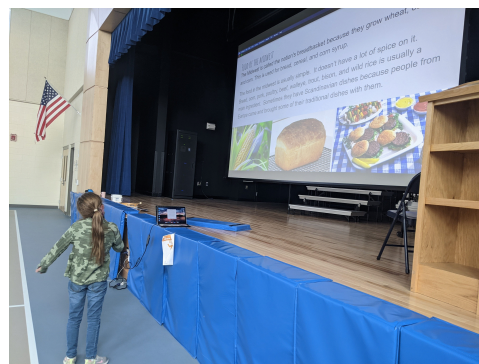
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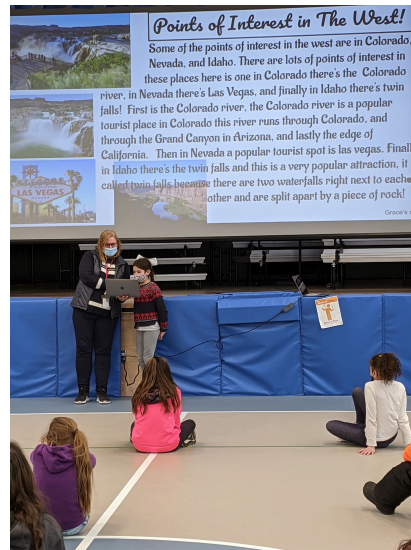
Hello Everyone,

We are happy to be welcoming our students back to school, in-person, 4 days per week. It has been a long year since our lives were impacted by the COVID-19 virus. It looks like there is light at the end of the tunnel as we keep taking measured steps back to some sense of normalcy. However, with everyone back it is still important to follow all our CDC restrictions including social distancing by staying 3 feet away from peers and 6 feet from adults while wearing a mask; washing our hands with soap and water or using hand sanitizer; and wearing a mask unless it is a mask break or a scheduled time to eat. As a reminder, please notify us if anyone in your home tests positive or has been exposed to anyone who has tested positive to the COVID-19.

### **Growth Mindset:**

Associated with a growth mindset is the ability to meet challenges and risk making mistakes. Last week our 4<sup>th</sup> graders did just that as all of our 4<sup>th</sup> graders had to present in front of their peers. Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students have been researching about assigned regions of the United States. Then each student had to create a google slide with important facts that he/she learned and present his/her learned information to the other 4<sup>th</sup> graders in our gym. The boys and girls did a super job. Below are just a couple of photos of from all the presentations.





### March Activities:

- As I wrote about last week, MCS is also having a March Madness Read Aloud contest. Sixteen staff members have recorded a read aloud and each day one of the read aloud stories is played. At the end of each week students vote for their favorite read aloud in a head to head competition. The reader with the most votes moves on to read aloud again. Last week students' votes allowed Mrs. Hallissey and me to advance. This past week students heard read aloud stories from Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Abell, Mrs. Sturtevant and Mrs. Allaire. We will find out Monday which two advances from this group.
- Please be check your child's teacher's Bloomz announcements as many of them have posted special events and requests for this week.

### Reminders:

- Pick-ups at the end of the day for 4<sup>th</sup> graders and their siblings will now occur near our gym and cafeteria. Mrs. Hallissey sent out a video to show how this will look. Also, look for a sign and Mr. Wilkins to direct you. K – 3 grade pick-ups will continue the same way.
- Extra masks, please remember to pack an extra mask in your child's bag. Many masks get wet during recess time from the student's breathe as they run around. The wet mask is uncomfortable so, replacing it with a dry mask would be welcomed.
- Report cards will go home on today, March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Be on the lookout for information about MCS's Virtual Family Night. Some staff will be creating videos of themselves either reading a story or demonstrating a math game. All the videos will be placed on a link so, that families, from the comfort of their homes, can choose the videos they

wish to watch and participate. The Virtual family Night is scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**The Weeks Ahead –**

Here are some dates and events I want to give you a heads-up about so that you can plan for them.

1. **March 15<sup>th</sup>** – Report cards go home
2. **March 17<sup>th</sup>** – Saint Patrick's Day
3. **March 31<sup>st</sup>** – Virtual Family Night

Have a great week!

~ Chuck Potter