

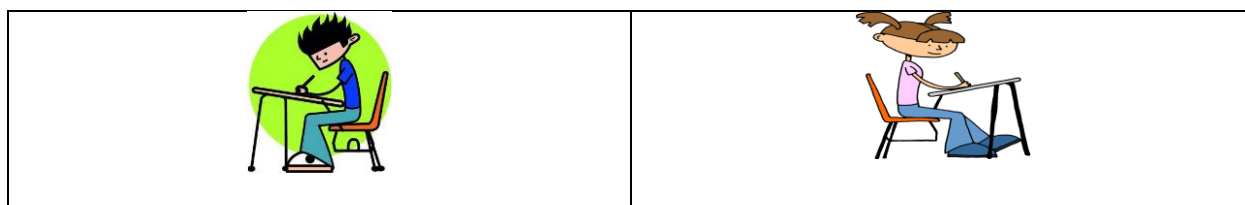


MileStone Messenger

October 2016

****STAY CONNECTED**** – In an effort to keep parents informed about school closings, field trips and other pertinent events at school, MileStone Academy uses REMIND, an app that allows the school to text information directly to you and your child’s cell phone device. Please be sure to sign up. If you haven’t received an invitation directly to your phone just follow these directions:

TEXT: @msahigh to the number 81010



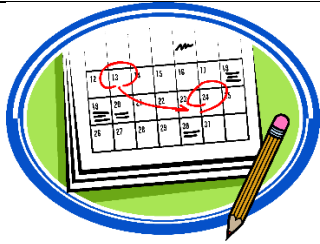
MEASURING STUDENT PROGRESS

MileStone Academy has elected to adopt the **Northwest Evaluation Association’s Measures of Academic (MAP)** testing platform to track the academic growth of our student body. These assessment are accessible for all students and build accessible testing experiences that allow all students to demonstrate their knowledge, ability, and growth. Importantly, appropriate accommodations are possible for every student. With Universal Design for Learning (UDL) as the underpinning of their approach, the platform includes test aids and item aids that remove barriers to student engagement and allow for individualization based on student needs. And they attempt to continually improve on these features through partnerships with accessibility leaders like the National Center for Accessible Media (NCAM) and the Center for Applied Specialized Technology (CAST). At MileStone teachers intend to use the information gleaned from these assessments to drive instruction. For more information about Measures of Academic Progress feel free to visit www.NWEA.org



STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWS

Just in time for the November presidential election cycle, our social studies chair, Mr. Ryan, is pleased to announce that he will be meeting with students to solicit candidates to run for vacancies in our Student Government Association. This is an excellent way for students to make a difference, have the voices of their fellow classmates heard by school faculty and develop the leadership skills necessary to succeed in college or the workforce. Be on the lookout for more information from Mr. Ryan soon.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- NOV. 4th - 1st Marking Period Ends
- NOV 9th – Report Cards Mailed
- Nov. 11 – Veterans Day - No School for Students – Parent / Teacher Conferences
- NOV. 23rd -25th Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL

- A Brief Note from the Head of School -

Dear Families,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting our school. In our second year we continue to reflect upon and refine our processes and procedures to better meet the needs of our students and MileStone community. Several of you have inquired as to how/what you can contribute in order to support our community in this endeavor. Conversely, below is a short list of suggestions that would impact the day to day operations in a positive way:

- Please be sure to have your son/daughter pack a nutritious lunch. Also, consider donating some breakfast bars or microwavable soups for our supply closet.
- As the weather has become more seasonable, continue to ensure your child is dressed appropriately. For example, long sleeves, pants, sweaters, etc. will keep them warm and alert.
- Earbuds have become a hot commodity given the time students spend using their laptops. Unfortunately, sometimes they malfunction or break. Donations of extra earbuds are always welcome.
- Cutting edge technology is a mainstay of our modern era but, costly to schools. Consider donating equipment or funds to purchase equipment to keep our classrooms on the cutting edge.
- Spread the good word about our school and the positive impact we are having on your child.

Humbly,

Mr. DuPell – Head of School

