

Mary Rowlandson Elementary School

Update

September 4, 2018

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Off to a great start!

It was a great start to the school year. The staff and students were all excited and happy to be back. MRE welcomed 43 new students to the school this year. With a short week last week and this week, teachers are taking time to build strong classroom communities. They are doing many activities to help students get to know each other and to cooperatively develop expectations. This will continue throughout this week. The foundation for a strong learning environment is a strong community.

Weather

The summer weather continues to linger. The heat and humidity look to stay through the week before we get a bit of a break with cooler nights coming this weekend. Although, last week I wrote the air conditioning was fully functioning that is not the case now. At the tail end of last week, a small part within our air conditioning system broke. While the part is a small part, the part is unique and is not easily replaced by a local manufacturer. The part has been ordered and will be in by the end of next week. Right now, the building is relatively comfortable, and we will be doing our best to circulate air throughout the hallways and classrooms. Teachers will rotate students through cooler spaces of the building as needed. Students will have water available to them, but they are encouraged to bring a water bottle to fill up regularly. Please encourage your child to dress appropriately for the warm weather. _

ColorCylce

The following message is from a former MRE student who is on the National Honor Society.

Dear Parents,

My name is Bella MacNeil and I am a resident of Lancaster and a senior at Nashoba Regional High School. I'm excited to tell you about a very special program I'm coordinating at Mary Rowlandson Elementary and Luther Burbank Middle School in

conjunction with Crayola. It's called Crayola ColorCycle – an amazing new program devised to turn used markers into energy!

All around Mary Rowlandson Elementary & Luther Burbank Middle School students and teachers will be collecting used markers that are ready to be discarded. The markers will be sent to a facility where they will be converted into clean fuel. This fuel can be used to power vehicles, heat homes, cook meals and more!

Please help support our efforts by sending your kids in with any used markers you may have around the house – even non-Crayola brands. Drop-off boxes will be located around the school for your child to deposit the markers.

Thank you in advance for participating! With the help of parents like you across the country, the Crayola ColorCycle program can keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year.

Remember, don't throw out that used marker—*ColorCycle it!*

Sincerely,

Bella MacNeil

Class of 2019 NRHS

National Honor Society

Parent Teacher Organization

The Lancaster PTO welcomes you to attend the first meeting of the 2018-2019 School year on September 19th at 6:30 PM in the MRE Library.

We are very excited to be volunteering this year and welcome any input or suggestions you have for us.

Megan Bates and Amie Caraballo (Lancaster PTO - Co Presidents)

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Open House

The Annual Open House for parents will be held next Thursday, September 13th between 6 and 8. A specific notice will be sent out with the times that each grade

level will be available for you to visit their rooms. This is a great opportunity not only to meet your child's teacher but to hear about what they will be learning throughout the year. Teachers will also cover topics such as homework expectations, the most effective way to communicate with them and classroom procedures.

Important Dates

September 14th Early release for professional development, 12:15 dismissal

September 13th – Open House 6:00 – 8:00 (parents only)

September 26th – School Council 4:00

September 17th to 21st- 5th grade to Nature's Classroom