

MARINER NATION NEWS

Murdock Middle School

17325 Mariner Way, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

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Hours Operation: 8:35 A.M- 4:20 P.M.

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Assistant Principal: Deshon Jenkins

Counselor: Sandra Tavares

Counselor: Kim Ceballos

ESE Liason: Shelly Kramer

School Resource Officer: Officer Morse

Principal's Message

MURDOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL

MARINER VALUES

As Principal, I am responsible for communicating the values of Murdock Middle School. Values are a set of principals/standards that govern our behavior. It is important for students, staff and families to know our values and behavioral expectations. Below is a description of our five primary Values.

I have included a Staff and Student version. You can see they are similar. The differences are due to our differences in roles between adults on campus and students. The adults on campus are educators. Teachers, including those outside the classroom are directly responsible for the education of our students. All other staff support student learning indirectly. The role of students is that of a learner.

Murdock Middle School Educators Core Values

We Will:

1. Display Compassion- treat others with compassion and dignity.
2. Build Trust- build trusting relationships by being honest.
3. Instill Hope- believe in ourselves and others. We know "Today I can make the world a better place by being a better person.
4. Teach with Purpose- have a deep understanding of our curriculum and deliver instruction in the context of a positive teacher-student relationship.
5. Do no Harm- guard our words and actions to avoid injuring another.

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Principal's Message

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"THE 5" Murdock Middle School Student Core Values

We Will Be:

1. Compassionate- We treat others with compassion and dignity.
2. Honest- We try to always be truthful.
3. Optimistic- We believe in ourselves and others.
4. Hard Working- We will hard work to gain knowledge. We will not quit when lessons are difficult.
5. Self-Controlled- We will accept responsibility for our words and actions. We will not injure another.

Lyman Welton
Principal

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Robotics Club

Murdock Middle School's Robotics Club is an exciting place to be on Wednesdays after school. The E1 classroom is filled with students and robot parts coming together to form robot teams to compete against each other and hopefully compete against other schools in the future. The Lego Spike Prime Robot is the first step in students learning the basics of Robot construction and programming. Scratch is a complementary block code program that will start the students towards that block coding needed for programming the Lego Robot. This will eventually progress into Python, which is a real programming language. Mr Reagle hopes this group's 6th and 7th graders will return next year along with our VEX Robot program and represent MMS at Future Competitions!



David Reagle, Business Education - Computer Application I & II

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If you would like to be a stakeholder and serve on our PEFP committee please contact Chell Pender via email at chell.pender@yourcharlotteschools.net or by phone at 941-255-7525 ext. 5214. This is a great way to share your input and ideas.

PTO/SAC

PTO & SAC meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 5:00 PM at Murdock Middle School. At the last meeting it was decided to use the money raised by the email fundraiser to sponsor a light breakfast for our staff each month to show our appreciation for all that they do. We would like to thank the following local community leaders and organizations for helping Murdock Middle School achieve our many goals this year.

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ZAXBY'S (Eric)

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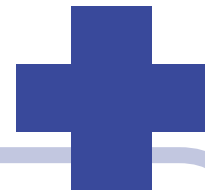
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Nurse News



Hello Parents,

This has been a challenging year for all of us with the Pandemic and all the other illnesses going around. However, I have 2 words for you: **Immune System**.

Our Immune system is the first line of defense in protecting us from illnesses or in combating them.

Our growing children need special attention to be sure they keep their immune system healthy.

A healthy Immune system needs:

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The MAC

The MAC (Mariner Achievement Club) is ran by Chell Pender. In order to become a member of MAC a student must earn a 3.5 or higher. The club will do a variety of events as well as work on community projects throughout the school year. In November, MAC will be selling pies from Perkins to help raise money. Please consider buying one for your holiday celebration. We appreciate all your support. Please do not hesitate to contact Chell Pender via email at Chell.Pender@yourcharlotteschools.net should you have any questions.



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Ways For Students To Report

1. Verbal reports to any adult
2. Written reports to adults
3. Anonymous Reports: Use online school website - the "Bully Button"

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Media Center News

Welcome back to the library!

Students are welcome to visit the library during the school day to check out books, work on research projects, and enjoy a little quiet reading time. In addition to the school day, the Media Center is open in the morning from 8:40 to 9:06. During this time, students can work on homework, read, check out books, do personal research, play a game, and catch up on current events.

Remember, we have eBooks and audiobooks available. Students can access these materials using the MMS SORA app on Classlink, or by using the SORA app on a smartphone. The SORA app is a free download. We have over 200 titles available and are adding new ones each throughout the year.

This year the library is host to many activities. Already, reading students have enjoyed book tastings and benefit from the welcoming environment to choose and read books that help them grow as readers. Credit Recovery and Florida Virtual make use of the library to complete class work. Ms. Batista and Mrs. Morrello's students will expand their study of Ancient Egypt by making cartouches out of clay. In the coming months there will be more reading-focused activities for students to enjoy as well as more art inspired collaborations.

The Art Club continues to meet after school on Tuesdays until 5:10. Students have created tie-dyed paper, explored painting with string, made buttons, and bracelets. Upcoming projects include watercolor painting, mixed media creations, and working with clay. All students are welcome to participate.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year. For more information about the Media Center and the programs offered, please visit our web page. Thank you for your continued support.

"Reading gives us someplace to go when we have to stay where we are."

P.E./Sports

Attention Mariner Nation!!

Basketball season has just concluded and for the 2nd consecutive season, both our Lady Mariners and Mariner Basketball teams reached the District Championship Game! Our Lady Mariner fought very hard but came up a little short in their quest for the District Title. However, our Mariner Basketball team finished with a school BEST RECORD EVER of 7-1 and defeated PGMS in the title game! They are truly "Second to None". Our student athlete works hard not only on the court, but also in the classroom and represent our school in an amazing way. Congratulations to all the coaches and players on a phenomenal season, one for the record books.

Tim Gretzler



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MMS T-Shirt Design Contest

Dear Parents and Students,

We would like to invite our Mariner Families to join in a friendly competition to design a new T-shirt for our school! Families should work on the project together, incorporating either our school name, our mascot (mariner), or our logo.



Our school colors are royal blue and white. Feel free to use neutral accent colors such as gray or black. Have fun with it! Designs should be turned into the front office by November 30th 2021. T-shirt designs will be displayed for 1 week, and staff and students will vote for their favorite design. The winning family will receive a \$50 gift card for Bowland! The winning T-shirt will go on sale second semester. Happy designing!

U.S. History

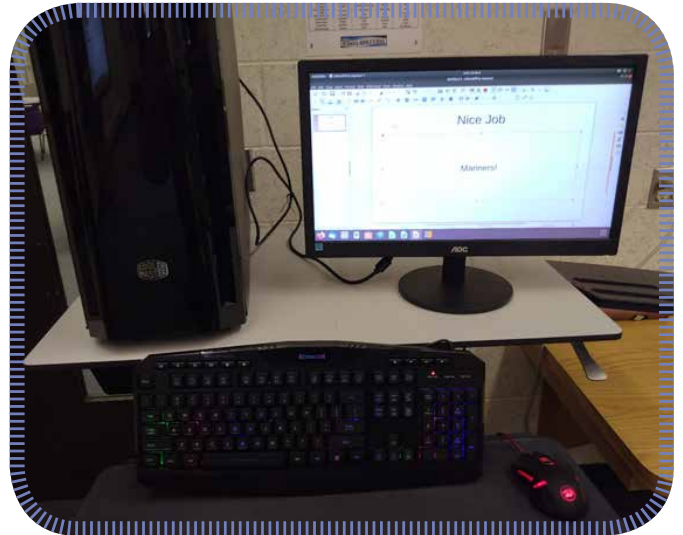
U.S. History here at Murdock can't be in a better place than it is now. We have already went over the ins and outs of the 13 Colonies, and now we will be venturing into the implications of the French and Indian War, the events and causes of the Revolution, as well as the Revolutionary War itself!

Civics

It's a great time to be a part of Civics here at Murdock Middle! We are currently discussing the Enlightenment period and how thinkers like John Locke and Baron de Montesquieu influenced our Founding Fathers when creating our U.S. Constitution. Next, we will be discussing the actual events that took place during the Revolutionary period in America, as well as detailing the contents of the Declaration of Independence and the importance it had and has on our country.

Student Government Association (SGA)

SGA is off and running here at Murdock Middle! We have already planned out a Spirit Week for this year. It will be Monday, October 25th until Friday, October 29th. For the exact days, please pay attention to WMAR and posters advertising the event. You can also always ask Mr. Monteleone or Mr. Wheeler as well for clarification. Dress code still applies for Spirit Week as well. Also, we have designed a T-Shirt that we plan on purchasing for our members! We designed it together in our last SGA meetings, and we really like the way it came out. Coming up soon will be a Hat and Shades Day fundraiser for SGA where we will charge a small fee for students to be able to wear a hat and a pair of sunglasses in the corridors and in select classes with teachers' permission. Finally, SGA Officer elections will be conducted sometime this month. Please be on the lookout for updates regarding when and how students can run for an office, as well as the prerequisites needed to run. It is an exciting time to be an MMS SGA member!



Computer Class

In Mr. Park's class we are learning about computer parts. After exploring what all the parts do and where they are located, we were able to secure the parts necessary to build our own computer from scratch. After several trial and errors, we successfully assembled it and powered it on. It works!



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