

Del Mar News Flash

Bi-Weekly Newsletter

3.18.2020



Key Dates:

March 20th

Second Trimester report cards will be available

April 13th

Expected date of school reopening.

April 15th-18th

Del Mar Musical--Footloose!

April 16th

Del Mar PTA Meeting. 8:30AM Library

May 1st

Del Mar Yearbook will be ready to pre-order online

May 7th

Del Mar PTA Meeting. 8:30AM. Del Mar Library

Principal's Message:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We hope this finds you all well. We will continue to follow the recommended guidelines made by the Marin County Public Health Officer and are adhering to the shelter-in-place order, which has now been extended through April 7, 2020. For more information regarding the shelter-in-place order, please visit the [Department of Health and Human Services website](#).

I understand that many Del Mar families also have children at Reed and Bel Aire. As a district we are trying to centralize as much communication as possible, while meeting the needs of our students and families that are unique to middle school. By design, Del Mar's approach to teaching and learning is intended to require more independence and self-direction on the student's part, particularly as we begin Trimester 3. Communication content and methods may be different than that of Bel Aire or Reed. Please make sure to read all schools' communications.

Social Distancing

I understand, in very personal ways, how difficult it is for parents to be supervising the responsibilities of your child's distance learning while managing all of your other professional and personal obligations. In order for our community to mitigate the spread of this virus and return all of our children to school, it is incredibly important that we each follow guidelines for shelter-in-place and social distancing. An article is linked [HERE](#) from yesterday that provides a good summary of the most recent guidelines. It is important that you maintain awareness that social distancing may lead to social isolation for some of our kids. You can certainly encourage your children to reach out to peers electronically, yet be aware that, in the absence of easy peer contact over these next few weeks, you may need to plan more quality "social" time with your child (play more cards or games, do more baking, home projects or creative arts, exercise together, etc. etc.), rather than just working side by side. Our school psychologists have compiled a few resources to help parents talk to their children about the COVID-19 virus, as well as how to navigate through other social issues such as managing media. These resources are linked here:

May 25th

Memorial
Day-No
school

May 27th

Spring
Music
Concert
6:30 PM
Gym.

May 11th

Carnival at
Del Mar

June 1st

8th Graders
to Six Flags

June 12th

Last Day of
School. Del
Mar 8th
Grade
Graduation.
2:30 PM

Podcast- Episode 2.

Finally, here is a link to my podcast, the second episode of which was emailed to the students this morning: <https://anchor.fm/Principallynch>

Brian Lynch
Principal

In Other News

Course Selection for Next Year:

Parents/Guardians of CURRENT 6th and 7th graders, please look for communication on Friday of this week with information and due dates for picking elective classes for next year. 5th grade families will receive that information NEXT week.

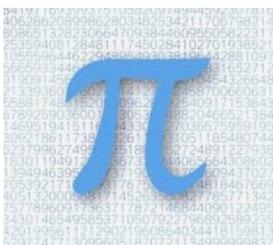
Our Del Mar Yearbook Needs YOU!

Mr. Nielsen, who teaches our Yearbook Class, would like to put out an urgent request for any last minute 8th grade baby photos, quotes and a current photo, if you have not sent them in already.

He ALSO is requesting any sports team photos that you may have from any of our Del Mar teams this year. Please email all photos to: bnielsen@reedschools.org

The yearbook promises to be colorful, fun and packed with spirited photos and memories of Del Mar this year! Yearbook pre-orders will be available on line at the beginning of May.

PI Day:



Just as school was closing on Friday we had a celebratory contest for Pi Day. Congratulations to the many entrants who all had impressive memorization skills, and to the Leadership students who organized the contest.

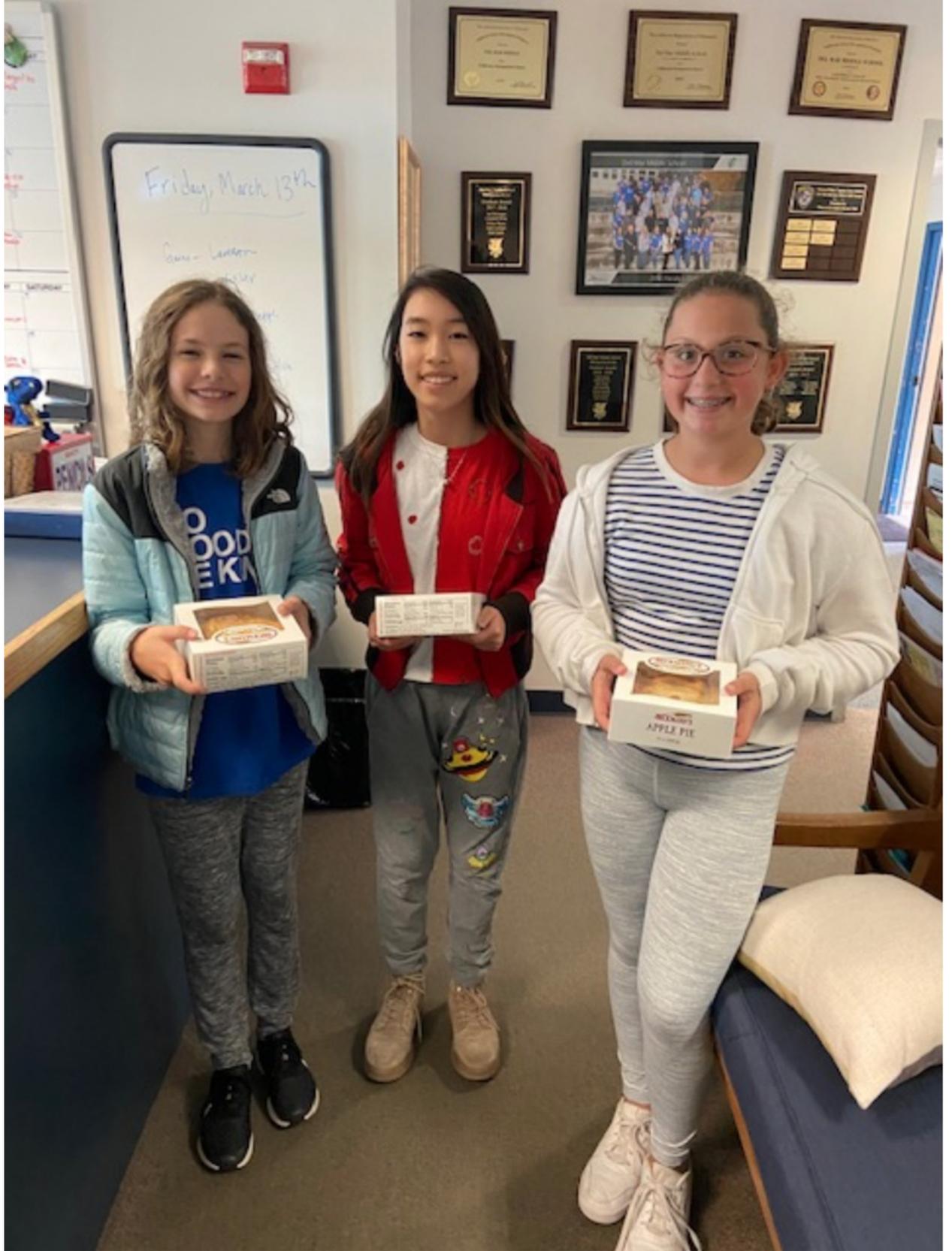
The top three winners were:

3rd Place: Sorelle Wood, who memorized 81 digits! Wow!

2nd Place: Morgan Sicklick, who nailed 125 digits! Amazing!

1st Place: Erin He, who memorized a whopping 133 digits!

Congratulations, girls. Each winner was presented with a pie:



We Are Here For You!

If you have any questions or concerns our emails are linked [HERE](#).

If you think you have missed any communication, please check our website [HERE](#) for past newflashes and other information.

