



Welcome Message 2019-20

Welcome to MSTTA! The beginning of the new school year brings great excitement. At MSTTA we are so proud of the many accomplishments from the 2018-19 year and are looking forward to building upon them. We take great pride in being recognized as a California Gold Ribbon School, California Title 1 High Achieving School, an Apple Distinguished School, PBIS Coalition Gold Award and a Cotsen Art of Teaching fellowships school! We believe that it is with our parents and community that we are able to create a secure, safe, productive and highly functioning school environment for our Mustangs to thrive as they develop academically and socially.

This following is our teaching line up for 2019-20:

Kindergarten -- Mrs. Bañuelos and Mrs. Franco
1st grade -- Mrs. Cordova, Ms. Muñoz
2nd grade -- Mrs. Dishyrikyan, Mrs. Hernandez and Mrs. Monarrez
3rd grade -- Mrs. Garica, Mr. Mercado and Ms. Saldivar
4th grade -- Mrs. Bogozian, Mrs. Judd-Genzuk Mr. Gutierrez
5th grade – Ms. Amaya, Mr. Kung and Mr. Mark
Resource Specialist -- Mr. Richardson
Instructional Coach/Mentor – Ms. Bottomley

Instructionally, we offer a **Balanced Literacy** program that allows our teachers to truly differentiate instruction for each of our Mustangs. We strive to create a strong culture that is conducive to reading and writing. It is our goal that each Mustang develops a love of reading that will last throughout their lifetime. Our amazing team of teachers will be working on transferring the skills they have studied in reading for small group and conferring work to the areas of writing and math. We are excited to begin our second year of fellowship with the **Cotsen Art of Teaching Foundation** which provides amazing learning opportunities for our entire staff.

We are proud to be recognized as an Apple Distinguished School and leader in the area of technology. As part of our technology integration, our school has strategically been working to create collaborative spaces and new learning environments for our students. **Flexible Learning Spaces** with unique seating and choices available to students are being integrated into all classrooms. The **Makerspace** will be a unique environment for students to have space to be creative, think critically and work on collaborative skills. This year our site is excited to launch a **K-5 coding** pathway for all students to experience. Coding will be part of our weekly program,

as we believe it will provide additional opportunities for students to practice 21st Century skills.

We are so proud to be recognized for our work with **Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)**, known as **The Mustang Way** on our campus. We will continue to provide our students with the behavior expectations while recognizing them with behavior specific praise statements. Students will continue to have choice in how they use their **Mustang Tickets!** We will increase our **socio-emotional learning** to include the **2nd Step Curriculum** and expand our **Mindfulness** practice. Our team will begin working to provide behavior interventions/supports that include, Check in/Check out, peer groups, lunch bunch and others! These are meant to provide students with extra support when struggling with specific behaviors or other socio-emotional needs.

Getting Started at MSTA

Class Rosters

Rosters will be posted beginning Tuesday, August 13th at 2:00p.m.-5:00p.m. for the 2019-20 school year. The MSTA **Parent Teacher Corporation (PTC)** will be on site selling MSTA Spirit Wear. Please note that classroom assignments may change during the first two weeks of school based on an increase or decrease in enrollment. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's class placement, please contact the school office. Please understand that requests in class placements will not be addressed during the first three weeks of school. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

First Week of School

The first day of school is Wednesday, August 14th! School begins for all grades, K-5th at 8:00a.m. and the first day of school is a minimum day. If your child is a Kindergarten student, please note that your child will be dismissed at 12:30p.m. until Wednesday, September 6th when Kindergarten will move to the full-day schedule and dismissal will be at 2:15p.m. Parents will be permitted on campus to walk students to class on the first day of school. This will give you the opportunity to see where your child will line up each morning. The regular closed campus policies will be in place beginning Thursday, August 15th for grades 1st-5th. Kindergarten parents will be permitted to walk students to the MPR through August 16th. We appreciate your support in creating a safe environment for our students.

Mustang Spirit Wear and Uniforms

The MSTA Spirit Wear store is open now through August 23rd. Order your spirit wear now! Our students, staff and families are all encouraged to show school pride! MSTA Spirit Wear may be worn any day of the week. Please review the School Uniform Policy for the 2018-19 school year for more information. You may access the policy by visiting our website at <http://msta.whittiercity.net/> and going to the Family Resources tab. We believe that the structure and professionalism uniforms offer will support excellence for all students. It is our goal to foster an environment where we look our best, act our best, and perform our best. Students are expected to be in uniform on the first day of school. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

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