



*Hello Panthers! Please read your weekly blog below...*

**August 10, 2023**

Hello Crittenden Families!

I hope your child came home yesterday and said that they had a good first day. Transitions can be difficult but I think most students enjoyed their day. I would love to introduce our newest teachers to you, so please take a look at the list and ask your child if they have any of these fine educators:

Ms. Yeimy Cifuentes, Science, 6th and 7th

Ms. Diana Lara, English Language Arts 6 and 7th

Ms. Rachel Nevarez, Study Skills, ELA and Creative Writing

Ms. Carolyn Chang, School Counselor

### **First i-Ready Assessments for the Year**

All our students will be engaging in the first i-Ready assessments for the school year, next week starting on Monday. The first assessment completed will be Math.

*Please remind your child of the following:*

- The assessment is adaptive and therefore it is impossible to know the answers to all questions you will be given.
- Pace yourself throughout the assessment. Do not take too much time on any one question, but also - do not rush through the assessment.
- Take a short break, if needed, during the assessment. You can take a few deep breaths or rest your eyes away from the screen.
- Do your best to show us what you know so we can best support you this year

in the classroom.

**The criteria below will be used for math placements:**

- For placement in the 6.2 pathway, students will need a score of 527 or higher on the i-Ready diagnostic
- Students that were in the 6.1 pathway for 2022-23 school year will move into either math 7 or math 7.1 or math 7.2.
  - For placement in the 7.1 pathway, students will need a score of 508 or higher on the i-Ready diagnostic
  - For placement in the 7.2 pathway, students will need a score of 541 or higher on the i-Ready diagnostic
- Students that were in the 6.2 pathway will move onto Math 7.2.
- For placement in the 8.1 pathway, students will need a score of 518 or higher on the i-Ready diagnostic

Our primary goal is to ensure that your child is placed in the math class that is right for him/her.

**Math Placement Appeal Process**

Our middle schools take very careful consideration when placing students into math courses so that students can be successful and confident in their coursework. Student placement is determined objectively by i-Ready assessments with a secondary data points of CAASPP scores. Changes in placement for students who did not meet the criteria for advanced math pathways (.1 and .2) are unlikely. However, the Mountain View Whisman School District does have a new placement appeal process. Please go to [https://www.mvwsd.org/academics/teaching\\_the\\_standards/math](https://www.mvwsd.org/academics/teaching_the_standards/math) to learn more about the process. The deadline for submitting Appeal Forms is 4pm, August 28th.

Sincerely,

Annie Flores-Aikey, Principal

## Crittenden News:

*Please mark your calendars for these important events:*

- Back To School Night, Wednesday August 23 from 6 - 8 pm (in person)
- Minimum Day (due to Back To School Night) August 23, with 12:50 dismissal
- Picture Day, Monday August 28th (photos will be taken during PE time)
- Principal/PTA Coffee, Friday, September 1st 8:20 - 9:20 am
- Labor Day Holiday, Monday, September 4th - No School

### **From Our Athletic Directors**

Welcome Panthers to another great school year! Our names are Mr. Dave and Mr. Quinn, and we are your returning Athletic Directors! We are excited to announce the beginning of our sports seasons, starting with Girls' Softball, Cross Country, and Boys' Basketball! Sign-ups and tryout dates will be posted within the next few weeks by the PE locker rooms!

Additionally, we will hold a sports information night via **Zoom on Monday, August 14th from 4PM-6PM** to give a brief overview of what is to be expected for this school year and to answer any questions! All students and parents are welcome to attend this meeting! We are looking to have another amazing school year filled with sports and excitement!

<https://mvwsd.zoom.us/j/7392153997?pwd=UTFMaEFkNEtmSUI3UGdaRTZBS1g0QT09>

Please feel free to reach out to us at [tdave@mvwsd.org](mailto:tdave@mvwsd.org) or [jquinn@mvwsd.org](mailto:jquinn@mvwsd.org). We are the best point of contact for Crittenden school sports.

### **School meals are free**

MVWSD will continue to provide free meals to all students as part of California's universal meal program. Breakfast and lunches are available daily. Menus and nutritional analysis can be found on <https://www.mvwsd.org/nutrition>. There will be a vegetarian option each day. A count of those taking school lunch will be taken at

the beginning of the school day. Students may bring their own self-contained lunches if desired.

### **Volunteers**

For student safety, frequent volunteers (more than 3 volunteer sessions per year) are required to apply to receive a badge. The badging process includes a background check and mandatory volunteer training in compliance with state law (AB506). [For details about volunteering, click here.](#)

***Go Panthers!***

Sincerely,

Annie Flores-Aikey, Principal