

MC Perry Elementary

January 24, 2020

Matthew C. Perry Elementary School
Ms. Kerry Weidler, Principal



M.C. Perry ES Purpose Statement

The purpose of our school is to empower students to achieve excellence in scholarship, character, and citizenship through collaborative and independent lifelong learning in a global community.

Attachments:

Principal's Corner
Math Chat Flyer Pt.2
Literacy Night
Meeting Minutes (SAC)
Yearbook
Friendship Concert Poster

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

FEB 12 WEDNESDAY -NO SCHOOL - Q3 CCR TRAINING

FEB 17 MONDAY- PRESIDENT'S DAY/FEDERAL HOLIDAY NO SCHOOL

FEB 18 TUESDAY -PROFESSIONAL DAY- NO SCHOOL

MC PERRY ELEMENTARY

Dear Samurai Families,

The second semester has arrived! We are looking forward to a fabulous second half of the year with your children and you.

Thank you to all the parents who helped their children raise funds for the PTO during our November Turkey Trot. The children who raised the most money were afforded the opportunity to Slime the Principal last week. It was pretty gross but SUPER fun! The children had a blast and talked about it for days. My favorite comment was from a child I saw at the Atago mini-mart. "I'm sorry I slimed you. I had to do it, though. It's what the crowd wanted."

Thank you to all the car rider parents who remember to stay in the vehicle and wait for a staff member to assist their Sure Start or Kindergarten students. It is essential for a driver to remain behind the wheel at all times. In the event of an emergency, parents must be able to pull out of the way for the first responder vehicles. Please do not exit your vehicle. While we understand the inconvenience of waiting (especially on rainy days), it is imperative that we put the safety of our children first.

With Perry Pride,
Kerry Weidler
Principal
MC Perry ES

Math Chat



Help your child go beyond memorization of basic math facts! **TALK** about the strategies that can be used to add and subtract more **EFFICIENTLY**. Can your child explain each strategy?

The first five **ADDITION STRATEGIES** were described in the previous MCPES Newsletter. Here are the last 4 in a nutshell.

(5 + 4 = 9 Total Addition Strategies at MCPES!!!)

Doubles Facts – When both addends are the same. (1st-2nd)

$2 + 2, 5 + 5, 8 + 8, ,$ etc.

Near Doubles Facts – When addends are “neighbor” numbers, next to each other on a number line. Use the doubles fact you know and just add 1 or subtract 1. (2nd)

$4 + 5$ (think... $4 + 4 + 1$), $7 + 8$ (think.. $8 + 8 - 1$), etc.

Add 9 Facts – When adding with a 9, just take one from the other addend to make 10. Adding the amount remaining to the 10 is a breeze. (2nd)

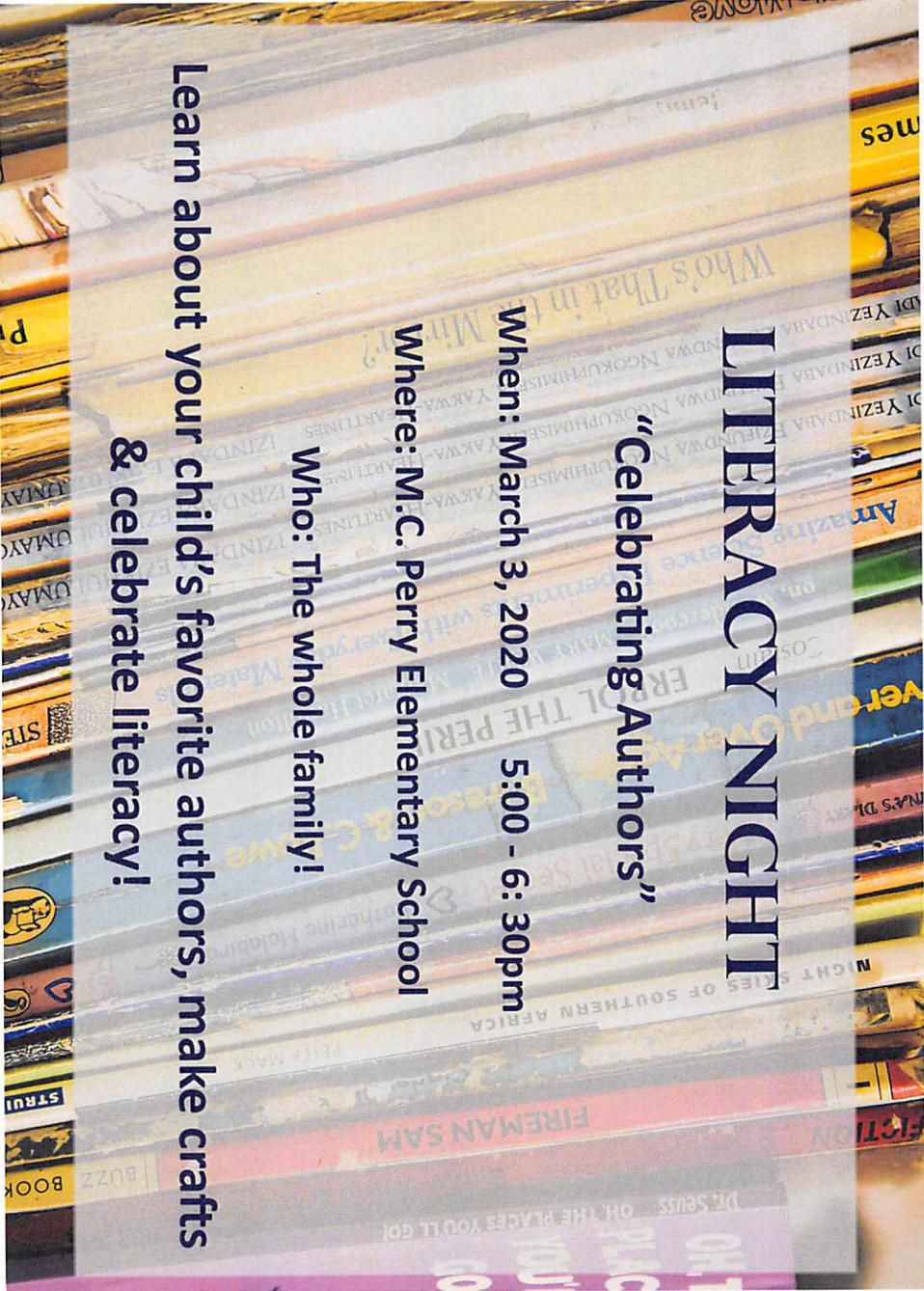
$9 + 4$ (think $10 + 3$), $6 + 9$ (think $10 + 5$), etc.

Compensation Facts – This strategy involves decomposing one addend in order to make a 10. We can add with 10 SO easily!

$7 + 5$ (decompose 5 into $3 + 2$, added $7 + 3 = 10$, then $10 + 2 = 12$)

Watch for Subtraction Strategies in the near future!

Questions? Contact Mrs. Whiteside, MCPES Math Support.



LITERACY NIGHT

“Celebrating Authors”

When: March 3, 2020

5:00 - 6:30pm

Where: M.C. Perry Elementary School

Who: The whole family!

Learn about your child's favorite authors, make crafts
& celebrate literacy!

School Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2020 - 3:00 PM (3:00-4:18)

Attendees: Mr. Jefferson (Principal), Ms. Weidler (Principal), Keith Carr (SLO), Andrea Post (Family Care Director), Chelsi Everhart (Parent), Heather Heiser (Parent), Wendy Lewis (Parent), Alisa Chase (Parent), Leah Magid (Teacher), Michele Farina (Teacher), Leatha Averett (Teacher), Kathleen Freed (Teacher), Leigh Ann Robinson (Teacher)

Minutes

1. Welcome

Open Items

2. Officers were discussed; Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson were determined
 - a. Chairperson – Chelsi Everhart
 - b. Vice-Chairperson – Heather Heiser
 - c. Secretary - Leigh Ann Robinson
3. Meeting dates, times, and locations were discussed
 - a. Wednesdays, April 15; June 3
 - b. 3:00-4:00 pm (*change from last meeting of 3:30*)
 - c. M.C. Perry Elementary Information Center

New Items

4. P.E. – Additional at MCPES
 - a. Approved for additional 1/2 time PE teacher. Ms. Livengood is fulfilling that position for the rest of this school year. Students will be having P.E. at least a couple of times a week.
5. Pre-Kindergarten
 - a. Having a prekindergarten program is supported by the principals, command, and parents. Ms. Everhart sent a draft proposal to Ms. Rapp. Ms. Rapp denied the proposal.
 - b. Another route to take would be to work through the command. Would want to provide the Base Commander with a lot of support and reasoning for having a Pre-Kindergarten program with certified teachers.
 - c. The question was raised if there was anything parents could do. The concern has been addressed at IAC and PEDAC. The next advisory committee to address would be DEC (Dependent Education Council).
 - d. The question was raised at to how pre-kindergarten classes were approved for DDESS schools and not for DoDEA schools.
 - e. A kindergarten teacher expressed that there is often an obvious discrepancy between those students who have gone to pre-school and those students who have not attended pre-school.
 - f. 95% of people said they would use a pre-k program; many comments were posted about why there is not one here already.
 - g. SAC will set up a letter writing campaign; petition; and ask command to find out how/why DDESS has pre-k.
6. Traffic Pattern at the School
 - a. Mr. Jefferson and Ms. Manuel presented a possible traffic pattern flow change.

- b. Work orders have been approved; facilities should be contacting Mr. Jefferson
- c. Actual facility work cannot be done until school is out for several days (ex. Spring Break)
- d. The question was asked who is allowed through the front drive:
 - Those parents with a placard are allowed through the front drive
 - 3 kindergarten classes
 - Sure Start classes
 - PSCD classes
- e. PMO has increased patrol near the school.
- f. Another suggestion is to put speed bumps near the crosswalks near the elementary schools.
- g. A comment was made if a Safety Patrol program could be instituted. The caveat is that an adult would always need to be with the student Patrol members. The danger is that cars tend to drive very fast along the front road.
 - The high school principal was concerned about high school student's seat time for credits for graduation.

7. MCPerry Lunch/Recess Allowed

- a. The concern is that students do not seem to have enough time to eat and/or play. Is there any way to add a few minutes to increase lunch and recess time?
 - The Principal explained that at this time teachers are spending the district mandated amount of time for subjects and there is not time in the schedule to add more for lunch/recess.
 - Principals are looking at next school year for ways to improve and increase the amount of time students have to eat if they are getting a hot lunch.
- b. Another concern is that during rainy days or very cold days the students are sitting in the hallway and missing that early recess time.
 - Teachers have 20 minutes before school starts for planning and prep

8. Better communication with parents?

- SAC email address?
- Suggestion boxes?
- Anonymous Google form
- b. Discussion
 - There are a lot of opportunities for parents to become involved and voice opinions.
 - The suggestion box could be helpful for parents to comment and suggest things anonymously.
 - Publish the meeting minutes in the school newsletters.
 - Any parent who would like to attend can attend the SAC meetings.
 - Information about SAC will be added to school newsletters.

9. Atago School Bus Stop Location

- a. The current location does not allow for more than one bus. Also, cars headed to work will either drive past the bus or turn around in the street endangering students who are walking to the bus.
- b. Proposed location is a large, empty parking lot a few feet away from the current bus stop.
- c. Mr. Jefferson will speak with Mr. Woodley about possibly changing the location of the Atago Bus Stop.

10. Summer Special Education Services

- a. Concern is that students do not receive speech services during the summer if they

do not qualify for Extended School Year.

- b. Could there be a 'Speech Club' during the summer?
- c. In the States, parents can contact private SLPs, however at this location, that is not an option.

11. IAC meeting next week is cancelled and will not be rescheduled

- a. Next meeting will be 19 March 2020; 3:00 at M.C. Perry High School Library

12. Iwakuni Elementary MFLC is leaving

- a. Principals have discussed utilizing the other schools' MFLCs to support Iwakuni Elementary until a new MFLC is on board.

13. The School Complex needs another School Psychologist

- a. The current school psychologist is stretched thin covering 4 schools
- b. There are a lot of students with concern in the schools
- c. Principals have been requesting an additional school psychologist for several years. The district looks at the student population numbers instead of the need.
- d. The numbers of Risk Assessments that have been completed this school year can be compiled to help justify the need for an additional school psychologist.

14. During the Summer Months could school playgrounds be opened for the public?

- a. Concerns – playgrounds are between buildings and there is difficult line-of-sight/supervision; also maintenance on the playground is done during the summer;

15. The new School Aged Care building is open. The School Liason Office is located in that building

- a. Mr. Carr can be reached via phone: 080-4753-3060

16. Should the SAC meet before the IAC meeting to compile information and plan what to present?

- a. March 11th 3:00 at M.C. Perry Elementary School

Capture Your Memories in This Year's M.C. Perry Elementary School Yearbook



Customize Your 2 Free Pages

- Add photos from your computer, Facebook, Instagram, Google Drive & more.
- Answer fun Memory Questions to help remember the year.
- The 2 Custom Pages are FREE and are printed ONLY in your book. Want more pages? Each additional 2 pages is just \$0.99.

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Regular Price: **\$14.23**

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Deadline: **Apr 9**

TreeRing

U.S.-Japan Friendship Concert in IWAKUNI

Sat, 8 Feb, 2020 13:30~16:30
(Door opens at 12:30)

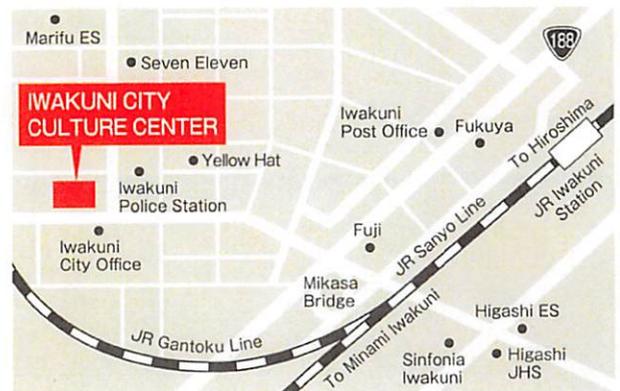
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IWAKUNI CITY CULTURE CENTER

1-15-3, Yamate-machi, Iwakuni-shi, Yamaguchi-Ken

[Performers]

M.C.Perry High School / Iwakuni Middle School
Iwakuni Elementary School
Iwakuni Municipal Yusei ES / Iwakuni Municipal Yuu JHS
Otake Municipal Otake JHS / Waki Municipal Waki JHS
Suoshima Municipal Meishin ES / Marifudaiko



- ◆About 3 minute drive from JR Iwakuni Station
 - ◆About 15 minute walk from JR Iwakuni Station
 - ◆About 2 minute walk from Shiyakusho bus stop
 - ◆About 4 minute walk from Imazu 4 Chome bus stop
 - ◆About 5 minute walk from Sanrando Iriguchi bus stop
- ※The road is expected to be crowded on this day. Please use public transportation to get to the venue as far as possible.
We will provide the Iwakuni City Office and Marifu ES parking as a temporary parking space.

POC / Local cooperation securing office Local Coordination Division, Planning Department,
Chugoku-Shikoku Defense Bureau Tel 082-223-7153

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**Admission
FREE**