April Family Engagement Newsletter

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Dear Families,

April's newsletter is dedicated to fun activities to do as a family over Spring Break. Also, as my Administrative Internship comes to a close, I would love to hear your opinions about this school year's Family Literacy Night and Family Engagement Newsletters. I am including a survey which will give you an opportunity to share ideas for future family nights and topics for next year's newsletters.

As always, if you have a topic of interest or have a question you can contact me at mailto:cgrandstaff@mvcsd.us

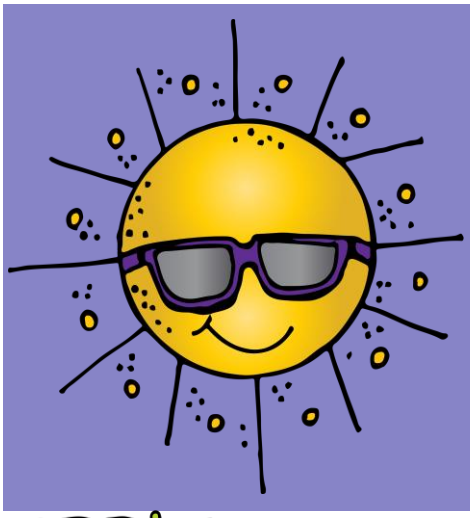
With warm regards,

Christy Grandstaff
5th Grade Teacher
Administrative Intern

Survey

Have you found these newsletters to be helpful? Did you attend our Fall Family Literacy Night and would like to see them continue? We need to hear from you about ways to continue to provide ideas to engage as families and topics for future events. Please open the following link to complete the survey. We appreciate your feedback!

Family Engagement Survey



So, you're not able to get out of town this year? Plan a staycation! Here are some fun activities to do as a family while staying close to home.

- **Camp in the backyard**
- **Go hiking**
- **Fly a kite**
- **Read a good book together**
- **Take a bike ride**
- **Have a picnic**
- **Get ready for a flower or vegetable garden**
- **Draw with sidewalk chalk**
- **Have an arts & crafts day**
- **Take a trip to SPI**
- **Go bowling**
- **See a movie**
- **Visit the library**
- **Conduct a Science experiment**
- **Play a board game**
- **Cook together**
- **Let your imagination soar**

What is STEM?

Have your children been coming home talking about a STEM activity they did at school? Sure, it sounds like fun, but what is it? The acronym STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math, but there is much more to learn from a STEM activity than that. Kids learn to problem solve, plan, design, collaborate, communicate, create, and make mistakes.

In order to better understand, try this STEM Challenge at home:

Marshmallow Challenge

Objective: Build the tallest freestanding structure
Time: 18 minutes
Materials: 20 Sticks of Spaghetti
1 yard of tape
1 yard string
1 marshmallow

After completing the challenge, check out this TED Talk by Tom Wujec to better understand what our students learn in the process.
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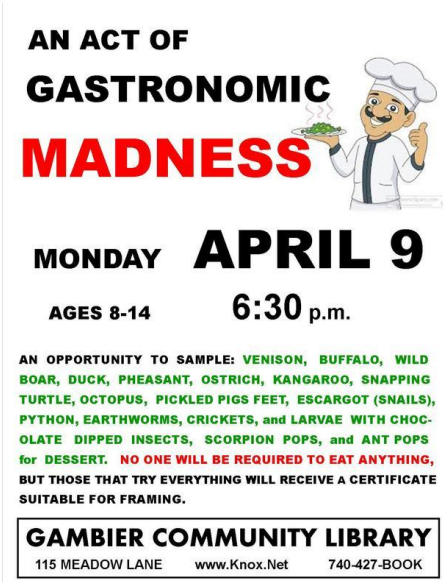

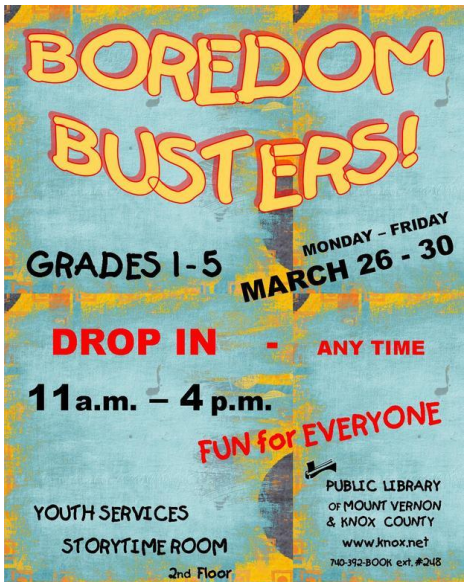

Family Fun Day at BFEC

Wednesday, March 28th
1:00-4:00 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to enjoy the sunshine and explore the Brown Family Environmental Resource Center as a family, and it's FREE! There will be nature investigations, crafting using natural materials, hiking, and more.

Brown Family Environmental Center

Keep it Wild: Earth Day

Saturday, April 21st
12:00-4:00 p.m.

Celebrate Earth Day at the BFEC! The event includes:

- Live Animals
- Local Produce and Herbs for Sale
- Hands on Activities
- "Make and Take"
- Live Music
- Local Food Truck
- And it's FREE!