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## Board Report

School-Wide

## Principal Report

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### What:

On Saturday, April 13th, the school organized a parent workshop aimed at empowering parents in their role to support their child's journey to college, starting as early as 5th and 6th grade. Attended by over 70 parents, the workshop provided valuable insights into the educational path from middle school through grade 12, emphasizing parental involvement. This initiative reflects a proactive approach to engaging families in their children's academic endeavors, fostering a collaborative environment between school and home.

The Spring Festival showcased the club life on campus, with 19 clubs and 4 class committees participating in this major fundraiser for extracurricular activities and athletics. This event not only celebrates student engagement outside the classroom but also highlights the importance of community support in enriching the school experience. It serves as a testament to the school's commitment to holistic education, recognizing the significance of both academic and extracurricular pursuits.

Instructional leadership remained a priority, with *Instruction Partners* concluding their training cycle. This cycle focused on key indicators such as student engagement with texts and analytical questioning, aligning teaching practices with educational objectives. Additionally, the AP/CTE Showcase provided rising 11th and 12th graders with valuable information about course options, including Advanced Placement (AP) courses and Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways, showcasing the school's dedication to academic excellence and career readiness.

Amidst end-of-year testing and ongoing academic support for seniors, the school remained committed to monitoring student progress and providing necessary resources. Despite delays in FAFSA award letters, efforts were made to address these issues and maintain focus on student success. As Decision Day approached, preparations were underway to celebrate seniors' achievements and transitions, while the MWEF Foundation's scholarship program continued to support deserving students in their educational journeys, reflecting the school's unwavering commitment to student welfare and academic advancement.

## **So What:**

In recent community outreach efforts, more than 70 parents, guardians, students, and siblings participated in a presentation focused on fostering essential skills and habits for success in high school and beyond. Parents gained insights into college requirements and engaged in dialogue with school administration, providing valuable feedback. This initiative aimed to empower families to support their children effectively and enhance collaboration between home and school.

School culture received a boost as the entire upper school faculty, staff, and the 8th-grade team from the middle school united to celebrate the diversity of students at MWA. The event highlighted student interests, talents, and leadership aspirations, fostering a sense of belonging and inclusivity within the school community.

Instructional leadership at MWA saw advancements as coaches delved deeper into effective instruction in ELA and math. Through enhanced coaching techniques, the instructional team aimed to facilitate continuous improvement, ensuring high-quality education delivery for students.

On the administrative front, the master scheduling process underwent refinement with initiatives like the AP/CTE showcase preceding the course request form process. Students were guided through A-G requirements and recommendations by the University of California system, aiding them in making informed choices for the upcoming academic year. This strategic approach aimed to optimize course selection and enhance students' competitiveness in college applications.

Additionally, the school focused on academic assessment, with all 11th-grade students undertaking the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) in English Language Arts and mathematics. These assessments serve as vital indicators of college readiness and eligibility for programs like the CSU Early Assessment Program. Meanwhile, extracurricular endeavors like the IXL Math Competition showcased students' dedication to academic enrichment, reinforcing their preparation for standardized testing and fostering independent learning. Through these multifaceted efforts, MWA continued its commitment to academic excellence and student support, ensuring a well-rounded educational experience for all.

## **Now What:**

The Community Outreach efforts at MWA reveal a commitment to providing comprehensive support for college-bound students and their families. While workshops offer valuable information, there's recognition that more extensive resources and partnerships are needed to fully equip families in navigating the college application process. This ongoing collaboration with

parents and guardians signifies a dedication to addressing the multifaceted needs of students beyond the classroom.

Within the school culture, the transition of leadership roles and financial management within clubs and the Associated Student Body (ASB) reflects a sustainable approach to maintaining traditions and empowering younger students. By passing the baton to underclassmen, the school ensures continuity and fosters leadership development, contributing to a vibrant and inclusive school community.

Instructional Leadership is a priority at MWA, aiming to enhance the quality of Tier 1 instruction in core subjects crucial for college readiness. Building internal capacity for instructional leadership demonstrates a proactive approach to improving educational outcomes for all students, aligning with the school's mission to provide excellent academic preparation.

Master scheduling and end-of-year testing logistics highlight the operational aspects of managing a growing student body. The meticulous planning involved in finalizing schedules and facilitating standardized testing underscores the school's commitment to organizational efficiency and academic excellence. Additionally, initiatives like the IXL Math Competition provide opportunities for academic recognition and foster a culture of achievement among students.