

Partner Support Newsletter!

As we continue the exciting academic year, I want to take a moment to introduce you to our dedicated Partner Support Staff, a crucial team that plays a pivotal role in ensuring the success and well-being of our students.

Our Partner Support Staff is comprised of highly skilled professionals who are committed to supporting your child's academic journey. These individuals work collaboratively to address the unique needs of our students, providing targeted assistance in key areas that are fundamental to their overall success.

What is Math Lab?



Every class at John Muir has 30 minutes a day dedicated to Math Lab. This is a time for students to be working in small groups to practice new skills, review foundational skills, and work on enrichment projects. This year, we are also partnering with the Skills Center at Franklin High School, and many K-2 students have a high school Lion Partner to work with on counting skills and real-word math problems.

Math Lab is based in the portable on the playground closest to the school. Stop by and visit anytime!

The Math Lab Team:

Muir Teachers	TIPS Tutors
Karen McHegg (Ms. McHegg)	Eliza Truitt (Ms. Eliza)
Carolyn Isakson (Ms. Isakson)	Michael Wachana (Mr. Michael)
	Meagan Dixon (Ms Meagan)

Reading Lab Highlights

Introducing the Muir Literacy Team: Marjorie Lamarre, a district literacy coach and seasoned Muir classroom teacher; Kate Schueler, current reading specialist, former experienced classroom teacher, with a master's degree in reading instruction; and Carolyn Isakson, former classroom teacher and current academic interventionist with endorsements in ELL and library media instruction. Our dedicated tutors are comprised of Jacey Littrell, a five-year veteran at Muir; Becky Nicholas, with over five years of experience and a Muir parent; and Nate Cutter, our newest member, celebrated for his strong student connections and eagerness to learn. Together, we are committed to fostering a passion for literacy and ensuring the academic success of every Muir student.

Exciting News about Reading Lab at John Muir Elementary:

All K-5 students take part in Reading Lab every Tuesday through Friday, with 30-minute sessions. This focused time lets students work closely with our skilled staff in small groups. We target instruction to each student's highest skill level, understanding their unique needs that might change over time. The Reading Lab team, including teachers, specialists, multilingual teachers, and tutors, provides a diverse learning experience tailored to each student. Grounded in the Science of Reading, our approach focuses on important skills like phonics, phonemic awareness, sight words, and comprehension. We encourage parents to talk to their child about the skills they're working on, creating a stronger

connection to learning. We're proud of our students' progress in the Reading Lab and appreciate the ongoing support in their education.

Who Guides Learning?

The Reading Lab brings together a team of educators, including classroom teachers, certificated reading specialists, multilingual teachers, and trained tutors. This collaboration allows us to provide a rich and diverse learning experience tailored to each student's requirements.

ML Department

John Muir students and families speak over twelve languages. Our Multilingual Department works to support students who speak a language other than English at home to strengthen their English skills so they will be more successful in school and in life. Our team consists of 4 multilingual instruction assistants (IA's) and 3 ML teachers. You will sometimes see us taking small groups of students or going into classrooms to offer support. Also, the multilingual IAs provide interpretation and translation to help with communication between home and school.

Please contact us if you need any help filling out forms or communicating with the school. (206) 252-7400

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