

April 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has the opportunity to become a WEB Leader at Mill Valley Middle School for the 2020-2021 school year. WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) is an eighth-grade leadership program that provides our incoming sixth graders with an exciting orientation and smooth transition throughout their sixth-grade year. WEB Leaders are considered role models, not only for the sixth graders, but also for the entire school, and as a whole they form a well-respected student group.

We are excited about having many students express an interest in WEB. It's important to know that this is a year-long commitment that must be taken seriously. We offer a fun year with extra responsibilities, and with many rewards. The program requires some before and after school time commitments, but most activities will be held during school hours.

Throughout their eighth-grade year, WEB leaders will be asked to help with sixth grade events and to mentor sixth graders in a variety of ways. We would like you and your child to understand that this is a serious, gratifying, and fun opportunity, therefore, we need students who are willing to participate and to be fully committed.

This year, due to school closures and the shift to Remote Learning, applications will be submitted electronically. Applicants are to fill out a Google Form application available on Google Classroom beginning April 13th, 2020. The applications must be submitted no later than April 24th, 2020 at 11:59pm. New WEB leaders will be notified on or before May 8th, 2020.

In order to provide a successful program for both the WEB Leaders and the incoming sixth graders, the date and time commitments listed below are **mandatory**. *NOTE: If a student misses any of these mandatory commitments, for whatever reason -- even if beyond their control -- they will not be allowed to continue with the program. **We cannot have any exceptions.*** If you would like to support your child in this leadership endeavor, please discuss these expectations with him/her, review your family calendar, and confirm that your child will be available for the dates and times listed below:

- **August Summer Training: Tues 8/11 & Wed 8/12, 12:00pm to 5:00pm**
- **6th Grade Orientation Morning: Friday, August 14, 8:00am to 1:00 pm**
- **First Day of School: Thursday, August 20**

Following is a copy of the WEB Informational Letter your student will receive via their 7th Grade Google Classroom. Please review these pages carefully in order to support your child's informed decision.

If you have any questions, contact Julia Varboncoeur (jvarboncoeur@mvschools.org) or Alex Aquino (raqino@mvschools.org), WEB Program Co-Coordinators.

Thank you for your interest in becoming a
WEB Leader for 2020/2021

*We are looking for 60-70 WEB Leaders!
Are you interested? Read on!*

How to Apply:

- #1 Read through **“Information About WEB”** (page 3 of this document)
- #2 Check the **mandatory** dates noted below with a parent/guardian. Please have your parent/guardian verify that you can attend *each one*.
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 - **6th Grade Orientation Morning:** Friday, August 14, 8:00 am to 1:00pm
 - **First Day of School:** Thursday, August 20
- #3 Complete the **“2020 WEB Leader Application Form”** on Google Classroom.
(application form will be available Monday, April 13th)
- #4 Submit Application Form no later than **Friday, April 24th, by 11:59 p.m.**

PLEASE NOTE...

- *Every year, we have many, many impressive applicants, and it is, unfortunately, not possible for everyone to be accepted. The selection process is based on the application, teacher recommendations, and the needs of the WEB program, which change from year-to-year. When all else is roughly equal, a lottery system is often necessary.*
- *Since WEB Leaders occasionally miss classes throughout the year, they must be capable of communicating well with their teachers and making up any missed work.*
- *Chosen WEB Leaders for 2020-2021 will be notified via their school email before Friday, May 8th.*
- *Any questions, comments or concerns can be addressed directly to Julia Varboncoeur at jvarboncoeur@mvschools.org or Alex Aquino at raquino@mvschools.org.*

Thank You!

Information about WEB

WEB is the middle school version of LINK CREW, which is done at the high school level for incoming freshmen. If you go to Tam High, you will be welcomed onto their campus by a CREW member.

What is WEB? (Where Everybody Belongs)

WEB is an orientation and transition program for all 6th graders and any new 7th and 8th graders. It is a way for our 8th grade students to become role models, leaders, and mentors to our newest group on campus - 6th graders. WEB leaders explain schedules and campus routines to their 6th graders, act as mentors for 6th graders throughout the year, run fundraisers, hold WEB lunches, and help with a dance for 6th grade students.

Why become a WEB Leader?

Think back to your first days at MVMS, and how much easier your transition to middle school was because you had friendly and helpful 8th grade WEB leaders you could turn to ask questions, get help, clarify issues, and who could give you tips on how to succeed in MVMS.

Become a WEB Leader and...

- ☑ You will develop strong communication skills and build confidence.
- ☑ You become a mentor and role model, not only for 6th graders but for all students at MVMS.
- ☑ You will give back to your community and become involved in your school.
- ☑ You will learn leadership skills and it looks great in your file for high school or on your application to a private school.
- ☑ You will conduct fun activities with people.
- ☑ You will get to know your classmates better.
- ☑ You get to have a cool T-shirt that sets you apart as Mill Valley Middle School WEB Leader. WEB Leaders will wear these T-shirts for WEB activities throughout the year.

***Looking for more information? An informational video will be shown on Google Classroom after Spring Break**

We look forward to reading your applications and working with you in the 2020-2021 school year!