

MARSH CREEK SIXTH GRADE CENTER

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Dear Families of 5th Graders,

We are pleased to share some important information about our Encore programs: Music, Art, Engineering, Wellness and World Languages at Marsh Creek Sixth Grade Center. These subject areas are sometimes called “specials” in elementary schools; at the middle level we call these subject areas Encores because they complement our Core subject areas so well. While multilingual skills are a critical success factor in our global society, the other Encore areas help students learn valuable skills or gain knowledge about subject matters not covered in Core courses.

What must 5th grade parents do now?

- Parents must select a language choice for their child or children. The choices are German, French or Spanish.
- Parents must make sure the selections for music, art and engineering are correct, especially if their child is a member of multiple musical ensembles (Band, Chorus, Orchestra) because fitting two music courses into a student’s schedule will necessitate dropping either Art or Engineering.

How will parents select a language and check other Encore selections?

- Use the attached directions to sign up for a world language and check other selections in the Home Access Center.

When will parents sign their children up for the language?

- Parents must sign their children up for a world language using Home Access Center **no later than February 27, 2017**
- Home Access Center URL: <http://hac.dasd.org/HomeAccess/>

What if parents have trouble using the Home Access Center?

- Parents can contact servicedesk@dasd.org for help with the Home Access Center.

We look forward to seeing your child in the Fall!

Tom Mulvey and Tucker Birkhead

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