# **OASD Community Learning Centers**

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### **Social-Emotional Learning and Team Building**

The Merrill Middle School M.E.L.T. program has prioritized Social-Emotional Learning this 2020-21 school year. Our staff and students have been busy participating in designing their own "Gratitude Jars." Students have shared so many incredible stories and experiences on "What Gratitude means to them." As a staff, we are so "Grateful" to have this opportunity to provide a safe environment for our students to "Grow and Learn."

The Tipler/ALPS Middle School M.E.L.T program has been busy with the students participating in team-building/leadership activities while practicing social distancing. They participated in a challenge by choice activities, where they were able to learn more about each other and have fun at the same time. They also learned about our solar system and planets and used their math skills to calculate the distance between each of the planets, the sun, other galaxies, and constellations.

During Webster Middle MELT, students participated in mindfulness activities with their peers and MELT teachers. The lesson in mindfulness was for students to take a moment and breathe when things become challenging or just to relax during stressful moments. This activity's goal was for students to learn a new form of meditation to apply to their daily lives during COVID.

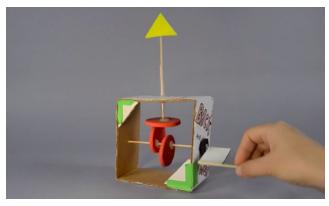
### <u>Lights On</u>

Merrill Middle School M.E.L.T. will be planning to celebrate our "Lights On" event by preparing Halloween Treat Bags for their siblings. We will be decorating Haunted Houses made out of "Pop-Tarts." We hope to make this a "Spooktacular" Event!

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Tipler/ALPS Middle School M.E.L.T will celebrate the "Lights On" event by providing a hands-on activity for families to engage in.

Family members will use their creative ideas to build an Automata device similar to the one below.



The night will be a fun-filled time for all!

Webster Stanley Middle School M.E.L.T will celebrate the "Lights On" event on October 22nd, at 3:30 pm by hosting a Kahoot Family Game Night for parents and children to participate. The trivia questions will include topics for parents, elementary and middle school students to play against each other.

# **Lights on Afterschool**

Thursday, October 22nd, is Lights on Afterschool. It is a nationwide event that celebrates afterschool programs and their important role in the lives of children, families, and communities. Each MELT program will be doing a virtual event that families are invited to participate in.

- ★ Webster Stanley: Family Kahoot Game!
  - o Parents vs. Students vs. Coordinators

## **LSH/MELT Food Truck Night**

Thursday, October 29th, from 4:00-5:30 pm is our Food Truck Night. We will be giving back to our LSH/MELT families by providing them free meals for the evening! We will have two central locations, Perry Tipler Middle & Webster Stanley Elementary. All families will

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need to register on this link by Monday, October 19th: <u>CLC Food</u> <u>Truck Form</u>

If you have any questions, please contact your site coordinator!

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