

Mary Putnam Henck Intermediate

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National School Day of Remembrance

The recent tragedy in Parkland, Florida and other losses of life on school campuses across the nation over several years have driven increased interest in student-led civic engagement efforts and actions, including the idea of school walkouts. Rim of the World Unified School District supports students' Constitutional rights to peaceful assembly and free expression. Our goal in responding to walk-out plans, and other forms of peaceful assembly is to try and keep focus on teaching and learning while providing guidance and planning to support student and staff safety. This does not constitute endorsement of any political group or belief. However, ensures a plan and safety for those planning to participate.

Based on social media messaging, it appears that there are at least three major student-led efforts underway:

1. March 14: [@WomensMarch](#) Action – call of remembrance for 17 minutes
2. March 24: March for Our Lives for all to participate in Washington, D.C. ([@AMarch4OurLives](#))
3. April 20: National School Walkout for students across nation in local districts ([@schoolwalkoutUS](#))

MPH Plan for March 14th, 2018 - Upholding constitutional rights while supporting school safety.

- Counseling and guidance support continue to be available to any student in Rim of the World Unified. District staff continue to encourage students to reach out as needed.
- Rim of the World Unified School District and Mary Putnam Henck Intermediate support student rights to peaceful assembly and free expression, however academic instruction is the priority in a school setting. Thus, all school rules, district board policies and administrative regulations, and education code/ state laws remain in place and will be enforced.
- Students who wish to participate in the remembrance of the 17 students from Parkland may peacefully assemble in the cafeteria and walk laps to classical music from 10:00 – 10:17 AM. Additionally, students may honor the 17 lost by saying hello to 17 new people, completing 17 acts of kindness or utilizing an alternate positive method during the allotted time in the cafeteria. Students may not move off campus for their own safety and security. Supervision will be provided during the scheduled time.
- For those not participating, instruction will continue along with our regular bell schedule, and teachers will remain in their classrooms continuing with instruction.
- Students are asked to be respectful of students on campus who may hold opposing views to those that may be being shared during the scheduled time.
- Community members, parents, students and staff are welcome to share their insight with school safety teams as well as the Rim of the World Unified School district.
- **Students must review this document, acquire a parent signature and sign to gain access to the remembrance activity.**

Parent Name and Signature: _____ Date: _____
Student Name and Signature: _____ Date: _____