



April 30, 2021

Dear Laker Family,

The purpose of this letter is to announce we are rapidly approaching the 3rd Annual Day of Caring, and MAS students and staff are genuinely excited to “give back” to our communities.

We have all faced challenges and uncertainties during this year of COVID and again, we remain committed to following safety guidance in planning our “Day of Caring”. We will be COVID compliant with all health and safety guidelines and social distancing recommendations as we try to engage all MAS students. Consequently, some staff and students will be completing tasks on school grounds due to transportation restrictions and the potential of overcrowding on busses. Please know we think these restrictions are temporary this spring and our long-term goal is to have all of our students be out in the communities comprising the MAS School District.

Projects may include washing outside windows on a ground floor (no ladders), raking yards, cleaning up gardens and/or flower beds, and other similar outdoor projects.

To register a project you would like us to complete for you, please complete the registration form [here](#) making sure to describe the project fully so our volunteers know exactly what needs to be done and approximately how long it should take. Those of you who submit a registration form and whose projects are accepted can expect a team of MAS student and adult volunteers to arrive at your site between 9 am – 2 pm on May 5, the “Day of Caring”.

Please email your completed forms to: dayofcaring@isd2149.org

For more information, feel free to call the high school office at (320) 239-4800 or e-mail Minnewaska Area Schools at dayofcaring@isd2149.org. Volunteers will work on projects rain or shine. In case of severe weather, cancellation information can be heard on local radio stations or viewed on our school website: <https://www.minnewaska.k12.mn.us/> **Registration forms must be submitted by Friday, April 30** to be considered.

We look forward to completing these projects as a way of “giving back” for all the support you have provided Minnewaska Area Schools. Developing an “attitude of gratitude” and being “genuinely thankful” for the support you provide us are qualities that every student should develop throughout their school years. Hosting our “Day of Caring” offers us the opportunity to show we are making progress!

Most Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rick Ellingworth".

Rick Ellingworth

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