



PORT TOWNSEND

School District

LEARNING THROUGH A SENSE OF PLACE

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2019-2020 Maritime Discovery Schools Annual Report September 2020

Impact of COVID-19

Due to the school closure some MDS projects were not completed or even started for the year. The district did not complete an end of year teacher survey in regards to the MDS project as we have in past years.

For the 2020-21 school year we will continue to have teachers focus on creating place-based learning experiences as a core part of the curriculum. Projects will need to be modified and adapted to fit a remote or blended learning environment.

Curriculum Matrix Committee

The curriculum matrix committee meets three times a year. The goal of the committee is to create alignment of projects across grade levels, as well as guide project development. In the last year the group focused on developing documentation that would help teachers and families to understand the scope of MDS projects across grade levels.

- Created the MDS Project Table - By Place Based Learning Theme
- Drafted Grade Level Project Overview Flyers

Maritime Discovery Schools Advisory Committee

This committee meets four times a year, and has been meeting since 2013. The committee helps set the direction for the MDS initiative, and is now helping set goals as we move beyond the initiative phase. In 2019-20 the group developed some new SMART goals. This school year the committee will reconvene and determine next steps in goal setting and measurement.

Examples of Successful Remote Learning Place Based Learning - Spring 2020

https://ptschools.org/about_us/maritime_discovery_schools/highlight_projects

- High School Taco Project
- 5th Grade Climate Summit
- 1st/2nd Grade Salish Sea Habitat Studies