

Shocking Norovirus at MCMS!

The Norovirus affected students of Medea Creek Middle School on the month of September, and left many students sick. A highly contagious stomach virus sickened staff members and students at Medea Creek Middle School in Oak Park. "I found out that I caught the virus when I got dizzy and started to throw up". "The symptoms lasted for about 3-4 days"(Ilana Gluzman)." "The Norovirus causes stomach and intestines to get inflamed and can cause diarrhea, vomiting, nausea and stomach pains". "There were more than 150 students sick from the virus that week and two teachers and 3 other staff members were also affected by the virus". "It spread quickly through surfaces, and in the air." (Mr. Benioff).

Since the outbreak of the virus, and the number of students that were absent from the virus, Mr. Benioff, the principal, had decided to call for the whole school to be sterilized including lockers, doorknobs, railings, computers, etc. Because of the outbreak of the Norovirus, the first dance was canceled and the Catalina trip for the 7th graders was postponed for next year. The outbreak of the Norovirus still remains a mystery and we will never know who was the culprit.