



Vision: Muddy Creek Charter School is a rural public school dedicated to the integration of an outstanding academic program with its community—the land and its people. We offer a joyful and creative educational experience where engaged students practice the skills they will need to be effective citizens and stewards in the future. Muddy Creek Charter School will serve as a model for preserving schools in rural communities.

January 24, 2014

Upcoming Events

January 29th

All School Meeting

January 30th

Snow Make-up Day
School is in session!

January 31st

No School—Grading

February 5th

All School Meeting

February 7th

Bookmobile

February 11th

Mr. Days Class trip to OSU
Symphony Orchestra at
LaSelles

February 12th

All School Meeting
PTO Meeting @ 2pm

February 13th

ICP Board Meeting @ 7pm

February 19th

All School Meeting

February 21st

Bookmobile

March 8th

Annual MCCA Talent Show

PTO MEETING--

On March 12th, the PTO will be getting together to discuss, plan and organize the Talent Show on March 8th.

SNOW MAKE-UP DAYS

January 30th, February 17th, and April 9th are now school days to make up for some of the instructional time lost during December.

A Word from Dan

We have completed interviews to fill the 1/2 teaching position that Barb Holt has been teaching as a long-term substitute. Kim Phillips, who student taught in the class and previously worked as a classroom assistant, applied for and was selected to fill the position. An interview committee met last Friday to complete the process. We are delighted to bring Kim onto our teaching staff. She has a bachelor's degree in biology, a master's degree in entomology, and now a teaching license for the states of Utah and Oregon. Kim's science training will be highly valuable to us as a staff in providing our students opportunities to learn and grow in the out-of-doors through science projects. She will definitely make us a stronger school as we move forward.

Last June, we hired a teacher to take the position that Kim now has. In July that teacher turned down our 1/2 teaching position for a position elsewhere. That unfortunate development became our "lucky day" as it led us to ask Barb Holt to take the classroom until we had the time to advertise and hire again. Barb is a retired teacher from the Corvallis School District. She brought to us valuable experience and training helping us set up the new classroom and start the new school year. In that process, Barb became passionate about Muddy Creek Charter School – and discovered how much she really wanted to continue teaching. Our staff treasure the opportunity to work with Barb and have turned to her for guidance and training throughout her time here. Barb will continue through the rest of the year helping the teachers when needs arise, and to continue to help the teachers with training opportunities.

Movin' Muskrat News aka The Running Club!

We need your help to encourage our Muskrats as our PA system has been inoperable the last 2 weeks and we usually acknowledge their progress as they reach every 5 miles. Ask your student if they participate or congratulate them if you see their name! We keep track of laps on Fridays at lunch recess. 5 laps on our track equals 1 mile. All are welcome to participate - including parents and staff! 2014 lays before us. Set a goal. Set a record!

Let's celebrate these Muskrats' achievements for 2013:

5 miles - Anna D., Atira F., Hailey F., Cedra E., Nora B., Ben G., Lennon L.

10 miles - Ben B. and Lily Hull

15 miles - Blaise P.

20 miles - Gradin F.

We've had 2 opportunities in the new year to continue progress out on the track and these Muskrats have reached the following milestones:

5 miles - Althea R., Hannah R., and Isaiah A.

10 miles - Lennon L. and Nora B.

20 miles - Blaise P.

25 miles - Gradin F.

Materials Needed: Ms. Kim and Ms. Melissa are collecting **newspaper** for a class project. Ms. Kelsey is collecting **soup cans and/or coffee cans** with both sides cut off for music. Mrs. Olsen is collecting **plastic lids, buttons, paint shirts, ribbons, lace, paper rolls, meat trays and POM bottles**. Any donations may be dropped off in the office.