



*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.*

November 4, 2013

## Upcoming Events

**November 4<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Kindergarten Food Drive

**November 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Picture Orders due

Dine-out at Papa's Pizza  
Fundraiser for MCCA

**November 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>**  
All School Meeting

**November 11<sup>th</sup>**  
No School – Veteran's Day

**November 12<sup>th</sup>**  
PTO meeting @ 8:35 am

ICP Board Meeting, 7pm

**November 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Bookmobile

Giving Thanks Celebration  
6-8 pm

**November 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Gail Gerdemann --  
Math for Parents

**November 27-29<sup>th</sup>**  
No School—Thanksgiving

**December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>**  
All School Meeting

**December 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Bookmobile

**December 18<sup>th</sup>**  
All School Meeting

Craft Day

**December 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Winter Read-a-thon

Bookmobile

**December 23 - January 3**  
No School – Winter Break

## A Word from Dan

We are grateful to all parents who made the effort to attend a conference with their child's teacher last week. We find these first conferences to be very helpful. Knowing what parents want for their child(ren) is basic to the work planned each day.

We would like to find out from parents how we are doing as a school. Sometime in the next few weeks, we will send out a survey to find out what parents like about what we do, and any suggestions parents might have to help us do better.

Last week, Kelsey Janes started teaching music to students in first through fifth grades. She is very excited to have this opportunity to work in our school. She has taught private lessons to students of all ages. She has also taught music at summer camps and in other group settings. We are fortunate to have her. Our current plan is to move slowly having music once a week. We follow that up with a meeting with Kelsey and the classroom teachers to be sure all is going well, and check that students are excited about getting to have music. We will eventually get to the point of having music twice a week, and introducing musical instruments into students' music experience.

## Muddy Muskrats Student Store

The 5th graders are excited to announce the opening of the MUDDY MUSKRATS STUDENT STORE. The grand opening is set for November 4th and will be open during first break and after school. Students can look for things like pencils, erasers, notepads and other knickknacks, along with a few healthy snack items. Most items should be less than \$1. The proceeds of the store will go towards the annual 5th grade graduation trip. The goal is to fund the graduation trip and leave enough money for next year's 5th graders to continue the store.

We are looking for a rolling cart with lockable cupboards to serve as the physical store. If you have any thoughts or ideas please direct them to Felicite at [feliciteg7@gmail.com](mailto:feliciteg7@gmail.com).

## PTO News

**DINE OUT at Papa's Pizza**—On November 5<sup>th</sup>, bring flyer (attached to newsletter email) into Papa's Pizza and MCCA will receive 50% of the value of the food purchased!

Next **PTO meeting** on November 12<sup>th</sup> at 8:35 am in the community room

Our **Annual Giving Thanks Celebration and Pie/Cake Auction** is on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm. Please bring a pot luck dish to share. If you would like to make a pie, cake, or other desert to be auctioned off, please contact Mary Gunn @ [mrsgunn33@gmail.com](mailto:mrsgunn33@gmail.com) or sign up on the PTO board.

The **Jog-a-thon** was a tremendous success! Our children ran a combined 185.7 miles—enough miles to run from here to Portland and back!!! We earned \$5157.00 towards the purchase of new playground equipment.

## Annual Food Drive

The Kindergarteners are holding their annual Food Drive from November 4<sup>th</sup> until November 15<sup>th</sup> as a part of their community service learning.

Types of food needed:

Canned fruits, canned vegetables, canned pumpkin, canned cranberry sauce and canned milk, peanut butter, stuffing mix, tuna and other canned fish and meats, baby foods, olives, jell-o, cake mixes, fresh apples and fruits, winter squash, and potatoes. Sorry but no home-canned goods can be accepted.

Please join the Kindergarteners in our community service by bringing food items to school and placing them in the boxes provided at MCCS.

Thank you for your support in making this program happens in Benton County!

## Wanted

Mrs. Olsen is collecting **plastic bottle caps/lids**, all colors and sizes for art. Send them in anytime.

Donations of "**paint**" shirts are appreciated.

**Volunteers** are always welcome in the art room!

The students in Ms. Gorman's class are creating Forest Board games. They are making the games out of old board games using paint and collage techniques. If you have **old board games** you would like to donate for this purpose, please send them in to Ms. Gorman by Tuesday, **November 5<sup>th</sup>**.

A volunteer is needed to transport our school library "discards" to the Benton County Public Library for donation. Please contact Jennine in the office if you can help.