



*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.*

February 20, 2014

## Upcoming Events

- February 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Bookmobile
- February 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Vision Screening 9-10 am  
*Volunteers needed*
- February 26<sup>th</sup>**  
All School Meeting
- February 28<sup>th</sup>**  
1/2 Trip to Hospital
- March 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Read Across America Day  
Read-a-thon 10:30-11:15  
*Volunteers needed*
- March 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Mandatory Practice for  
Talent Show performers
- March 5<sup>th</sup>**  
1/2 Trip to Aquarium
- March 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Scrip Order due
- March 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Bookmobile
- March 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Talent Show, 5:30 – 8
- March 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Irish Dance performance at  
All School Meeting
- March 13<sup>th</sup>**  
ICP Board Meeting @ 7pm
- March 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Original Works order due
- March 15<sup>th</sup>**  
2014/15 Enrollment Deadline
- March 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Scrip Order due
- March 24-28<sup>th</sup>**  
Spring Break

## A Word from Dan

Muddy Creek has a resource officer from the Benton County Sheriff's office serving our school on any matters relating to police. He stops by on Wednesdays, if possible, to be around children, and help with safety matters. I call him fairly often when we have an increase in cars and trucks going too fast through our school zone. Lately, he has witnessed too many of our parents exceeding the speed limit in our school zone. He has asked me to remind parents of the 20 miles per hour limit in school zones. He wants to help us, not cause problems.

## Read Across America is Character Costume Day -- Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

Schools all across America celebrate reading on Dr. Seuss's birthday. We dedicate the whole day to celebrating the joy of reading. Our school tradition is to dress as favorite book characters on Read Across America Day. Think ahead to plan your costumes!

### Read-a-thon Seeks Volunteers!

The morning of Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the 6th Read Across America Day Read-a-Thon. All of the classes will be breaking into small groups, each group led by a staff member, Board member, parents, grandparents or volunteer. The adult will read a book of their choice to the group of students, and then do an arts project based on the book. These groups will last 45 minutes, from 10:30 am to 11:15 am.

If you are interested in signing up to be a guest reader, email Ms. Gorman at [leah.gorman@mail.com](mailto:leah.gorman@mail.com)! **Please sign up by Monday, February 24.** Once we know many readers will be here, the groups and the rooms will be assigned. You will get an email by Friday, February 28 with your room assignment and expected number of students in your group. Usually the groups are between 6 and 9 students and may include students from different classrooms. If you are interested, please indicate if you have an age preference you would like to work with.

Share your love of reading with children on this special day!

## PTO NEWS

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Talent Show will be on **Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** from **5:30 – 8 pm!**

- Performers need to arrive by 5:15 pm
- Food will be for sale before the show and during the intermission (6:30-7pm)
- Donations of baked goods to sell are appreciated
- Sale of items will benefit the MCCS Music Program
- Volunteers are needed to help with this event

Contact Kari Slater with questions regarding the Talent Show at [KariLei@gmail.com](mailto:KariLei@gmail.com)

Contact Mary Gunn at [mrsgunn33@gmail.com](mailto:mrsgunn33@gmail.com) to sign up to bring food and/or volunteer.

## Enrollment for 2014/2015 School Year

We will be holding our enrollment lottery for 2014/15 on March 17, 2014. In order to secure your child(ren)'s place at MCCS next year, please notify the office by email or in writing **before March 15<sup>th</sup>**. There is no form for this: this is an informal request, but is necessary to hold your child(ren)'s position for next year.

Many families have expressed interest in Muddy Creek for their children next year. Please be sure to let us know your intentions for enrollment as soon as possible.

## Movin' Muskrat News aka The Running Club!

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! Ask your student if they participate or congratulate them if you see their name! Set a goal. Set a record!

### Let's celebrate these Muskrats' achievements:

- 5 miles - Annie B., Eevi R., and Skyla B.
- 15 miles - Ben B.
- 30 miles - Gradin F.



## Calling ALL Students, K-5!

MCCS would like to paint a mural on our new ball wall. Submit an 8 ½ x 11 drawing by March 15<sup>th</sup> to Mr. Bannister or Mrs. Olsen for consideration.

### Wish Lists

#### Ms. Kim & Ms. Melissa

- Costco pack of long red coffee straws (for an engineering activity)
- 100th day snacks- raisins, gold fish, pretzels, mini marshmallows, fruit loops. 1 bag of each. Needed by 2/26
- Boxes of tooth picks (engineering)

Mrs. Olsen is collecting the following for the Art Room:

Buttons	Meat trays	Plastic caps and lids
Ribbon	POM bottles	Scrapbook paper and supplies
Fabric	Lace	Paint shirts

Mrs. Bannister would like donations of puppets for use in the school counseling program.

### Volunteers Needed

On **Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**, a total of 6 volunteers are needed to assist the Oregon Lions Club with a vision screening at MCCS. Volunteers should arrive at 8:30 for training. Screening will start at 9 and should take about an hour. Please let Jennine know if you can help: [office@muddycreekcharterschool.org](mailto:office@muddycreekcharterschool.org)

On **Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**, volunteers are needed to help with the Read-a-thon from 10:30-11:15. Please let Ms. Gorman know by February 24<sup>th</sup> if you can help.

A volunteer is needed to inventory MCCS' rain gear.

Volunteers are always welcome in the Art Room.

### HOT LUNCH

The hot lunch offering during the month of March will be the same as this month. Please sign up in the office by Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> for hot lunch the week of March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

On Tuesdays, a pasta option (whole wheat or gluten free) is available with a protein (chicken or white beans) with pesto or marinara sauce.

On Thursdays, tacos (ground turkey or black bean) are offered.

A whole wheat bagel with sunflower butter is available as an alternative offering on both hot lunch days.

### Lost and Found

Our lost and found is overflowing with jackets and other items. Please remind your child to check for any missing belongings.

### Annual Spring Bluebird Workshop

The Bluebird Trail volunteers of the Audubon Society of Corvallis invite you to their Annual Spring Bluebird Workshop on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 1-3 pm at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center. [www.audubon.corvallis.or.us](http://www.audubon.corvallis.or.us)  
\$5 per person donation requested and used for materials and supplies.