



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.

April 28, 2014

Upcoming Events

- April 30**
All School Meeting
Ms. Melissa's Class Expedition to Finley
- May 2**
Bookmobile
- May 3 – 11**
Natural Areas Celebration Week (See flyer)
- May 3**
OSU Pet Day 10am-4pm
- May 6**
Dine Out Night at Laughing Planet
- May 7**
All School Meeting
- May 8**
4H Wildlife Stewards Summit at Hoover Elem.
ICP Board Meeting—7pm
- May 14**
All School Meeting
- May 16**
Bookmobile
Spring Meet 'n Greet @ Tyee
- May 21**
All School Meeting
- May 22-23**
MCCS Plant Sale
- May 26**
Memorial Day—No School
- May 28**
All School Meeting
- May 30**
5th Gr Shark Tank trip
- June 11**
Field Day
- June 13**
Last Day of School
2hr early release

A Word from Dan

Our 3rd-5th graders are in the midst of completing OAKS tests used to measure academic achievement in Math, Reading, and Science. On our [website](#), you can see we were rated a level 4 school (out of a possible 5) based on the results of last year's tests. We are able to let parents know how their child scored on the tests, however these scores do not provide a full picture of your child's academic growth. For that reason, we create portfolios of student work. Work samples say much more than a number. Be sure to get more information from your child's teacher.

We are constantly working to improve the quality of education we offer. During the past two years, we have been working on selecting and purchasing math materials. Next year, we will be selecting and purchasing Reading and Writing materials.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR COMING SOON!

The Scholastic Book Fair will run from May 13-16 from 8:15 – 9 am and from 2:45 - 3:30 pm daily in the Community Room 6. **Volunteers are needed!** You may sign up for a shift in the office. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kelly Bell at ksbirish@yahoo.com.

BOOKMOBILE VOLUNTEER NEEDED

We are in need of a volunteer to help facilitate Bookmobile visits during the 2014/15 school year. If you are interested in volunteering, please plan to be here this Friday, May 2nd or Friday, May 16th from 2-3:15 so our current volunteer can show you how you can help.

Box Tops for Education

Box Tops for Education need to be turned into the office by May 31st. The current parent volunteer will be stepping down in June. If you are interested in helping with Box Tops for Education next year, please let Jennine know.

Wanted:

The **Art Room** is collecting magazines for collage, scrap book paper and letters, ABC templates, sewing items (ribbon, rickrack, buttons, fabric, etc.), plastic lids, and POM bottles with lids, cereal boxes. We will be working on mosaics, any broken or chipped decorative plates, cups, glass, etc. suitable for children to handle would be wonderful. **Ms. Kim's** math students will soon be doing a "mega marble run" and are in need of toilet paper and paper towel tubes.

THANK YOU to Beth Hoinacki at Goodfoot farm for hosting Ms. Kim's class for their expedition to study bees. <http://www.goodfootfarm.com/>

THANK YOU to all the Muddy Creek families for their continual support of the Muddy Creek PTO and staff. Teacher/Staff appreciation week is coming up (May 5th -9th). Look for and email from your child's room parent soon.

Movin' Muskrat News aka The Running Club!

They are on the move! We've had 3 sunny opportunities to get on the track and run laps that count for personal records, as well as, the April class competition. Every Friday at lunch recess we track laps. 5 laps is equal to 1 mile and we celebrate after every 5 miles a student coompletes. Please congratulate your Muskrat and encourage them to keep it up!



Let's celebrate these Muskrats' achievements:

5 miles: Alder A., Anna C., Braedyn R., Brindyn B., Daniel R., Ella H., Emma W., Eva (5th), Hailey D., Josh N., Isabel K., Kai L., Kosette S., Liam S., Linus O., Lyvia S., Maggie G., Max D., Sammy J., Talon U.
10 miles: Alex W., Cedra E., Kaleb M. **15 miles:** Hailey F., Nora B.
25 miles: Ben B., Ben G. **40 miles:** Blaise P. **50 miles:** Gradin F.