



*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.*

May 30, 2014

## Upcoming Events

### May 30

Last Muddy Creek Dance Power (MCDP) Practice

5<sup>th</sup> Gr Shark Tank trip

### June 4

**All School Meeting—**  
Muddy Creek Dance Power performance

**PTO Meeting @ 2pm**  
(topics: Field Day and Graduation)

### June 11

**All School Meeting—**  
Corvallis Public Library will talk about the Summer Reading Program.  
**Field Day—12:30-2:45**

### June 12

**ICP Board Meeting @ 7pm**

### June 13

Last Day of School  
5<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation:  
9:15 am -11am  
**2hr early release—1 pm**

### June 21 - August 17

Muddy Creek office closed

### September 3

First Day of School 2014/15



## A Word from Dan about Love and Logic

*Love and Logic* is a philosophy for working with children and their behavior. It is an excellent companion to the LIFE SKILLS we teach each week here at Muddy Creek. Following is an example of applying Love and Logic (This comes from a recent communication from the Love and Logic Institute, Inc.):

How do we help our kids develop the type of cause-effect logic that leads to good decision-making? Is it by showing them how tough we are, or is it by showing them how much we love them as they experience the tough consequences of their poor decisions?

**Our anger allows kids to blame us for the consequences of their poor decisions.**

**Our loving empathy forces them to blame themselves for these consequences.**

If we're forgetting our sincere empathy, it will increase the odds that they'll lack the logical, commonsense reasoning required to stay safe in today's complex world.

Visit the Love and Logic Institute [website](http://loveandlogic.com) (loveandlogic.com) to learn more about their philosophy and how it can be applied with children at school, home, or out in public. About half of our staff is quite familiar with this approach. We are finding it so effective that we plan to continue using and expanding the practice of "Love and Logic" techniques. There will be more information coming to you from us as we finish this year and start next year.

## HOT LUNCH

The last hot lunch of the year was dished up yesterday. There will be **NO HOT LUNCH available in June**. Thank you to all of the hot lunch volunteers, Melissa Cunningham of Chintimini Farms, and our Hot Lunch Coordinator, Kristina Rosenbaum, for all of their dedication and hard work.

**Muddy Creek Dance Power Performing at All School Meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup>.**

## Lost and Found

The lost and found is once again overflowing! Any items unclaimed by the last day of school, June 13<sup>th</sup>, will be donated.

## Volunteers needed

We are in need of one additional volunteer to manage a game station for Field Day.

Old skis and large shoes needed for Field Day games.

Volunteers are needed after school on June 12<sup>th</sup> to set up for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation. If you can help, please contact Kari Slater @ [KariLei@gmail.com](mailto:KariLei@gmail.com)