



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.

September 18, 2013

Upcoming Events

- September 18th**
First All School Meeting
- September 20th**
Trip to Mary's Peak (K-5)
Bookmobile
- September 24th**
Dine Out Night @ Block 15
- 1st Session of Euro Soccer
Schools 3:15pm – 4:15 pm
- September 25th**
All School Meeting
Curriculum Night – 6-7 pm
- September 27th**
Picture Day
- October 2nd**
Gr. 3-5 Trip to Evergreen
Restoration site, 11:30-3
- October 3rd**
Jogathon
- October 8th**
Hearing Screening for K,1,3
- October 9th**
PTO Meeting – 2pm,
Community Room
- October 10th**
Board Meeting – 7pm
- October 14th**
Make-up Picture Day
- November 15th**
Giving Thanks Celebration

A Word from Dan

The school year is off to a very good start. The staff and parents of our school particularly enjoyed the “Meet n Greet” at Tyee Winery. I want to thank Merillee Buchanan and her parents, Dave and Margy Buchanan, for so graciously opening up their beautiful location and facility for all of us to enjoy.

NEW STAFF

The classes are well settled into the school routines, and the new staff are fitting in nicely. Barb Holt teaches a 1/2 class in Miss Jenny's old room; Leonne Bannister is a part time counselor for us; Brit Foster is an assistant for Tom Day; Becky Stebbins assists Barb Holt; and Casey Sexton assists Melissa Champney. Kim Phillips is a student teacher in Barb Holt's classroom.

GRATITUDE

Over the summer our school grounds become quite messy with weeds and debris from surrounding fields. A lot of work was done by many people to make our school look very nice for the first day of school. Cody Hull and his dad, David Hull, did a lot of work with the trees on our school grounds. Marc Gwillan from Monroe assisted the Hulls cleaning up the material left behind. Matt Maluski and his crew from Shonnard's Nursery gave of their time to clean up the butterfly garden. The Livengood Rosa family spent much of the Saturday before school started here weeding flowerbeds and spreading bark dust. On Labor Day John and Melanie Kelley spent several hours blowing off the black top in the play shed, the playground, and the parking lot. Later that day as I stood in the parking lot taking in all that had been accomplished, I could only feel like this school has never looked better in my 4 years here.

Curriculum Night

Please join us for Curriculum Night on September 25th from 6-7 pm.

A Word from our School Counselor

Dear Muddy Creek Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Leonne Bannister and I joined the Muddy Creek family as a parent last school year when my daughter enrolled as a kindergartner in Mrs. Jenny's class. My husband, Morgan Bannister, joined staff shortly after as the PE teacher. Now, I am pleased to announce that I have also been hired as the School Counselor. I will be working part-time, specifically on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. I am so happy to be on staff at Muddy Creek.

As a School Counselor, my primary responsibility is to promote the academic, personal, and social development of all students. I look forward to offering support to the students, staff and families of Muddy Creek. I will be meeting with students individually and in small groups, conducting classroom lessons, meeting with parents, collaborating with teachers and staff, and consulting with community organizations to benefit and meet the needs of all Muddy Creek students and families.

Any student can request to meet with me or they can be referred by a teacher or parent. I encourage you to reach out if you have concerns regarding your child. If you would like for me to meet with your child please do not hesitate to contact me.

I am here to help students achieve their personal/social and academic goals, as well as provide support for parents and teachers. I can be reached by email at leonne.bannister@muddycreekcharterschool.org or phone at 541-752-0377.

I'm very excited to be on staff at Muddy Creek and I look forward to getting to know you and your children!

Warm Regards,
Leonne Bannister

Board Corner

Inavale Community Partners (ICP) is the non-profit group that is legally responsible for MCCA. Our board is looking for **new members** and we always welcome our school community to come to our meetings. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 7pm** here at MCCA in Room 6. Charter renewal, budget, policies, and procedures will be on the agenda. Thank you to Betsy Dasenko for serving on the ICP Board for 2 1/2 years. We look forward to seeing Betsy volunteering in her 3 childrens' classrooms! ICP welcomes new Board Members Dave Buchanan and Kelly Bell.

Of Note

Mary's Peak

Due to road construction, our trip to Mary's Peak may take longer and our return bus may arrive later than stated on the field trip slip.

Forms needed from Volunteers and Field Trip Drivers

Please bring your Driver License, proof of insurance and form for criminal background check to the school office to be cleared to volunteer at MCCA and to drive for field trips this year.

Parents and Volunteers: Visitors and Volunteers need to sign in at the office. If you are picking up your child outside of regular dismissal time, please get a pass at the office.

Hot Lunch: Please remember to pre-pay and pre-order hot lunch every Friday for the following week.

September/October menu:

Tuesdays: BBQ Chicken or Whole Wheat Bagel with Almond Butter

Thursdays: Chicken and Rice Ninja Bowl or Black Beans and Rice Bowl

Euro Soccer Schools at Muddy Creek: Peter Deam spoke at All School Meeting today about an exciting after school opportunity here at Muddy Creek. He is offering soccer lessons on Tuesdays from 3:15-4:15. First class is free! An informational flyer will come home with your child. If you are interested in signing your child up, please try to return the Registration Form by this Friday. More information may be found on the website: www.eurosoccerschools.com

PTO News

Tyee Meet and Greet: Not only did we have a great turnout for the Meet and Greet at Tyee Winery, we raised \$350 for the playground. Thanks to all that attended and the many volunteers!

Dine Out: Eat at Block 15 on Tuesday, Sept. 24 and they'll donate 10% to Muddy Creek! Tell your friends and family!

Jog-a-Thon: Thursday, October 3rd. Detailed info coming home this week with your child. What is a Jog-a-Thon? Kids gather pledges for number of laps around our track. Kids have 30 minutes to complete laps. Prizes for top number of laps and money raised. Funds go towards playground equipment.

Giving Thanks: Annual Giving Thanks Celebration and Pie/Cake Auction is on **Friday, Nov. 15th**.

Cookbook: We would like to gather recipes from Muddy Creek parent for a Muddy Creek Cookbook

MCCA: We need you! We ask all families to volunteer at least 2 hours a month. This could be time spent at home helping a teacher prepare art materials, chaperoning a field trip, or volunteering at a special event (like the upcoming Jog-a-Thon!). There are many ways that you can help MCCA! Please check the PTO volunteer opportunities bulletin board directly outside the office or look for opportunities in the classroom communicated by the room parent.

Volunteer Opportunities

Jog-a-thon: Our first ever Jog-a-thon is Thursday, October 3rd. We are in need of 3-4 parent volunteers from each classroom to help out. Please contact Elisa if you can help at elisa.fairbanks@muddycreekcharterschool.org

Scrip: Volunteers are needed to sell scrip on Thursday (morning and afternoon).

Milk: Volunteer needed to pick up crates of milk from DariMart for MCCA on Wednesday mornings. Please contact Jennine at office@muddycreekcharterschool.org if you can help.