

Muddy Creek Charter School Newsletter

Friday, November 16, 2012

Alerts

T-shirts are in! We have T-shirts available in the office for \$12.00. We've sold out of our sweatshirts. More to come!

School Camera Missing If anyone has seen a Kodak EasyShare C613 at home, please return them to the school.

Re-occurring Weekly Events

All School Meeting: Every Wednesday at 8:30am, Parents Welcome

Farm Stand Friday Afternoon

Movin' Muskrats Running Club Thursdays at Lunch

SCRIP Table Thursdays before and after school

November Agenda

November 16th and 30th Scratch Club 3pm

November 19-23 No School, Thanksgiving Break

November 22 One day only Scrip special- retailers offering larger bonuses

November 27 Giving Thanks Committee Meeting, Art Room

December Agenda

December 1 Giving Thanks Celebration (time changed to 5pm)

December 4 Next PTO meeting 2pm, Ms. Jenny's room

December 24th-Jan. 4th No School, Winter Break

All School Games has a New Face, All School Groups

Our school has always had a commitment to building community across grades and ages. A big piece of that program has been All School Games, a Friday session of games, focused on getting to know students in the other classes. We are keeping that commitment to community, but diversifying the activities offered during the community-building time. Children will have a wide variety of choices including drama, charcoal drawing, handwork (sewing, fibers), creative arts, photography, nature studies (botany) and active games. The groups will meet every other week and stay together for 5 sessions. The children will then have the chance to sign up for a new topic. We hope that this will capitalize on our growing arts integration, allow children to get to know more of their peers and be fun for children with a wide array of interests!

Art Studio

The studio is full of creative projects-in-progress including Point of View Art Journals with Mr. Day's literacy groups, Impression Fossil Clay Tiles from Ms. Gorman's class, and various explorations of printmaking from students k-5. The Kindergarten Story Tree is also in its last stages of creation and will be moved to its permanent home in the library this Friday! Things to come: we are very excited about our next Artist-in-Residence, storyteller and visual artist, Carol Soth, who will be joining us after Thanksgiving break. Carol will be working primarily with Ms. Melissa's 1,2,3 class on infusing storytelling into their study of migration. She will also be visiting other classrooms to spin a tale or two. Special thanks to The Arts Center/ Linn-Benton County Arts Council for sponsoring this amazing residency!

Benton County Sherriff Deputy Christopher Dale

On Tuesday, November 10, 2012, the Benton County Sheriff's Office conducted a saturation patrol in the Muddy Creek school zone. From 2:15 pm to 3:45 pm, 15 traffic stops were conducted and numerous citations were issued for speed violations. (Additional citations were also issued for cell phone use, failure to use seat belt, driving uninsured, and driving while suspended.) Several parent vehicles were also observed violating the 20 MPH school zone speed limit and some of those parents were subsequently warned. School Resource Deputy Christopher Dale and the Benton County Sheriff's Office would like to remind all drivers, including parents, that vehicles must be slowed to 20 MPH before entering the school zone and must not accelerate above 20 MPH until after leaving the school zone. The Muddy Creek school zone, which starts at the 'SCHOOL SPEED 20' sign and ends at the 'END SCHOOL ZONE' sign, is enforced on school days from 7 am to 5 pm. Drivers of any vehicles travelling faster than 20 MPH at any location in the school zone are in violation of the speed limit and are subject to being issued a citation with a fine between \$110 and \$435.

Box Tops

I am proud to say that all the parents, family & friends of MCCS have collected 900 Box Tops! Box Tops for Education is doing a contest right now to see which school has the biggest increase in their Box Tops collections. The winning school will get 250,000 Box Tops to add to their collection! It doesn't matter the size of the school, just how much we have increased our collections. Let's try to get another 900 Box Tops and see if we can win!

The last check that Muddy Creek received was for \$28.50. We have already surpassed that with just this submission alone. Also, I encourage people to register on the Box Tops for Education website. You can play games and earn money for our school, register your grocery shoppers card and enter drawings. As of right now we only have 13 people that support Muddy Creek through this website. I would love to see other families sign up and start earning for our school!

Thanks so much for everyone that is already supporting!

Cortni Boyd

Giving Thanks Celebration

Time has been changed from 6pm to 5pm. We are still looking for volunteers to help set up, break down and donations of pies and cupcakes. Please contact Kristina R. at Kristina.rosenbaum@gmail.com if you would like to help out.

Hot Lunch Program *See school website for more info

Can you help with prepping, serving, and/or clean-up? If you can't stay the whole time, we could still use your help! Just let us know when you can be there.

Also, if you'd like to help but can't make the scheduled times, let us know and we would be happy to find a way you can help! Some tasks might include making stock/pizza sauce, picking up farm produce, cleaning, or organization. Contact Kristina.rosenbaum@gmail.com.

ICP Board Information

Please go to the MCCS site at <http://muddycreekcharterschool.org/> under "About Us" to see the agenda for an upcoming meeting and/or the minutes of any previous meetings of the MCCS ICP Board. Families can comment on agenda topics by email, if they just cannot make it to a board meeting. Please comment at board@muddycreekcharterschool.org All are welcome to attend.

Movin' Muskrats

The Movin' Muskrats braved the cold mist on Thursday and will continue to do so every Thursday at lunch recess (barring real rain). We had our first Kinder pass the 5 mile mark - Ben B. Keep it up

Kinders! First grader Gradin F. continues to lead the pack with 15 miles and counting. I'm looking for a parent volunteer that might help me encourage exercise beyond Movin' Muskrats - talk to Elisa Fairbanks (elisasmile@mac.com) if you're interested.

Picture Day

Pictures are in. Re-take's need to be mailed directly to our photographer. Her mailing address is highlighted at the bottom of your form.

Room 2 News

Marys Peak Cake and Rock Sharing Celebrations Were a Success

A million thanks to Aumi and her mom for making the most amazing gluten-free, dairy free Marys Peak cake ever imagined. They just did a wonderful job listening to the children's ideas about how Marys Peak could be constructed like a cake. Some highlights were 1) the strawberry jam under the cake that represented the magma under the mountain, 2) the crystals representing the basalt, gabbro and diorite rocks, with bigger crystals in deeper layers and 3) the beautiful "broccoli" trees representing the forests. We loved the river, the road, the car, and especially the tower at the top! The cake even could be taken apart in cross-section to see the layers. As we sat down to cake, a group of 2nd and 3rd graders did a presentation on the history of Marys Peak and the abandoned community of Peak. It is posted in the hall so that you, too, can learn a little local history. Also, thanks to Leann for helping to serve up the treat!

SCRIP

November 22, Thanksgiving Day: To gear up for Black Friday and Cyber Monday shopping, Scrip retailers will be offering larger bonuses (more money for MCCS) on ScripNow purchases for one day only! See the Scrip page (under PTO) on the MCCS website for all the details!

Tasting Table

Halloween is over and the rains are probably here to stay, but that doesn't mean that you can't still eat locally grown, vibrantly colored vegetables! This Thursday during lunch, Wednesday your children will have the chance to taste one of the most colorful vegetables of all-- beets!! These mouth-wateringly delicious beets were grown by Sunny Tuesday Farm, a relative new-comer in Corvallis's small farm community.

Thank you

Thank you to the volunteers in our MCCS library. We have just inventoried our 6000th volume!

A huge thank you to Cortni Boyd's mom, Vicki, and son, Zachary, who came to help in the lunch room, at the last minute, last Friday. Your help was tremendously appreciated!