

January 18th, 2013

LAST DAY TO PARTICIPATE IN
OUR SCHOOL
SURVEY

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IMMUNIZATION EXCLUSION
DAY

February 20, 2013

Children out of compliance will be sent home

Muddy Creek Charter School

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.

Music Now and In The Future

Presently, we have Rita as our music teacher due to funding made available through PTO and PTO fundraisers. She would like to be our music teacher for a long time, and I would like that as well. To continue our growth and development I would like to change music to an established part of Muddy Creek's curriculum offerings. To get there the school will need to annually retain a music teacher in much the same way we hire assistants and classroom teachers. I am eager to propose this when we go to the Board with next year's budget.

I see that as no problem given our current enrollment of 100 students.

However, beyond that is furnishing the classroom with the kinds of equipment a regular music teacher would need in order to teach with quality and depth.



Rita Brown

To do this we will need financial assistance from the Muddy Creek community.

We will need a wide range of equipment from music stands to chairs to CD/computer speakers. Rita can borrow the more expensive instruments from *Gracewinds*, but would like to have several guitars and recorders.

In the opinion of many educators music is more than a feel-good experience. There is credible brain research that indicates music is essential to brain development. I like so much what Rita has to offer, due to her desire to make music more integrated into the other school subjects, and to have a distinct performance-based curriculum. We are hopeful that by March there will be a performance for parents to come and see.

A BIG thank you to the **PTO** for giving each classroom \$100 for classroom supplies and activities.

A BIG thank you to **Christina Rosenbaum** doing such a great job organizing hot lunch and all the parent volunteers that help in the kitchen regularly.

Painting residency with **Cheryl** from the **Corvallis Art Center** Grades 1st-5th January 22nd, 24th, 25th, and 29th.

Soul 2 Grow, a local business that grows/sells and educates people on mushrooms, will be visiting Ms. Champney's room this month. The in-class lecture is designed to teach what are fungi, what is the difference between mycelium and mushrooms, what makes fungi unique from other organisms, what services and functions do fungi provide and perform in the environment, and other applications of fungi in our lives.

The next step in working with *Soul 2 Grow* is to create culture plates and observe and measure bioluminescent mycelium growth in the cultures. Eventually, we want to install our own mushroom bed.

Please check out Ms. Melissa's class blog for curriculum information, upcoming events and pictures from various activities and trips. Go to Muddycreekcharterschool.org, click on parents/students, and scroll down to class blogs.

“What services and functions do fungi provide and perform in the environment?”

Kindergarten at a Glance

In Science, Mammals will be our focus. We will be looking at our native species, their life cycles, and their habitats. Our art will be integrated into our science and math through projects which include life-sized,



Navah Larison, Ms. Jenny's Kindergarten

collage, paper mammals displayed in a mural of their habitat.

In Math we will be working on measurement, extending patterns, and addition equations.

In Language Arts the Kinders will also be continuing their study of letters, sounds, words, reading, and writing.

In Social Skills, our focus will be on kindness and friendship.

RECIPE: *Brown Sugar-Raspberry Muffins* (yields 12)

Ingredients:

- 3/4 stick (6 tablespoons) unsalted butter, melted and cooled
- 3/4 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 1 large egg
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 rounded cups raspberries
- Course sugar for sprinkling (optional)

Directions:

- Put oven rack in middle position and preheat oven to 400F. Put liners in muffin cups or grease them well.
- Mix together butter, brown sugar, milk, and egg in a bowl until combined well.
- Whisk together cinnamon, flour, baking powder, and salt in a large bowl.
- Add to milk mixture and mix until just combined. Fold in raspberries.
- Divide batter among muffin cups.
- Sprinkle tops with course sugar (if using) and bake until golden brown and a wooden pick inserted into center of a muffin comes out clean, 25 to 30 minutes.

January

Tasting Table
January 17th at Lunch
Marionberries

Scratch Club 3pm

JANUARY: 11th and 25th

FEBRUARY: 8th and 22nd

MARCH: 8th and 22nd

Garden Club

Second Thursday of each month
@ 2PM in Room 3

No School

January 21st

SCRIP

Due January 24th

Mr. Day's Fieldtrip

January 24th 12-2:45

Evergreen

Ms. Gorman's Fieldtrip

January 28th 11:45-2:30

Corvallis Library

Lost and Found

Please check the lost and found rack regularly for your child's belongings. Labeling the items is also a great way to help a wandering jacket or lunch box get back to its home.

Rummage Sale

Our first rummage sale last year was a huge success. So, you are invited to the second annual MCCA Rummage Sale happening sometime in April. Start saving your items to donate for this great fundraising event. Please make sure the items are clean and in working condition. Valuable volunteer time is lost when items need to be made useable for the sale.

Wanted

Does anyone have a spotting scope that we could point at the moon on a clear day? Ms. Gorman's class could use it as soon as next week.

WE BLAST OFF INTO SPACE

Ms. Gorman's room is designing space vehicle sculptures to take a tour of the earth, moon, and solar system. We are going to combine this with our study of 3-D geometry and sculpting to do some math and art integration. The children are very excited about designing their "space vehicles". I could hardly get them to go home today.

Following on last week's "migration story", this week we write migration stories. We are integrating this with our study in literacy of story elements (characters, setting, problem/solution, main events) and of the Hero's Journey from mythology (overcoming obstacles, helpful influences).



Bakesale for Valentine's Day

If you would be interested in preordering baked items to give as gifts to your loved ones, or to satisfy your own sweet tooth please let us know. We would also accept volunteers to donate baked goods. Please contact Mary Gunn at mrgunn33@gmail.com.



Farm table

The farm table is closed until April due to weather and availability of products. The plan is for it to be closed from the last Friday in November until the first Friday in April.

Annual Talent Show

This year's event will happen sometime in March so start practicing your crowd-pleasing talent. Dinner and a selection of baked goods for dessert will be available for purchase. Volunteers will be needed to help set up, clean up, donating desserts, and more. Stay tuned for more information and how to sign up your talent. If you can help, or have questions, please contact Mary Gunn at mrgunn33@gmail.com.

Hot Lunch Program

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.

Thanks to Mr. Day for installing the SmartBoard bulb.

Thanks to Melissa Harris for showing the teachers the beginnings of using a blog.

Thanks to Shari for singing about Martin Luther King Jr. at "All School" Meeting.

Thanks to the Garden Committee for bringing alive the vision! We're looking forward to spring.

Young Rembrandts
drawing classes are coming to Muddy Creek Charter School

classes are held every:
Thursdays
3:05—4:05 PM
1/31-3/7/13

tuition:
\$54 for a 6 week session

To learn more and enroll:
Visit www.youngrembrandts.com or ENROLL ONLINE HERE!