

Monday, November 05, 2012

Congratulations to

Jenny Swanson who was a finalist for the "Top of The Valley" teacher award.

We're so thankful to have Jenny with us, as she brings light, love, and knowledge not only to students and staff, but to the community of all living things. We're so very proud and thankful to have her on our team and in our lives. You're legacy and teachings are a rare and priceless gift to us all. Thank you for sharing it with us. Congratulations to a wonderful teacher, mother, and friend.

Alerts:

Bus: The bus driver asked that we not send any children onto the bus with glass of any type.

Food donations: Last week to donate food

T-shirts A new batch of Muddy Creek T-Shirts! There will be many colors, sizes and styles to choose from. We'll have them at the Farm/community table on Friday after school or get them in the office. Stay tuned.

Reoccurring 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

Dine Out For MCCC "Cloud and Kelly's Public House" Nov. 5th 4-9pm

Cloud will donate 10% of sales to Muddy Creek

PTO Meeting November 6th at 8:30am, Community room

This will be the first meeting convened with the new PTO President and Vice President. Coffee and muffins will be provided. Want to contact the PTO and/or share in discussions online? Send an email to pto@muddycreekcharterschool.org or subscribe to muddycreek_pto@yahoo.com.

Picture Re-Takes Be sure to dress up, email Betty if you're participating

Scrip Order Due Thursday, November 8th

Board Meeting November 8th, 7:00pm

Shop to Benefit Muddy Creek "Toy Factory" November 10th

10% of sales that night from 6 to 8pm will be given to Muddy Creek. Coffee and cookies are provided.

No School November 12, Holiday

Day's Class Field Trip Nov. 13th, Oregon State University Wave Lab

Kindergarten Fieldtrip Nov. 13th, Benton Co. Fairgrounds Food Drive

No School November 19-23, Thanksgiving Break

December Agenda

Giving Thanks Celebration Saturday, December 1st, 6pm, in the gym

Art Studio

The Art Studio has been a buzzing hive these past few weeks! Activities include a printmaking residency with artist Cheryl French, finishing touches on the Kindergartners' magic Story Tree, a tile project, and the 4th/5th graders' innovative Natural Disaster Board Game Project.

Things you might have that we can use:

Wooden Spoons

metal spoons

pasta machines (the manual kind)
Large T-shirts (for paint shirts)
sewing supplies
cloth (no small scraps, fat quarters OK)
shiny things (buttons, beads, sequins, trim)

Bus

Morning Pick-up times:

7:49 am - Philomath Library
7:58am - Adams/Westland
8:08am - Lincoln Elementary School

Afternoon Drop-off Route (Bus 160)

3:03 pm – Bus departs from Muddy Creek Charter School
3:19 pm – Lincoln Elementary School
3:28 pm – Adams/Westland
3:42 pm – Philomath Community Library
Coordinator, Melissa Harris, honeybharris@gmail.com, [541.929.6713](tel:541.929.6713)

Farm Table on Fridays

The Farm Table is offered every Friday from 3-3:30. MCCS families are invited to donate extra garden produce, baked goods and other home grown/harvested goods. The proceeds go directly to the PTO to help fund the MCCS Hot Lunch Program. Please bring your edible donations to Betty at the front office by 2:45pm on Fridays. A volunteer will be present to handle the sale of donated items.

If you would like to sell any produce or homemade goods and wish to keep some of the profit, you will need to be present to sell your items. Because the Farm Table is a fundraiser for the MCCS PTO, we ask that you donate approximately 10% of your earnings.

Garden Meeting Open to everyone

There is going to be a garden meeting on Thursday November 8th around 3pm at the school. This will be an introductory meeting to see who is interested in the school garden project and to discuss current plans and future ideas. Anyone who is interested but cannot make it to the meeting can contact Angela Baker for more information at [raindrops love8@yahoo.com](mailto:raindropslove8@yahoo.com).

Giving Thanks Celebration

The ever popular Giving Thanks Celebration is coming up December 1st. There will be a potluck, of course, but the special events are the pie auction and the cupcake walk. There will also be a live band to entertain. "I like it [the cupcake walk] not just because of the yummy cupcakes, but it's also fun to walk the numbers. It's just fun for kids!" - Mira B.

Volunteers are needed to make and donate pies/desserts and cupcakes as well as to help setup, clean up and run things during the event. Contact mrsgunn33@gmail.com or kristina.rosenbaum@gmail.com if you can help or have questions.

Hot Lunch Program *See Link

Just a reminder to sign up for hot lunch volunteer shifts for November! We still have openings for almost every day in November - without people to help, hot lunches can't happen!!
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1YzL1KQJ3mHygg86u8SLsq-CRmWBMXvjdvkzLYQL0lJ/edit>

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.

Muddy Creek Consignment with PTO

Thank you to the families who have donated items for consignment in our partnership with the Arc of Benton County. The program is off to a good start, but we definitely need more! Gently used items will be accepted at any time throughout the year. Details about the program will be added to the school website soon. In the meantime, please contact iceagles_smith@yahoo.com for further information and how to donate.

Picture Day

Picture's will be back within 2-3 weeks. There will be a re-take day, but not at this time.

SCRIP

Scrip order due this Thursday, November 8th! Get your order in and if it's your first time, get entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift card! See the MCCS website at www.muddycreekcharterschool.org for more information.

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 Wednesday during lunch, 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

The schools attic has been filled floor to ceiling since it re-opened 5 years ago and our community room was filled with classroom leftovers. **Rob hinton, Melissa Harris, Felicity Geiger, tom Day, and Mary Gunn** worked often passed 5pm Wed, Thur, and Friday getting it off to the dump, donated, or to teachers. Thank you for all of the extra time.

Cody Hull for cutting down brush and removing tree stump for our new garden.