

February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**ALERT**

All students who will attend next year must submit your plans in writing for next year's enrollment to the office by March 15<sup>th</sup> 2013.

# 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.*



## Chinese New Year Dragon Dance

Mary Gunn our very own PTO President led an enormous effort to raise \$1,400 for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade annual fieldtrip to the *Oregon Coast Aquarium*.

## Bake Sale



Deliveries we're made at 4 bus stops, at Muddy Creek, as well as directly to the homes of a few Muddy Creek families. Mary Gunn and Felicity Geiger were here Valentine's Day from 8am until late afternoon baking, icing, cooling, and packaging orders. Leonne Bannister came in later to help package orders for the afternoon delivery. The ladies were chuckling about the 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys wanting their specialized sugar cookies before school was over. Jokingly Mary said, "We're not Cupid, it's too hard!" They may not be Cupid, but they sure worked just as hard all day yesterday baking a total of 48 cupcakes, 100 cookies, 115 Scones, and 25 cakes.

Thank you Jen Workman for donating 20lbs of both flour and sugar, Melissa Hays for baking extra special cookies and wrapping them so thoughtfully, Angela Baker, Aumi Hall, and Leonne Bannister for all of the extra help. An especially big thanks to Mary Gunn and Felicity Geiger for baking at all hours of the night, preparing, and donating extra special additions to make everyone's day special. When asked what would make next time easier, everyone looked up and said, "More volunteers." If you're ever interested in giving back a little time of your own for a great cause and to support your child's school, contact Mary Gunn.

Thank you to all of the families who participated. We're that much closer to our goal. We hope everyone had an especially lovely Valentine's Day.

### Ms. Gorman's class

We are starting to tour the solar system in our space study. We are using the books that the students checked out at the library to answer their questions about space. The students come up with some profound questions, like "Where do stars come from?" and "What will happen when the Sun burns out?"

### Annual Talent Show

The Muddy Creek Talent Show will be **Friday, March 8th at 6 pm**. There will be food for sale, a raffle and lots of family fun! Start practicing your crowd-pleasing talent. Dinner and a selection of baked goods for dessert will be available for purchase. **Sign up** sheets will be on the PTO board. Students need to sign up by **March 1st**. Each student can sign up for ONE act so that all students have a chance to perform. Acts will be no longer than 4 minutes and need to be appropriate. Volunteers will be needed to help set up, clean up, donating desserts, and more. If you can help, or have questions, please contact Mary Gunn at [mrsgunn33@gmail.com](mailto:mrsgunn33@gmail.com).

### Rummage Sale

Muddy Creek Charter School is now accepting items for the Spring 2013 Rummage Sale. We need donations of gently used clothing, household items, tools, toys, games, jewelry, books, CDs, DVDs, garden items, furniture, electronics, small appliances, etc. All items must be in *clean, usable condition*. Broken, soiled and incomplete items take lots of extra time to sort through and cost money to dispose of, so please keep that in mind when choosing your donations. Please drop items off in the school office. We also need volunteers to help organize and run the sale. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions regarding donation guidelines, contact Leann Eagles-Smith at [lceagles\\_smith@yahoo.com](mailto:lceagles_smith@yahoo.com). Last year's event was a huge success; please help us to make this one even better. Thanks for your support!

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### Movin' Muskrats

The Movin' Muskrats are living up to their name! Charlie C. (K), Rose D. (1st), Liam S. (2nd), Seraina M. (2nd), Amya H. (3rd), Jacob S. (5th) and William M. (5th) hit 5 miles. Keeping up the good work is Hailey F. (1st) and Nora B. (3) with 10 miles. Continuing to move it the most is Gradin F. (1st) with 30 miles.



The PTO Papa's Pizza Dine-Out brought in nearly \$250 - thank you to everyone for supporting these fundraising opportunities. The money we have raised will be used to support extra classroom funds. One of the classroom activities the PTO has been able to sponsor is a study in Miss Melissa's classroom on Fungi.



### Dine Out at Laughing Planet

Tuesday, February 19th  
From 4 pm until closing.  
Laughing Planet will donate  
**20%** of all sales to our school!

# February

- Scratch Club 3pm
- FEBRUARY: 22nd
- MARCH: 8th and 22nd
- Board Meeting
- February 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm
- Garden Club
- Second Thursday of each month
- @ 2PM in Room 3
- No School
- February 18<sup>st</sup>
- Dine Out for MCCS
- February 19<sup>st</sup>
- Laughing Planet
- Sign up deadline
- Talent Show
- March 1<sup>st</sup>
- PTO Meeting
- March 5<sup>th</sup>
- Scratch Club
- March 8<sup>th</sup> 3pm
- Annual MCCS Talent Show
- March 8<sup>th</sup> 6pm
- Mr. Day's Field Trip
- February 27<sup>th</sup>
- Evergreen
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip
- February 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30am-2pm
- Science Factory

### Fertilizing and Spraying Area Grass Fields

Starting in early February area farmers begin fertilizing their grass seed fields. Many spread the fertilizer and spray a rust inhibitor during this February to April period of time. Most of the farmers do the work with "rubber duckies", a balloon tired motorized rig that goes across the wet soggy fields without getting stuck or sinking in too much. Although you see these machines, the work they are doing is low level without much drift. A couple of the larger farms use an airplane to do this work. Despite how low to the ground they fly, drift from the fertilizer and the spray is much more visible. We have found the farmers working the ground around the school are very sensitive to the safety and protection of the students. They spread or spray only on weekends, and usually with rain in the forecast for Sunday to wash away any possible residue. They manage this by using very sophisticated weather forecasting systems. They have hit it just right every time over the last three years. The border of trees around the playground were planted there by the farmers to insure fertilizer nor spray has a chance to drift into the playground area.

Monday is no school for students, but a work day for teachers. The teachers, two coaches that are retired teachers from Corvallis, and I will be meeting to work on math. The State has developed, along with the rest of the country, Common Core State Standards. These are strands of math curriculum that are intended for all schools to follow with their math instruction. Monday we will be organizing our curriculum to align with these standards. Then we will be ordering some new math materials to help the teachers teach to these standards. Muddy Creek is different from the public schools delivering math instruction to students. We integrate math and science, math and reading, and even math and music. So there is more to our math instruction than materials and State Standards. We want our students to learn why math is important out there in the real world.