



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

April 5, 2013

### *Upcoming Events*

**April 5th**

Farm Stand, 3-3:30

**April 7th**

Second Garden Building Party

**April 11th -12th**

No School, Conferences

**April 19th**

Farm Stand, 3-3:30

**April 26th**

Last day to Drop-off Rummage Sale donations.

**April 27th**

Rummage Sale

**May 7th**

PTO Meeting

**LOST AND FOUND**

Our Lost & Found is overflowing! Please take a moment to look through it for any missing items.

Please be sure to label your child's belongings so that they can be easily returned when lost or misplaced .

**Facebook**

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### **PTO News**

**School Garden Progress**

**LET'S ROCK!** On *Sunday, April 7* we will finish building and installing the beds, run preliminary irrigation, and spread rock on the pathways between the beds. If anyone is interested in helping out, call Angela at 541-754-2603 . We are very excited to get this garden up and running. The final phase will be to run an irrigation line from the pump house to the garden, which will happen later in the Spring, when the ground is drier.

The garden party on *Sunday March 24* went great! The school garden on the South side of the building look amazing! We had a wonderful crew of parents, teachers and students working and playing in the sun. We got most of the beds built and filled (we are still waiting on one species of wood to come in). The students were literally rolling in the dirt. It is great for the students to feel ownership of their garden. Thank you to the many hands who are making our garden possible!

**Spring 2013 Rummage Sale, Saturday April 27**

We are accepting items through April 26th for the Rummage Sale. We need donations of gently used clothing, household items, tools, toys, games, jewelry, books, CDs, DVDs, garden items, furniture, small 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. We ask that you please box or bag your items and drop them off in the school office. We need volunteers to help organize, such as sorting, and to help run the actual sale. This can be done anytime, but there will be someone around after school on Fridays and sometime on Tuesdays. 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!

**The Farm Stand is Back!**

The Farm Stand will be open every Friday from 3:00-3:30 pm starting April 5th. Muddy Creek 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 Jennine at the front office by 2:45 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 Stand is a fundraiser for the MCCS PTO, we ask that you donate approximately 10% of your earnings. Come by and purchase delicious, wholesome food!

# *Classroom News*

## **Room 2 News**

**Mars Settlement Sharing-** Our class has been working on a project to “turn the classroom into a Mars settlement”. We shared this project today with some of the other classes. The children were eager to share some of their engineering projects and research from their speeches.

**What else is going on?** We are writing limericks and incubating duck eggs, working on the life skills of Perseverance and Personal Best, preparing for conferences, and thinking about the school garden.

## ***PTO Positions Available for Next Year***

The PTO positions of **President and Vice-President** will be open for the 2013-2014 school year. Positions can be shared/co-chaired. The PTO is a great way of meeting the MCCS families and greatly helping the school.

We are also seeking a new **Scrip Coordinator** for next year. Carla Callahan will be stepping down as our Scrip Coordinator at the end of the year. If you are interested in taking over, let Carla Callahan at [cdcallahanz@gmail.com](mailto:cdcallahanz@gmail.com) or PTO President Mary Gunn at [mrsgunn33@gmail.com](mailto:mrsgunn33@gmail.com) know. Carla will be around the school and will continue her position as head Scrip Coordinator of the school district, so she can still help out, when possible. It's a fairly painless way to contribute your time and help raise money for the school.

## ***Graduation Butterflies***

Muddy Creek Families and lovers of butterflies:

For new families, I am a 5th grade parent and it has been tradition for our family to raise butterflies and release them at the school at the end of the school year.

I counted 56 caterpillars recently, and that was without moving thistle around, just a peek in. I will keep you all posted as to when they can go to the classrooms. Hoping there is plenty of thistles at the school. Parents: I will take thistle from you... Roots and all or just clippings, whatever anyone can give, so I can keep the cycle going for graduation. Here is my email if you have any thistle to give, [regina@ochocki.name](mailto:regina@ochocki.name). Thank you! Regina Ochocki



## **Movin' Muskrat News**

Ashton G. (K), Aidan C. (5th) and Madeleine G. (5th) proudly reached 5 miles during the end of March. Amya H. (3rd) and Annalee H. (4th) both earned 10 miles, while Nora B. (3rd) reached 15 miles. Trevin D. (5th) hit 30 miles and Gradin F. (1st) reached 45 miles.

The **Class Challenge** is on! 2 weeks down in the Class Challenge, 2 more to go! The classroom with the highest average laps per student will receive a fun and healthy snack party. Teachers are welcome to help their classroom accumulate laps - Mr. Day has contributed 5 laps to his class!

## **Tasting Table**

Yesterday, the children had an opportunity to participate with Tasting Table. Spring weather has finally arrived-- we celebrated by tasting some delicious leeks! During lunch, your children had the opportunity to taste leeks grown by Peoria Road Farm Market. Peoria Road Farm Market grows a variety of fruits, vegetables, and flowers right outside of Corvallis on Peoria Road. Yum!

## **ETCETERA**

### **This April at the Corvallis Environmental Center**

There are so many interesting things happening at the Environmental Center this month that we just had to share the link with you: <http://www.corvallisenvironmentalcenter.org/>. Events like the NaturePlay programs for children and the Organic Gardening Course, check it out.