



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

May 6, 2013

### ***Upcoming Events***

**May 6th to 10th**  
Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week

**May 7th**  
PTO Meeting, 8:30am in Gym  
Rm. 4 Trip to OSU Wave Lab

**May 8th**  
All School Meeting

**May 9th**  
4H Wildlife Stewards Summit  
Garden Committee, 2pm  
Scrip Table  
ICP Board Meeting, 7pm

**May 10th**  
5th Grade Middle School Tour  
Scrip Table/Farm Stand

**May 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Garden Work Party- Irrigation  
*Volunteers needed*

**May 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>**  
Scholastic Book Fair

**May 14th**  
Dine Out Night @ Evergreen  
Indian Restaurant

**May 15th**  
All School Meeting

**May 16th**  
Scrip Table

**May 17th**  
Scrip Table/Farm Stand

**May 17th-19th**  
Footwise donations to  
Corvallis schools

**May 24th**  
Egg Drop

**May 27th**  
No School—Memorial Day

**May 31st**  
5th Grade Class Trip

**June 7th**  
Muddy Creek Campout

**June 10th**  
Field Day

**June 12th**  
5th Grade Graduation  
Last Day of School, early  
release

### **Scholastic Book Fair News**

It's time for the Annual M CCS Scholastic Book Fair! It will held be in the Community Room from May 13th through the 17th. It will be open 8:15 - 9am and 2:45 to 3:30pm. Come Tuesday morning for *Breakfast with the Books* —snack on bagels while browsing the books for sale. If you can't make the Fair, shop online at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/muddycreekcharterschool>

Volunteers are needed for each morning and afternoon shift and to bring breakfast foods on Tuesday, 5/14. A signup sheet is on the office counter. For more information, contact [ksbirish@yahoo.com](mailto:ksbirish@yahoo.com).

### **Garden News**

We are hoping to get a couple of volunteers to help with installing irrigation for the garden. If the weather stays dry enough, our goal is to trench and lay pipe on Saturday May 11th, starting at 10 am. Otherwise, the garden is ready to plant. Volunteers were able to get the pathways rocked and boxes finished. We're excited to see it growing!

### **Annual M CCS Egg Drop**

The Annual M CCS Egg Drop is taking place on May 24th and we need help to make it happen. We are looking for a volunteer with a full size truck and a trailer hitch to pick up the Boom at South Town Corvallis Rental on May 24th. The Boom needs to be picked up somewhere between 9-10 am and brought back to Corvallis Rental at 2 pm or so. We only have it rented for 4 hours. We would also like to borrow a Safety Harness, the type that roofers and siders use. If you are available to pick up and drop off the Boom or have a Safety Harness that we could use, please contact Tom Day. Thank you for your support!

### **Scrip**

Teacher Appreciation Week - Get a gift card for your teacher to show them how much you appreciate them! See our on-hand selection for great gift ideas. We will also have more coming in on Thursday including \$5 Francesco's Cafe and \$5 Starbucks special teacher cards (says "Thanks Teacher" on front). While you're checking out the selection, don't forget to think of those moms... Mother's Day is coming up on May 12th and gift cards make the perfect gift! On-hand Scrip can be purchased at the "Scrip Table" on Thursdays and Fridays after school, or in the office at any time.

### **Second Annual M CCS Rummage Sale a Huge Success!**

THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered, donated items, baked goods, and came out to support the Rummage Sale by shopping. When we opened the doors at 9:00 AM, there was a long line of people out to the parking lot. Our profits totaled \$1916.45, several hundred dollars more than last year! Proceeds from this sale go towards the purchase of playground equipment. Although this event is hard work, it is far-reaching in its positive effects because it promotes community engagement at Muddy Creek and beyond! We donated what we could not sell to other charitable organizations in our community; recycled items at great prices; and got to know each other better through volunteerism. We hope to improve on our experience each year and to be able to continue this tradition at M CCS, but we can't do it without those in our community who volunteer to make it a reality. Thanks again for your dedication.

## Room 2 News

We are busy at work with the Wildlife Stewards Projects. OSU Extension Service and 4-H provide the opportunity for children in grades 1-5 to make a contribution to wildlife in their school habitat and make a presentation about it before judges. In grades 1-3, the projects are non-competitive and everyone who participates gets a green participation ribbon. Our students have chosen to experiment with bird feeder design, study nesting birds at the school, learn more about mushrooms, investigate invertebrates in the RESTORE area, and learn about the invertebrates in Beaver Creek. We continue our study of poetry, working with haiku, similes, and metaphors. This week, we are also working on how to write and organize a report.

Ms. Gorman is in need of paper rolls and tubes for a classroom marble roll project.

## Policy Reminders:

Please notify the school office for each day that your child will be absent and to pre-arrange vacations or extended absences by calling 541-752-0377. Students are to check in at the office when they arrive late and check out at the office when they leave early. The school will cooperate within reason to provide make-up assignments for work assigned during a student's excused absence.

We ask that you kindly refrain from distributing invitations on school grounds unless they are inclusive of all children in the classroom.

## PTO News

### *Teacher/staff appreciation*

Teacher/staff appreciation week is May 6-10. Contact your child's room parent for more information. Let's make this a week of celebrating the wonderful teachers and staff we have at Muddy Creek.

### *Muddy Creek Campout*

Friday, June 7th will be the Muddy Creek Campout. Potluck will start at 6pm. Please bring a dish and your own service wear. Campers can set up their tents after school in the field. Contact Mary Gunn for more information or check out the PTO board. *Volunteers needed.*

### *Muddy Creek Field Day*

Monday, June 10th will be the Muddy Creek Field Day. There will be many fun activities for your child to take part in. Families are welcome. Please contact Felicitie Geiger or Mary Gunn if you would like to *volunteer*. The PTO will be providing lunch for all Muddy Creek students that day.

### *5th Grade Graduation/Last Day of School*

Wednesday, June 12th will be the 5th Grade Graduation. Please contact Regina Ochocki or Mary Gunn for more information. *Volunteers needed.*

After Graduation, we will also have an outdoor celebration time where the kids can play and picnic with their families. School lets out at 1 pm.

## *Lost and Found*

Please continue to monitor the Lost & Found for missing belongings. Anything left unclaimed at the end of the year will be donated.



## Movin' Muskrat News

The Movin' Muskrat classroom challenge results are in .... the Kinders in Afternoon Adventures did it! The Kinders averaged 2.51 miles, earning them a snack party which will be held after Movin' Muskrats on Thursday, May 16th. Here are the averages of the other classes: Mr. Day 2.18 miles, Ms. Melissa 1.77 miles, and Ms. Gorman 1.0 miles. Congrats to all who participated - you earned 150 miles worth of laps over the 4 times we counted.

We want to especially recognize the following students for their individual accomplishments the last week: Alex W. (K), Josh N. (1st), and Seamus B. (4th) hit the 5 mile mark. Ella B. (2nd), Liam S. (2nd), Rose D. (1st), and Seraina M. (2nd) now have at least 10 miles. Hailey F. (1st) reached 15 miles, Ben B. (Kinder) passed 20 miles, and Gradin F. (1st) flew by the 50 mile mark. You go Muskrats!

There will be no Moving Muskrat Running Club this Thursday, May 9th due to the 4H Wildlife Stewards Summit. We'll be back in action the following Thursday, May 16th.