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February Newsletter 2015

February 2015 News from the office:

February and Groundhogs Day, really just another day and perhaps a classic movie, but we add a bit of fun to what is normally a cold and chilly time of year. So yes we begin the month with a bit of fun and the question...

"What will the groundhog say"? Will we have an early spring or six more weeks of winter? At the very least, we can always hope for an early spring.

On February 6th, the MMCC is hosting a family movie. Night that is sure to provide a warm break from the chill. This is the first attempt at "dinner and a movie".

Our boys and girls basketball teams are once again teams to be proud of! Come join us for a game and cheer on our Mustangs!

HOMEWORK: From time to time we get questions regarding ways to support learning at home. The following is a list of a few simple steps to follow:

1st—Is obvious, the completion of "quality" assignments

2nd—Read, read and read! A variety of reading materials is best, but any and all reading is good!

3rd—Write! From the younger ones practicing the alphabet to the older ones writing in a daily diary or journal.

4th—Math—Stick to the basics: add, subtract, multiply and divide. A strong understanding of addition and subtraction will go a long way.

5th—Conversation—Always try to help your child connect or reconnect to the concepts taught. Asking what they learned and getting them to explain it back, is a great form of review.

Please remember that it is impossible in a busy world to have time for everything and the most important thing is to take time for fun! Nobody likes to work all of the time, so give an EDO (earned day off) to your child and yourself. But, simply because you show that school is important, your children will feel the same!

One way to spend some fun time together is Mathletics. If you are not familiar with Mathletics, it is a computer math program that expands its complexity as the child grows. Every child is eligible to use this program at home free of charge, provided they are entered on the school license. Several students do independent work for review and to work ahead and enrich their learning. Contact your child's teacher for further information. Once you use it you will see that it provides all levels of challenge while having fun.

We Could Use Some Help!

From time to time we run short on lunch supervisors. The reality with a small school is that when staff is away we run short on supervisors. Our students are wonderful children to work with and having a few names to contact would ensure that the lunch program continues to run smoothly. **We would like people that are available on short notice from 11:40am-12:40 pm.** Please contact us at the school for further details.

SAFETY:

One ongoing issue that we have is the traffic congestion in front of the school. As the street is narrow and with the reality of winter road conditions, we face the potential for students to be at risk. I am asking your co-operation in limiting children crossing the street. Students are often crossing between cars that obstruct a driver's view of a child. The safest way is that when possible to please stop on the West side of the street facing South. Please observe signage as it is a very limited area for stopping.

I do apologize as I know it is not always convenient, but we are looking at it from the side of safety first. As this is an amazing community to work with, I am confident in the effort that will be made to keep students safe.

Cheers,

Mr. Greg Harding



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McVeety Drama Troupe Update

DOUBLE-DOUBLE!

We are proud to announce that we will be staging a double feature this June! And since our Fall two night "run" was successful this double feature will run for two nights...it will be a double-double.

The plays will be performed at the Campbell Collegiate Auditorium on Monday, June 15th and Tuesday, June 16th, curtains will be open at 7:00 pm. (Please mark these dates on your calendar, *especially* if your son or daughter lands a role.)

The main feature play is *The Whole Shebang* written by Pat Cook—it is a dramatic comedy; and the curtain raiser is a one actor play called *I Am Not Batman* written by Marco Ramirez (drama).

You may have noticed that we raised our suggested donation at the door from \$2 to \$5 this year. The money collected at the door is used to pay for performance fees for plays, increases in script costs, costume pieces, makeup and props. Donations greater than five dollars are greatly appreciated but we feel you get your money's worth for your five dollar bill. Yes, even middle years productions have to pay an amateur royalty amount to put on plays.

For the actors who are cast in the plays and crew members, they will also need to reserve the technical/dress rehearsal days on their calendar: Monday, June 8th and Tuesday, June 9 (6:00-8:00pm).

Auditions will be held during the week before Easter break (March 30-April 2); students will have to listen to morning announcements for more details. Practices will start after the break.

Marion McVeety Community Council (MMCC) News

The next meeting of the MMCC will be on
Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:30pm
in the Staff Room .

Feb. 6th—Family Movie Night in the Gym—Join us for The Lego Movie. Doors open at 6pm with the show beginning at 6:30. There is no cost to attend the show. There will be a concession where you can purchase hotdogs, popcorn, juice, etc.

March events—watch for details on our Taco in a Bag lunch to be held in March.

Safety

A reminder that school begins at 8:53.

There is no supervision of children prior to 8:37.
Supervision begins on the playground at 8:37am.

**For the safety of our students,
we DO NOT allow
students to be dropped off / picked up in the
staff parking area.**

Please avoid using the parking lot.

Student Absence

Please remember to phone the school office at **791-8492**
if your child will be absent for any reason.

Please phone **each day** if your child is sick more than one day.
If we have not heard from you we will try to contact you.

