

# Newsletter

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McMinnville



## Note from the Board

Dear Families,

I hope that you are enjoying a safe and fun summer. Here we are in August starting to gear up for the new school year.

On Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, we're having a potluck/playdate at East Wortman Park at 6:00pm, all families are welcome.

Also, please mark your calendars and join us on Sept 5<sup>th</sup> for our Back to School potluck. This is a chance say hello, meet teachers and families and answer questions about the new school year.

You will have received your tuition agreements and Parent Handbooks in the mail by now. Please take a moment to review the Parent handbook. It is our primary source of information regarding school policies and protocols. In particular, we ask families to review our snack and food suggestions to help ensure that our children have healthy lunch choices each day. Also read about birthday celebration at school, and party and holiday invitations, which are different than public school. If you have any questions at all, please be sure to ask! Forms are due back no later than Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We rely on our families for help in supporting the school. We have parents who volunteer to be on the Board, which oversees the budget, administrative policies staff and long range planning. All parents are part of the Parent Organization, and we have 4 parents who volunteer to be the Parent Organization officers for the year. The Parent Organization over-sees the fundraising activities, social events, and our SOS jobs. Each family signs up for an SOS job that directly supports the school (they range from laundry duty to newsletter writing). Your SOS packet will be coming to you soon. We also have several clean up days each

## Calendar of Events:

Picnic / Playdate	August 13
First Day of School	Sept 2
Board Meeting	Sept 3
Back to School picnic	Sept 5
No School /In service	Sept 26

year; we require that all families participate in one. The first is August 23<sup>rd</sup>, time TBA, to help get the school ready to open. Please join us if you can for any part of that time, we appreciate all help!

We are finishing the last of the remodel of the school this summer. The addition is being finalized and bathroom upgrades being completed. Greg Carter has done a great job for us in managing and finishing this work. As the dust has been flying all summer, our August clean up date will be an important one, stop by and lend some elbow grease if you can.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, any other board member, or Parent Organization officer. In addition, Tammy is in the office over the summer. I look forward to meeting you as school begins in September. Until then, keep cool!

Many thanks,  
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## 2008-2009 P.O. OFFICERS

Tammy Wilson - President  
 Kendal Carter - Vice President  
 Sue Delventhal - Secretary  
 Stephanie Jensen - Treasurer

Summer Office Hours are Tuesday,  
 Wednesday, and Thursday, 10am-3pm.  
 The office will be closed from June 16th -  
 July 4th, and August 11th - 15th.

### Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!

We appreciate all the support that is given to us over the year; we have been part of the McMinnville community for 25 years!

Many thanks to the following businesses who are some of those who have supported our school in the last year with their donations, time and support.

Willamette Medical Center  
 Evergreen Air Museum  
 Intel  
 Third Street Books  
 Hopscotch  
 Pacific Frame and Gallery  
 Western Oregon Waste  
 All Fired Up

## BACK TO SCHOOL CLEAN-UP

Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10AM-2PM  
 Please join us as we prepare the school for first day of classes. Please bring gardening tools and gloves. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

### Got Questions?

Here is a general outline of where to go if you have questions. Please also remember that the parent handbook outlines our school policies and recommendations. Each family received a handbook in their registration package.

Of course, if you are simply not sure where to start, please begin with your child's teacher. All email contact information is in this newsletter, and phone numbers are on the bulletin board in the foyer. We will soon have our school roster published as well.

If you have questions about the classroom, for example: snacks, schedules, lunch food, activities, parent observation, clothing, wellness or illness, please ask your teacher. Our teachers are available mornings before class, during lunch or at the end of the class day. Feel free to talk to them, leave a message for them to call you back, email them, or set up an appointment to meet. They are flexible and will be happy to work with you and your schedule.

If you have a question about your SOS job (jobs to support the school and classrooms) or school fundraising, please direct them to an officer of the Parent Organization.

If you have a question about the budget, school operations, long-term goals, or administration, please ask any member of the board.

For questions about billing, please ask Tammy in the office.

We want to make sure you get the information you need, so please don't hesitate to ask!

We must support as much as possible the child's desires for activity; not wait on him, but educate him to be independent." -- Dr. Maria Montessori

### Back to School Packets:

Back to school packets have been mailed out to all families. Please sign and return the appropriate forms for your child or children by **August 22nd**.

- Tuition Contract
- Permission to Transport Form
- Immunization Form (new families)
- Handbook Verification Form
- Going out Permission Slip (Elem.)
- SOS Jobs and Parent Skill forms

If you have any questions, please call school at 503-434-5081. The first billing statements for the school year will be sent out on or about August 25<sup>th</sup>.

### SOS JOBS:

SOS packets were included in your tuition packet (pink forms) from the Parent Organization. Our SOS jobs directly help and support the school with jobs like cleaning, laundry, fundraising, publicity, social events, and maintenance. Look for your packet in the mail!

### Board Meetings:

Our board meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month, beginning at 5:15pm. They are held at school. Parents are always welcome to attend. Generally, the agenda goes out to families via email before each meeting.

## 2008-2009 BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

**Where:** **Wortman Park**  
On McDaniel Road next to  
DMV and Senior Center

**When:** **September 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Time:** **5:30 pm**

Playtime, Visiting, Potluck, and  
P.O. Meeting.

Please bring your own  
tableware-plates,  
plastic cups, cutlery &  
napkins.

PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR  
SUPERVISING THEIR CHILDREN.

### Potluck Picnic:

A-E	fruit/veggie dish
F-L	salad/pasta dish
M-Z	main dish (not pasta)

Beverages will be provided.  
Each dish should feed 12-15 people.

Games, frisbees, balls, or any  
non-violent community games are  
welcome.  
Extra change of clothes for children.  
Don't forget folding chairs.

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All MMS families are invited.

See you there!

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