

Newsletter

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McMinnville



Note from the Board

Dear Families,

I hope that you and your families enjoyed the winter break. And as we start the New Year, let me first thank Sylvia Stater and all our staff for coordinating the Winter Celebration.

Now that we are in January, we're coming up on our biggest fundraising event of the year, our Valentine's Dinner and Dance hosted at the Evergreen Museum. The date is Saturday, February 13th. Andrea Bauer and our Parent Organization has worked very hard to develop a truly world class annual event to support the school. We appreciate the support of the local community, but we also want our own parents to support our efforts by attending.

SO PLEASE---PARENTS, RSVP NOW!!

As you may know, many other schools have established events in the community as their large fundraisers. For example, St. James hosts an annual dinner and auction, as well as the Wine Classic each spring. We have been very fortunate to have dedicated parents, particularly Andrea Bauer, who has devoted considerable time to establishing our Valentine's event as a similar high caliber community event.

The school has also tried to focus our energy on one very large fundraiser, rather than a different fundraiser each month, with the belief that parents would rather support one major event, than continually fundraise throughout the year. Our fundraising directly supports the programs, building and enrichment of the school.

Calendar of Events:

Ice Skating, Sherwood	Jan 16
No School, MLK, Jr. Day	Jan 18
Board Meeting	Feb 3
No School, In-Service Day	Feb 5
Valentine's Dinner	Feb 13
No School, President's Day	Feb 15

New materials are bought for the classrooms and spring science camp is supported as well.

Unlike other private schools, we have never required parents to sell tickets or produce donations. We prefer that our parents participate because they hope to enhance their child's school and programs, AND have a fantastically fun time as well. Let me say that if you didn't have a chance to attend last year's Valentine Dinner, it was really a wonderful event with great food, music and ambiance. Please plan to come.

Thank you parents for your help and support, and I look forward to seeing you at the annual Valentine's Dinner, Saturday, February 13th, 2010.

Many thanks,
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*Join us for a Fabulous Dinner
& Dancing Under the Wings
of the Spruce Goose!*



*Dinner & Dancing
Frank Messina Band &
Live DJ to Dance the Night Away!
Local Wine & Beer
Silent Auction*

- ♥ **\$70/PERSON**
includes a glass of wine & chocolates
- ♥ **\$175/PRIVATE TABLE FOR TWO**
includes a bottle of wine & chocolates
- ♥ **\$600/SPONSOR TABLE**
Seats eight and includes two bottles
of wine & chocolates



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Please help us advertise for our Valentine's event. A box of Valentine's Dinner & Dance posters are located in the foyer. Most businesses will welcome customers to post them in doors, windows, or other designated areas. Please take as many as you need. Yard signs are also available. We hope that each family will take one yard sign and either display in their front yard or another location that may get a lot of traffic. Please check-in with the office for the yard signs.

We are still accepting donations for our fast approaching Valentines Dinner Dance. If everyone would ask their friends, neighbors, hairstylists, massage therapists, favorite lunch or dinner restaurants...etc. We can find a place in our silent auction for any donation!! If you have any questions please feel free to call or email Andrea Bauer at mmsfundraising@gmail.com and 503-435-1207.

"We especially need imagination in science. It is not all mathematics, nor all logic, but it is somewhat beauty and poetry." -- Dr. Maria Montessori

News from the Parent Organization

Valentine's Dinner & Dance

Thank you to all the parents who assisted with the Valentine's Dinner & Dance Envelop Stuffing Party. You all made a tedious job go very quickly. Please remember to record your SOS volunteer hours for this and other SOS jobs in the green binder in the foyer.

The Valentine's Dinner & Dance is our largest fundraiser and involves an enormous amount of work. Please chip in to help make this event a success. If you did not sign-up at the beginning of the year to assist with the Valentine's Dinner and Dance and would like to help please contact Andrea Bauer at mmsfundraising@gmail.com. Also make a commitment to attend this very special event and support both your child(ren) and the school.

Ice Skating Social

Please join us for Ice Skating on Saturday January 16 from 1:00 - 3:30 pm at the Sherwood Ice Arena. Both the sign-up sheet and event flyer can be found in the foyer. The more participants we have the less expensive it will be.

Monthly Parents' Night Out

Some parents have expressed interest in organizing a Monthly Parents' Night-Out. The Parent Organization would like to hear your ideas. Have any of you participated in A Parents' Night-Out through another school, church, or other organization? How did it work? Please e-mail your comments and suggestion to Sue Delventhal at suekins60@yahoo.com.

Winter Weather

As we start towards winter weather, if school is cancelled or delayed due to snow, see our website for updates. We will also have it broadcast on our local AM radio stations; KYLC 1260 & KEX. Generally, we follow the McMinnville School District, if they close, we close.

KUDOS!!!

Thanks to the Haughey and Peralta Family for organizing/coordinating the Reception following the Winter Celebration.

Thanks to the Mason family for the Montessori material donation. They donated a movable alphabet to the school. It was put into use immediately in Primary.

Thanks to Sean Burke for tending to our plumbing needs.

Thanks to Tim Gardner for the repair of our gutters.

H1N1

H1N1 VACCINE - Thursday, January 21st @ 9am. The Health Dept. will return one last time this school year to vaccinate those who need the H1N1 vaccine for the first time, and children who need the 2nd vaccine (age 9 & under). For those who want to receive the first vaccine, please complete a screening form. Forms are located in the school office. For those who need the 2nd dose, please return your cream colored immunization card that was given to you with the first H1N1 vaccine. **Please return cards and forms no later than Friday, January 15th.**

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