

Newsletter

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McMinnville



Note from the Board

Dear Families,

Many thanks to our Parent Organization for planning, organizing and creating our Valentine's Day event. It was well attended, beautifully arranged and a very successful evening. Thank you to all those parents who spent their time in pre-planning meetings, who helped set up, clean up, assisted through the evening, and thank you to those of you who brought in donations for the auction. The event represented the school in a wonderful way. The McMinnville Montessori School was founded over 25 years ago. We provide a unique and exceptional educational experience for children ages 3 to 12, unlike any other school in the community. All our fundraising goes directly to support the school, in materials, improvements and construction. So thank you for your efforts to help support the school.

The board is currently working on the budget for next school year. We have a draft version and plan to finalize it in the next week. We understand the current economic environment has affected many of us, and the community in general. We are mindful of that as we examine next year's budget and do our best to be exceptionally frugal in our allocations.

Parents are always welcome to board meetings, but if you can't make a meeting time, feel free to talk with any board member about ideas or interests that you may have. In general, the board addresses issues about the budget, school operations, long-term goals,

Calendar of Events:

Spring Break	March 23-27
Plant Sale	March 18-April 1
Board Meeting	April 1
PO SOS Meeting	April 6
No School	April 10
P/T Conferences	April 24
Spring Clean-up	April 25

and administration, but is happy to hear about any topic.

Board meetings are always the first Wednesday of each month, at 5:30 pm at school; the next meeting is April 1st. Generally meetings run about 2 hours long.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the many families for your support of my children and myself over the last several months with the illness and death of my husband Noah.

I greatly appreciate the outpouring of kindness that you have shown me, and I feel lucky to be a part of this community.

Many thanks,
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Meet our newest Board Member:**Jan Cook!**

We are pleased to announce that Jan Cook has agreed to join the MMS Board! Jan replaces Bob Suchy, filling the Member at Large position. Jan taught special education for 30 years, and has lived and worked in McMinnville for 28 years. She is married and has two adorable grandchildren. Since she retired two years ago, she has done some substitute teaching and has enjoyed having time for traveling, reading, gardening and spending time with her grandchildren. Jan is looking forward to being on the board and she's excited about experiencing new and different aspects of education. She hopes to offer a different outlook and learn about Montessori education at the same time.

SPRING CLEAN-UP**SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH****10AM – 2PM****PLANT SALE****ORDERS DUE APRIL 1ST****SPRING BREAK!!!
March 23rd – 27th****Have a great week!****ENROLLMENT
PACKETS FOR THE
2009-2010 SCHOOL
YEAR WILL GO OUT
IN APRIL AND DUE IN
MAY.**

“If help and salvation are to come, they can only come from the children, for the children are the makers of men.” -- Dr. Maria Montessori

News from the Parent Organization

Dear Parents,

We are well on our way to raising money for the school play structure. To date, we have raised \$1,850. It is important that we put every effort into our fundraising to ensure the success of reaching our goal. It will be a fantastic reward for our children to return next school year to enjoy a beautiful new or updated play structure.

We would like to thank the following companies and individuals in their efforts and donations towards our goal.

PacMet, Inc. – Portland, OR
Sue and Jorge Delventhal

Last week we began our Plant Sale fundraiser. Information and order forms went out to all families. Extra order forms are available at school if needed. Please turn-in all orders and money by **Wednesday, April 1st**. All plants will be delivered to the school and available for pick-up on EARTH DAY, Wednesday, April 22nd. To view pictures, see display in foyer or you can go online to see most of the plants at www.newleafgreenhouse.com. Many thanks to the parents who organized this fundraiser!

Our Valentine's Dinner & Dance was a wonderful evening with dinner, dancing and silent auction. We are pleased, considering these economic times, that we came out ahead. As the chair of the event, I feel it was well worth the months of planning. Special thanks to ALL who was involved in helping make the night a success. Look for our “THANK YOU” ad in the News Register. FYI - Participants had their choice of taking photos at the event. To view and order pictures; visit www.shutterfly.com/pro/CEP/valentine.

If you elected fundraising for the year; fundraising commitment statements will go out within the next two weeks. Please review the information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tammy at school. (The statement is not a bill, please do not pay anything at this time.)

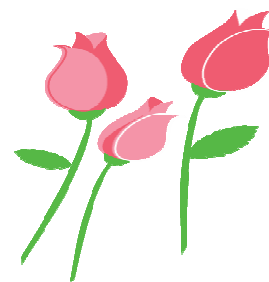
Don't forget to record your volunteer hours. The SOS (green) binder is located in the foyer for your convenience. Any incomplete fundraising commitment and SOS hours will be billed on your May statement.

As the school year comes to an end, we have a few things to look forward too. One, being our last fundraiser, that will begin in June and end early July. It is a new fundraiser and the PO is excited to introduce it to you. Information will go out prior to spring break regarding our new fundraiser. This will be a great way to complete your SOS hours for the school year. It is also a great fundraising opportunity for the school. The PO can not wait to share the information with you. We are so excited!

Spring Clean-up is Saturday, April 25th. Each family is asked to participate in one clean-up for the school year. This is the last one to participate in. It's a great way to add up or complete your SOS hours.

If you have any suggestions for next school year, please contact anyone of the PO Officers. You can also email the school directly.

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