

# Newsletter

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McMinnville



## Note from the Board

Dear Families,

Well the leaves are falling, and it makes it the right time for another school clean up. The second school clean up is Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. All families are required to participate in one each school year. There are only 3 total in the school year, so if you cannot attend November's clean-up, you are expected to participate in the spring cleaning. Any questions or concerns about participating in a clean up, please ask any of the Parent Organization officers.

Thank you to our teachers for hosting a great Parent Night, and a big thanks to Dr. Linda Meloche who was our guest speaker. Please remember that our teachers are always available for questions, and you are welcome to visit the classroom to observe your child at work. If you are interested in a visit, please contact your teacher by email, phone or in person.

The Parent Organization is planning a Downtown Night/Fundraiser for a day in December. Following the shopping, we hope to end the day with a dining or social event. As the details are defined, look for more information.

The Parent Organization is also gearing up for our February Valentine's Dinner and Dance. Sure, you may have Thanksgiving on your mind now, but the hard work starts now for a successful event. Later in the newsletter, you will find a list of those who are heading up areas of the event.

Please contact the Parent Organization if you have ideas or suggestions, this is our big event of the

## Calendar of Events:

Parent Child Tea	Nov 7
Bowling	Nov 8
No School	Nov 11
School Clean Up	Nov 15
No School	Nov 26-28
SOS Meeting	Dec 1
Board Meeting	Dec 3

year and we hope to raise a substantial amount. We can use everyone's help making it both a financial and social success.

Join us this Friday evening for the Parent Child Tea. This is your child's opportunity to show you the classroom. It is a great experience, and I look forward to seeing you there.

Both the minutes from the Board meetings and the Parent Organization meetings are available if you would like to read them. Minutes are in binders in the foyer. Minutes are posted after they have been approved, so in general, minutes are available 1 month after the meeting. Our next board meeting is Wednesday, December 3rd, at 5:30 at school. As always, parents are welcome to attend.

Many thanks,  
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## News from the Parent Organization

Dear Parents,

Please plan to attend our monthly SOS Meetings. They are held on the first Monday of each month. Our next meeting is December 1st, 6pm at the school. Childcare is provided; 8 minimum and 15 maximum. Pizza will be provided for \$5 donation per family. All parents are invited to attend, you won't wanna miss our door prize.

If you missed the last meetings and newsletters, we are happy to share with you, that with the money we raise this school year, it will assist in providing the school with a NEW PLAY STRUCTURE. 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 play structure.

Our next social event is bowling. It will be at Walnut City Lanes here in Mac on Saturday, November 8th, 1pm. The cost per bowler is \$5 a game including shoe rental. A sign-up sheet has been posted in the foyer. Hope you can make it. It should be a fun-filled event for the whole family.

Passive fundraising information has gone out by email and parent folders this last week. When making your holiday purchases and daily grocery shopping, please think of our school and register online at the following websites. By doing so, a percentage of your purchase goes to the school. This is a wonderful way for family or friends who live outside of the community to support the school. The websites are as follows:

[www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)  
[www.albertsons.com](http://www.albertsons.com)  
[www.wamoolaforschools.com](http://www.wamoolaforschools.com)  
[www.safeway.com](http://www.safeway.com)

You may also go to our website, [www.mcminnvillemontessori.com](http://www.mcminnvillemontessori.com), click on the fundraising link and view our [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) link. Any purchase made through our amazon link will help the school in fundraising.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your SOS job, please contact anyone of the P.O. Officers. We would also like to thank you for your support in our school and we send you best wishes as you begin this holiday season.

Thanks,  
 PO Officers

### Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance Update!

As work is beginning, here is a list of the families involved in some of the many tasks for the night of the event. If you have ideas, inputs, donations thoughts, or donations (yes we said that twice), please contact Tammy Wilson.

Catering – Andrea Bauer/Tammy Wilson - Evergreen has given us a menu, we have sent it back with our requests/suggestions, and we are awaiting new menu options.

Donations/Sponsors – Jessica Grell - Jessica is working on the donation letter and will have all the requests out within the next two weeks. We have sent out donation requests for both the Valentine dinner and downtown fundraiser to downtown merchants only and have already begun to get calls to pick-up donations.

Marketing/Advertising – Lisa Gossett - Lisa and Tammy will be working with Ken Labor, our graphics designer to get our flyers made up and quotes on printing. We are also considering other advertising and marketing items.

Entertainment/Decorations – Mindy Smith/BJ Larmouth - Both Frank Messina Band and the Jazz Duo from last year has been booked for the event. Mindy and BJ will be working on decorations.

Auction/ Door Prizes – Leslie Kelley – will be working with Jessica on donations and prizes for the event.

If any of you have any questions and/or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thanks ahead of time for your support and team efforts. Tammy Wilson

“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

## Many Thanks!!

### Intel

The school has received a \$450 matching grant for volunteer hours from Intel Corporation, due to the hours donated by Julie Donnelly and Subha Pathial. Intel matches volunteer hours of its employees in schools, and we are grateful for the involvement of both Julie and Subha in the school. We benefit twice, with both their time and then their matching financial reward. Thank you!

### Willamette Valley Medical Center

Many thanks to Dr. Kishore Pathial MD, for coordinating a donation to the school from Willamette Valley Medical Center for \$500. Many thanks!

### Scott Neal

Big thanks to Scott Neal and his crew who generously worked to move all our pea gravel to the back play yard at the school in one afternoon. It was done in record time thanks to his help, Many thanks!

## Classroom News

Don't miss you opportunity to learn about the classroom from the experts ... your kids!

Parent Child Tea  
Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

Please sign up on the classrooms doors for your time.

Let your child show off their work and lead you around the classroom.

### Pumpkin Patch

Families from McMinnville Montessori School gathered at Heiser Farms Pumpkin Patch on Saturday, October 24th. The weather was wonderful, cooperating the whole way with our plans for a dry afternoon. A total of 65 people participated. The children enjoyed the hay pyramid, the hay maze, slide, the pumpkin launcher and the barn animals. Many went through the corn maze and lived to tell the tail.

Next social event is Bowling, Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.

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