

# Newsletter

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School

## Note from the Board

Dear Families,

We've got some great events this month for our families. First, please join us at our SOS meeting, on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. The Parent organization will be discussing fundraising, social events, and school jobs for the school year. We'd like your input, and to help make attending the meeting a bit easier, the Parent Organization has arranged for childcare, and the Chan family has graciously donated food for the event as well. We ask that all families support the school each year by volunteering a minimum of 10 hours of work to the school, and the Parent organization oversees those jobs and projects. Please come and let us hear from you.

As we settle into the school year, we will have the first of our Parent nights. This is an evening hosted by the teachers to illustrate the classroom, answer questions, and give some overview to the Montessori method to parents. Parent night is October 9<sup>th</sup>, and we will also have a guest speaker, Dr. Linda Meloche ND, to talk about nutrition and kids. Parent night is a great way to see the classroom from the inside out, and really see what your kids are learning each day. Plan to attend.

Finally, it is pumpkin season! Look for the details about our Pumpkin patch social, coming on Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, any other board member, or Parent Organization officer. Look forward to seeing you at our October events.

Many thanks,  
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### Calendar of Events:

SOS Meeting	October 6
Parent Night	October 9
No School	October 10
Pumpkin Patch visit	October 18
Picture day	October 23

### Don't miss Parent Night, October 9th at 6:30 pm!

Parent night is hosted directly by our teachers in each classroom. They present materials, classroom routines, examples of lessons, and some of the principles of Montessori teaching methods.

For this coming Parent night, we also have guest speaker Dr. Linda Meloche ND, who will discuss nutrition and kids.

It is a great opportunity for you to ask questions and see how the classrooms function. Please plan on attending!

If you are unable to attend this Friday and have questions, please be sure to ask your teachers. They are available before and after school each day, or by email, or leave a message, and they can call you when they have time outside of class.

## News from the Parent Organization

### AWESOME GOAL 2008-2009!!!!

Dear Parents,

The Parent Organization would like to proudly announce that this year's goal is.....

A NEW PLAY STRUCTURE for the school playground.

In the next few weeks, The P.O. will be posting a visual goal chart to assist in keeping track of our progress in reaching our goal. HELP US OUT! If you have any suggestions or ideas regarding our goal for this year, you can email the school directly.

Our next SOS meeting is this Monday, October 6th, 6pm, at school. We will be offering Chinese food and childcare. We would like to thank our parent, Lin Chan of Chan's restaurant for graciously donating the food. The sign-up sheet for childcare is located in the foyer. All parents are invited. Items on the agenda are:

**Winter Fundraiser,  
Downtown Fundraiser,  
PO Goal 2008-2009,  
Pumpkin Patch Social  
Valentine's Dinner & Dance**

All parents our invited to attend. Our SOS meetings are a great way for you to learn more about your SOS jobs, express ideas, and be a part of your child's school.

The P.O. is extremely excited about this school year and our goal. We feel the parents are passionate about their children attending MMS and want to be a part of the success of the school. We look forward to seeing you at our meeting on Monday.

Thanks,  
Parent Organization

## News From Elementary

Hello from Elementary.

It's hard to believe we have been in school a month already. On Wednesday, we had our first field trip. After spending most of September learning about space, we went to the Evergreen Space Museum. We saw a movie about the space station in 3D, learned where the planets are in proportion to the sun, and then we toured the space museum.

We want to thank Andrea and Brian Bauer for helping us organize this, and thanks also to the parents that helped with transportation to and from the museum.

The children are busy preparing for the next field trip to the Tillamook Forest Center. They are learning about the parts of the plant, pressing leaves and doing experiments to find out the needs of a plant. We enjoyed a salad made from the different parts of a plant, thanks to Barbara Boyer's generous contributions from her vegetable garden. I think the children ate more vegetables than pizza slices that day!

Twice a week Meghan teaches art. She teaches them different techniques to paint and draw. Meghan will also do Monart with the children.

If you have any questions or concerns please let me know.

Maria

“The needs of mankind are universal. Our means of meeting them create the richness and diversity of the planet. The Montessori child should come to relish the texture of that diversity.” -- Dr. Maria Montessori

Please remember, no Halloween costumes or Halloween candy at school.

Please use email or snail mail, rather than parent folders for Party invitations.

Please check your parent folder regularly at school. This is where newsletters, updates, and school info is given out to parents. Folders are located next to the bulletin board and the sign out list.

Yes, it is Fall, so it is also ...  
Pea Gravel Season

We'll soon be getting a load of pea gravel dropped off for our backyard play area. Unfortunately it has to be shifted to the back, wheelbarrow at a time. If you have a moment, feel free to join in! The more the merrier!

Our new music teacher is Sue Windish. She will begin our music program next week on Wednesdays for both Primary and Elementary classes. Please say hello when you see her, she will be working with the children this fall on the Winter Celebration.



Yamhill County Solid Waste sponsors a Household Hazardous Waste Event each year, open to all Yamhill County residents, at no charge.

Western Oregon Waste's Recovery Zone:  
2200 NE Orchard Ave, McMinnville  
Saturday, October 18, 2008  
8 am to 2 pm

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