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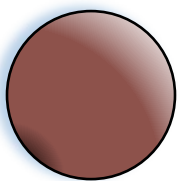
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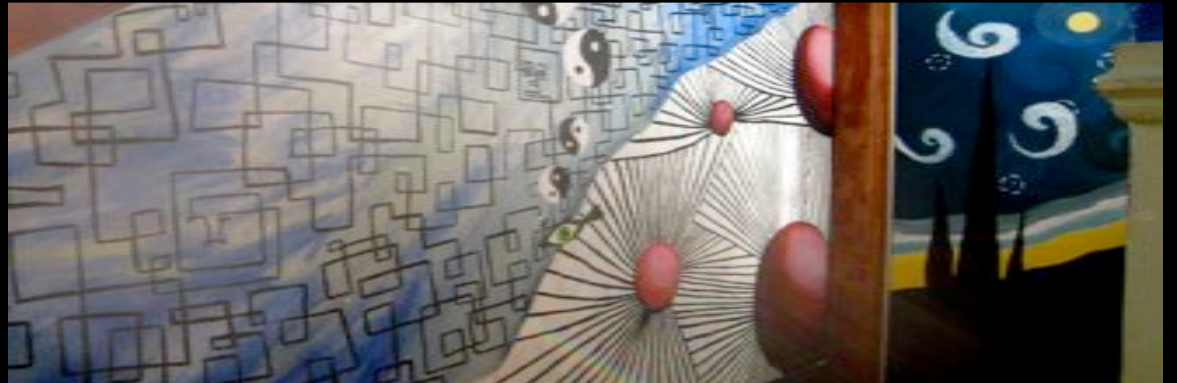
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## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL



*“Even at the very bottom of the river, don’t stop to say to yourself, “Is this a Hearty Joke, or is it the Merest Accident?” Just float to the surface and say to yourself, ‘It’s wet.’” – Eeyore*

Dear Families,

In the world of school funding it continues to be “very wet.” We have had enough money this year to keep our copy machines running and pay for our phone lines; that’s about the extent of it. It’s time to begin looking at staffing for next year, and the lack of funding creeps into view. I’m keeping my fingers crossed that the May levy will pass and take some of the sting out of anticipated district staffing cuts.

I used to be a river guide, and one of the skills you teach the paddlers in your boat, should they be tossed from the raft in a rapid, is to “breathe in the troughs.” It’s a scary thing to do, but there’s much more air there than at the top of the wave. So, in this wild ride of school funding, when I feel “out of the boat and at the bottom of the trough,” I get some air and find my balance and perspective. I’m thankful for:

- Our parents and community members for supporting us daily and tirelessly. We just finished second trimester of electives, and all your creativity and energy brought great classes to our kids.
- Our PTSA organized and pulled off a wildly successful auction last week... not only will the funds be well utilized by all at MLC, but it was just a fun event to attend! From a few people “in the know,” it’s one of the best in the city!
- A few less people will be hungry because our families donated to Project Second Wind (and thanks to our Laura, who organized it with our kids.) It reminds us that our role as civil servants is an important one.
- I’ve been watching some of our high schoolers ready their performance of “Fortinbras.” I feel so lucky to be around these particular wonderful kids.
- I am beginning to read over 200 student applications to MLC for next year. They are filled with stories of amazing kids who might like to join us. What a great job this is!
- I get to work with a smart and energetic staff through it all.

And so life go on... I’m looking forward to the day- to-day wonderful interactions with our kids and community throughout our next season.

Fondly,  
Pam



Welcome back hopefully from a restfully break. Now, we have started the third and last trimester. It's hard to believe that Spring has sprung with March being one of the wettest months. This year, I've learned so much about what it takes to be a successful student in ALL grades. MLC has a fine group of teachers dedicated to having each child engaged and positive learning experiences. There are many events going on this month and the rest of the year.

## Portfolio Panel Participants STILL NEEDED

The High School Team is in need of parents and community members to participate as Panelists for the 2010-2011 Portfolio Presentations. The only requirement of a panelist is provide feedback to students and be available on ONE of the days. All High School Students are required to present their Portfolio to a panel of community members or their peers. Portfolio presentations will happen on **May 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**. Our ability to provide this unique opportunity for our students depends on the support from the community. If you are able to assist, then please type this link (<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5N5ZHHC>) into your browser and answer a few questions about your availability and area of interest.

## State Testing

Round two (2) of state testing will start in mid April and go through mid May. Students who have nearly met will be retested. Teachers will notify students and parents when they will be doing the next session of testing.

Please note that the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) raised the math benchmark for grades 3 – 8. Please check out this link for more information on this topic (<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/families/4860.htm>).

## 2011-12 Forecasting for 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Grades

Students in grades 8<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> will be asked to forecast for next year. Each student will be given a course guide and forecast sheet to plan and review with their parent(s). The process will start 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April and be completed by the April 15<sup>th</sup>.

## ACT Test April 27<sup>th</sup> for All Juniors

All juniors will be taking the ACT test the morning of April 27<sup>th</sup> for **FREE** at MLC. Follow this link: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/mlc/394.htm> for resources to assist your son/daughter for the test.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Glass Mosaic:

The "Portland Skyline" is being finished with assistance from artist Mark Brody. The funding is being provided by Regional Arts and Culture Council and Read-A-Thon.

## Seniors 60 -Day Rule

As of April 2, 2011 MLC seniors will be in the 60-day time frame. Seniors will be disqualified from participation in commencement exercises and related activities if within 60 consecutive calendar days of the last senior school day they are found to be in violation of the school district drug and alcohol policy OR any violation resulting in three or more days of suspension or more serious disciplinary action. (Reference: 4.30.020-AD)

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Outdoor School

### April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>

On April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> the sixth grade students and teachers will be going to Camp Howard and Camp Namanu.

## 7x8 Ashland Trip April 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>

The 7x8 students and staff will be spending seeing a couple of plays. They will be staying on the SOU campus too.

## 9x12 Prom on April 23<sup>rd</sup>

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> the 9x12 students will have their annual prom, This wonderful event will be held at the Urban Studio from 7pm to 10pm. More information on page 4 of this newsletter.

## 9x12 Ashland Trip on May 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

About 40 high school students and teachers will take in some plays and experience Ashland. Take a look at page 4 of this newsletter and/or see Bianca or Steve for more details.



# APRIL NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE

## Summer Scholars

Summer Scholars is a high school credit recovery and credit advancement program that is for current-year high school students. It is a tuition-based program for students, including non-PPS students, who want to recover credit, improve a grade, or for original credit. Each three-week semester is equivalent to 0.5 credits. Registration dates have not been set at this point. 1st Semester dates are June 27 - July 18, 2011. 2nd Semester dates are July 25 - August 12, 2011.

## School Clothing Resource

William Temple House, our neighbor on NW Hoyt St., is accepting appointments for a limited number of families in need of new school clothes for children ages 5-12. Appointments are required and must be made through the scheduler at William Temple House. Tentative plans are for the Clothing Closet to be open the second and fourth weeks of April on Tuesday and Thursday. For more information, please call 503-226-3021, extension 289 for the Children's Closet voice mail. Parents should leave their names, contact phone number and number of children that need clothing. Parents are required to bring their children to the appointment.

## Upcoming Events

**April 26<sup>th</sup>:** Girls Career Conference at PCC Rock Creek (Students have already signed up with Sandra.)

**April 27<sup>th</sup>:** Juniors will take the ACT exam at school.

**May 10<sup>th</sup>:** NW Careers Expo at the Convention Center. (High school students sign up with Sandra.)

**July 30<sup>th</sup>:** 7:00 pm: Colleges That Change Lives at the Convention Center ([www.CTCL.org](http://www.CTCL.org)), free and open to the public.

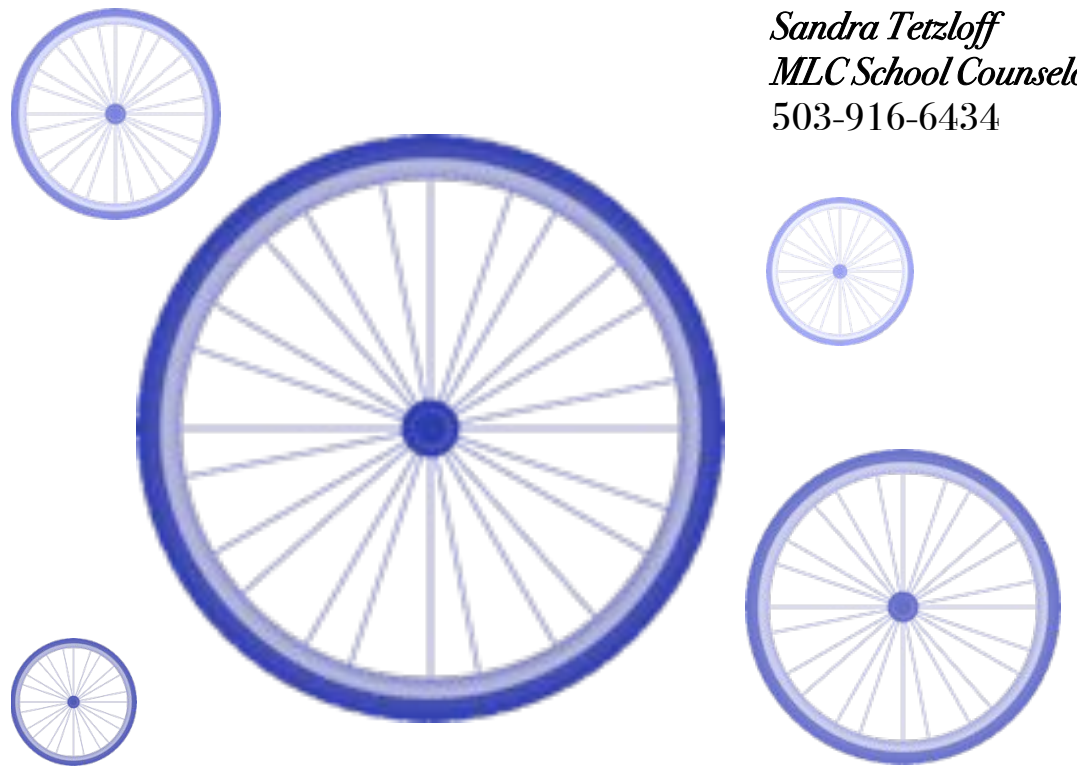
## May 2011 Walk & Bike Challenge

Many Oregon schools, including MLC, are gearing up for the third annual Walk & Bike to School Challenge, a friendly competition that encourages students to walk and bike to school for the whole month of May.

Walk & Bike Challenge Month enables students, parents, teachers, and community leaders to raise awareness about the advantages of walking and biking. Healthy families using active transportation benefit everyone by reducing air pollution and healthcare costs and by increasing neighborhood livability.

Since MLC has students from all over the city we realize this isn't for everyone and we are happy all those carpools exist. Find out how carpools can join in with the "STOP AND WALK" campaign (parking that car a few blocks away and walking the rest of the way). We also encourage students who take public transportation and walk to/from the bus to participate. Those elementary and middle school students who participate can track their walks/bike trips on the monthly scorecard. High school students can track their trips online at the BTA website.

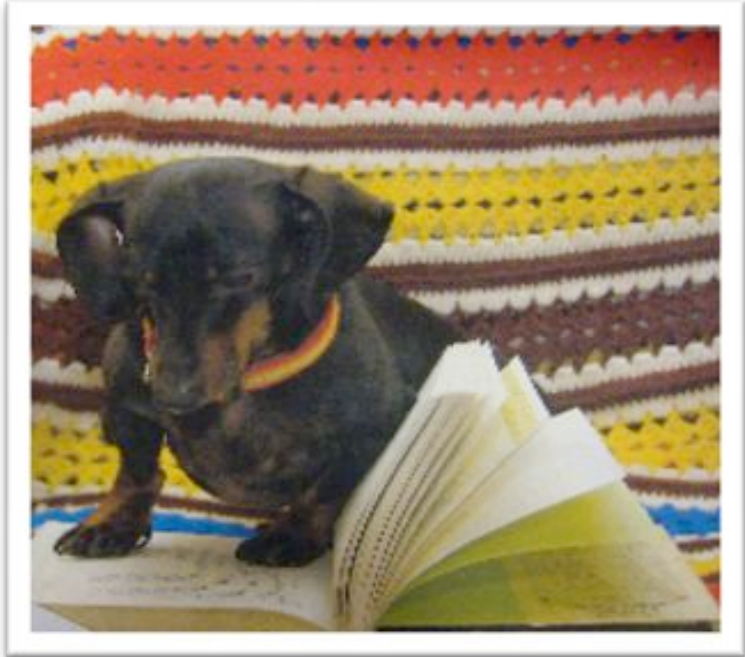
Look for more information in the next MLC newsletter.



*Sandra Tetzloff*  
*MLC School Counselor*  
503-916-6434

# From Our Library

Presenting the winners of this year's  
Pets Read Photo Contest!



1<sup>st</sup> Place: Ella Prevost, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Susan's Class



2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Pearl Dart, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Avril's Class



3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Sadie Gustavson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade –  
Jennifer's Class

Make sure to stop by the library to see  
all the amazing photos in our display!

*Kiva Liljequist*  
*Media Specialist*

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# High School News

## Ashland Trip

*"All the world's a stage, and all the women  
and men merely players. . ."*

– "As You Like It," William Shakespeare

This year we will be taking 40 high school students to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland, Oregon. We will be attending five plays, going on theater tours, working with theater staff in acting craft workshops, as well as a focused inquiry to major themes within the plays. All high school students were encouraged to apply for this MLC Spring tradition. We are very excited for this year's trip! Students will be on the trip from May 3<sup>rd</sup> – May 6<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Stephen Lambert or Bianca Espinosa if you or your student has a question about this event.



*Measure for Measure;*  
*Artist: William Holman*  
*Hunt*

# P R O M

*"Let's dance!"*

– from the film "Footloose," starring Kevin Bacon

Time to dust off those dancing shoes, and rent that tuxedo –it's Prom time! This year the high school prom will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our prom location was so such a hit last year, we are going there again! The NW Urban Studios (NW 10<sup>th</sup> & Davis) will be hosting this year's prom from 7:00pm-10:00pm. All high school students are invited to attend. The high school prom committee has been hard at work planning the event. Prom tickets will be available on April 4<sup>th</sup> in the high school commons. Student tickets will include: admission to the prom, light snacks, desserts, access to the Italian soda bar. . .and, oh yes, and the opportunity to dance the night away to the music from one of our very own student DJ's. We are currently looking for chaperones to help us prepare the space for this event, as well as people to help us tear down the décor. Chaperones can contact Bianca Espinosa at [bespinos@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:bespinos@pps.k12.or.us). We are very excited for this high school event!



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# Hand

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday SOLV Clean Up

Help take care of our MLC neighborhood. SOLV and Umpqua Bank continue to sponsor second Saturday NW neighborhood clean ups. We've had a nice turn out of MLC folks for the last two months; it would be great to keep the momentum going. This month the cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:45am to 10:30am. Meet at Umpqua Bank, 467 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Save time by registering in advance at [www.solv.org/volunteers/volunteer\\_calendar.asp](http://www.solv.org/volunteers/volunteer_calendar.asp). The coordinator for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday clean up is Alison Wallisch. Email: [alison@nwnw.org](mailto:alison@nwnw.org). Contact phone: 503-823-4265.

## Recycle Cell Phones, Chargers, Calculators for School-to-School

My name is Maya Luque. I am currently a senior at MLC. I am holding a fundraiser for School-To-School International, an organization that supports students in West Africa. Our 4x6 students have been exchanging pen pal letters with students in Guinea for the past 4 years. They have also donated some money from their Read-a-thon earnings to fund important projects at schools in Guinea. For my senior service project, I am trying to raise as much money as possible to support School-to-School to construct wells and latrines, and to buy first aid kits and libraries. I am trying to raise this money by collecting old, broken, unused cell phones, cell phone chargers, calculators and other electronics, and recycling them for a rebate. If you have any cluttering up your house I would appreciate if you could put them in one of the marked boxes in Jeff's office or Ned's room. If you have any questions about what to bring please email me at [kittychick1@gmail.com](mailto:kittychick1@gmail.com). Thank you so much for helping. For more about the organization go to <http://www.sts-international.org>.

- ❖ **Support the PPS Bond Measure and Levy:** Contact MLC parent, Tanya March ([march@pdx.edu](mailto:march@pdx.edu)) to do some phone banking & volunteer to help support for the PPS Bond Measure and Levy. Phone banking will take place at 1006 SE Grand St. on two upcoming nights: **April 27<sup>th</sup> & May 10<sup>th</sup>**.
- ❖ Email Tanya to help out with the Renaissance Faire.
- ❖ **BUY SCRIP!**

# THE RENAISSANCE FAIRE

Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>: 3-6 pm  
all ages

## Volunteers

Volunteers of all ages are needed to make this a success. On the day of the Faire, each classroom will need help with activities. We also need help with ticket sales. To volunteer, please contact your RenFairy Tanya March: [march@pdx.edu](mailto:march@pdx.edu).

## Tickets

You can purchase tickets for the activities during the week leading up to the event. Advance tickets are recommended as the lines get quite long. The tickets are nonrefundable, so purchase wisely.

## The Knights of Veritas

This year, the PTSA has invited the Knights of Veritas ([www.knightsofveritas.org](http://www.knightsofveritas.org)) to the Ren Faire. The Knights, a nonprofit organization, specialize in interactive educational demonstrations of medieval arms, armor, combat, knighthood. Using authentically-weighted, detailed steel swords & armor, they introduce the code of Chivalry to modern audiences, and pit myth against fact with demonstrations of historical combat technique. They will be in the MLC auditorium directly after school.



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## Plant Sale

The plant sale is a great way to pick up some starts (if you didn't get enough from the KCLC plant sale on Earth Day) or if the slugs ate them all.

## Activities

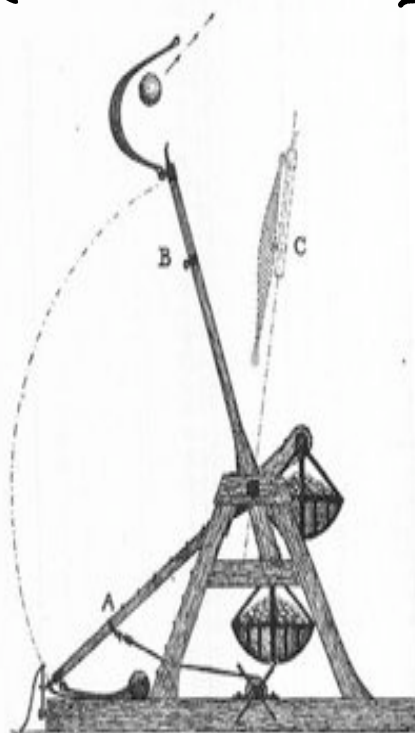
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magic wands  
cotton candy  
snow cones  
BBQ  
balloon swords  
dragon egg hatching  
marshmallow structures  
Tibetan peace flags  
cake walk  
mehndi  
hair braiding  
crown construction  
fortune telling  
face painting  
roulette wheel & stockades...

## Book and Clothing Exchange

The book sale and the clothing closet are a fun way to promote sustainability and recycling resources. It's time to give that old lamé jacket a second life. Please consider bringing in plants, gently-used clothes and gently-used books. The clothing is exchanged within the community in an upstairs classroom. Left overs are donated to the PTSA clothing closet. Book sales directly help our school library and are a cash activity. Books can be donated for a month leading up to the event. MLC media specialist Kiva Liljequist looks over the donations; many books go directly onto the library shelves. Books not needed by the library are sold during the Faire. The remaining books are exchanged for gift cards at Powell's to allow us to purchase more books for the library.

## Trebuchet Competition

HS senior, Bryan Wolcott, has organized a trebuchet competition for the RenFaire. The rules are simple: The trebuchet cannot be taller than 25 inches, the counterweight cannot weigh more than 10 pounds, and finally, the throwing arm must weigh more than the counterweight arm. The projectile will be a water balloon weighing about one pound. If you wish to enter, please email Bryan at [trebuchetcompetition@gmail.com](mailto:trebuchetcompetition@gmail.com) with your name and any questions you may have.





## Thank You!

A big thanks to all of our 2011 MLC Auction sponsors! The event would not have been successful without all of your contributions.

**Umpqua Bank** not only sponsored the auction with a \$1,000.00 contribution, they also provided two volunteers to come and help with the check-in process. They went above and beyond in helping us secure what we needed for merchant services to allow for a quick and painless check out process. We are very grateful for the support of the Branch manager Blaine and look forward to continuing our relationship with them.

**Bridges Cafe and Catering** and **Jennifer Wiant Catering**, owned by two MLC families, both donated catering from their businesses. The food was fabulous and we cannot thank them enough for their time, energy and generosity!

**Marsee Baking**, **Grand Central Bakery** and **Besaw's Restaurant** were all solicited by the auction committee to donate food for the event and came through in a big way to help us supplement our catering and provide LOTS of desserts!

**Escape From New York Pizza**, another MLC family- owned business, provided money to support the auction in addition to their auction item donations! This is a big help to supporting the auction and a great idea for anyone in the school who would like to support the auction through their business!

The Auction Committee would like to extend a big THANK YOU! To all the people who gave of their time and talents to prepare for, set up and clean-up the auction.

*Lauren Nathe*  
*MLC Auction Committee*

## PPS School Modernization Plan: A brief overview

As the PPS website points out: on May 17, voters will have the opportunity to vote on an important six-year school facilities bond, Measure 26-121. This is one of two measures on the May ballot intended to support our schools. The other important measure, 26-122, will help pay for teaching positions that are at risk.

Measure 26-121 is intended to be used for upgrades at all PPS schools. With an average age of 65 years, PPS schools have out-of-date plumbing, electrical wiring, heating and ventilation, fire alarms, lighting and etc. MLC, though it has had a few upgrades, is older still, having been rebuilt in the nineteen teens. Many schools also need seismic work. 12% of the bond is intended for earthquake safety. Additionally, schools have classrooms, science labs and libraries that do not support modern educational programs; many school grounds, fields and building exteriors in need of repair or replacement.

“The \$548 million bond measure would increase safety and security at all PPS schools; renovate and update building systems, classrooms and grounds; and retire existing school project debt. The bond also would rebuild or comprehensively renovate nine schools where that would be more cost-effective.”

Take a look: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/buildings-and-teachers/index.htm>. Further information is posted on the facilities bond page: <http://www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/schoolmodernization/index.htm> including a list of work to be completed at each school, and photos of the type of work proposed. The bond rate, about \$2 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value, would cost the median homeowner roughly \$25 a month.

### Your Ideas

Do you have any project ideas that might be included in the MLC school modernization if the May PPS School Modernization bond passes? As it stands, we have an \$200,000 allotment to spend on outdoor site improvements and \$250,000 for general classroom school improvements. PPS will be looking at our wish list when deciding what projects to complete. Please contact Diana Moosman at [diana@mosiarch.com](mailto:diana@mosiarch.com) 503-816-7311 with your ideas.

# PPS School Modernization Plan

These notes were taken by MLC parent, Diana Moosman at the recent PTSA Facilities Committee Meeting with PPS, on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The notes were revised March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Subject:** MLC projects to be included in first round of school modernization bond, if it passes in May.

**Attendees:** Jen Sohm, PPS Modernization; Sarah Schoening, PPS Modernization; Pam Shelly, principal MLC; Jeff Spalding, vice principal MLC; Diana Moosman, parent; Scott McClain, parent; Tanya March, MLC PTSA vice president .

## Notes:

1) PPS wants to include us in the choice of projects to be done at the school. Jen Sohm is our PPS contact. Projects have to work within language of the bond. They cannot be maintenance projects but must be capital improvements.

**2) The following are projects at MLC that are expected to be completed in the first round of the bond (first six years):**

**Classroom Updates:** Based on MLC's unique needs, the school will receive prioritized classroom upgrades to better support learning and teaching environments which may include technology, learning equipment and materials, upgraded music and art studios, and the replacement of worn-out furnishings.

*\$300,000 total allotment*

**Site Improvements:** Make site improvements as determined through district and community collaboration.

*\$200,000 total allotment*

**Up-to-date and Equipped Student Science Labs:** Classrooms where science is now taught to students, grade 6 and above, at MLC will be provided with the experiment equipment and other components critical to functional science labs needed to support relevant science programs.

*Amount to be determined based on need*

**Increased Safety for Auditorium Stage:** To ensure the safety of students, teachers, school staff and volunteers, out-of-date stage rigging and curtains in the MLC auditorium will be evaluated, inspected, and repaired or replaced as needed.

*Amount to be determined based on need*

**Teaching Technology Updates:** Includes (1) mobile interactive audio visual presentation system/tech bundle.

*Amount to be determined based on need*

**Increased Accessibility for Students, Staff and Families:** Includes card key access for primary exterior doors – to be further defined through site assessments.

*Amount to be determined based on need*

**Increased School Security:** To provide a greater level of security for students and staff at MLC, a managed-access system for staff will be provided at exterior building entrances. Main entrances will remain open during school hours.

*Amount to be determined based on need*

3) PPS wants us to develop a wish list of projects. If they cannot happen within the bond, they may be able to direct us to other opportunities (like grants). Encourage us to dream / vision for what we want to see done. Wish list developed at this meeting

- Drive-Thru (Cars enter the playground on Glisan new exit created on Hoyt)
- Ramp for the gym
- Sink added to KCLC
- Rooftop garden – can we put planting boxes on roof now or what is timeline for re-roofing
- Stage lighting (may be included in auditorium safety above)
- Replace all windows with full height, energy-efficient windows
- New lighting in classrooms (zoned for efficiency)
- Paint interior of school
- Redevelop pool space into art classroom, work out space
- New art classroom over gym with green roof on top
- New doors off hallway for small bathrooms upstairs .

Project ideas added at PTSA meeting:

- Kiosk and benches under trees on east side of building
- Play-scape, seating steps under trees on east side of building
- Outdoor classroom area – steps to fit class of 26.

4) If projects are not funded in this bond, then maybe next one. All schools in district expected to be fully upgraded in 20-30 years, with work paid for as it is done. At the end of the bond, all work done under that bond is already paid for.

5) Bond is not used for operating expenses (salaries) but only improving facilities.

6) Fixing science labs is from funds dedicated to fixing middle school science labs, but might work for all labs at MLC.

7) Unique MLC Issues: Kx12 Building is a contributing resource in a historic district Lack of daylight (trees) (half of windows covered) Jen Aaron really tried to get a green roof, a learning garden. PPS does not support green roofs at this time. May be possibility for garden roof (trays on top of membrane), but not in this bond. Middle school science in a regular classroom Large unused Pool space MLC already converted to gas (not oil) for boiler operations.

# MLC PTSA MEETING MINUTES

March 17, 2011

## MLC PTSA Meeting

The meeting started at 7:10 pm.

**In attendance:** Mary Franklin, Jacquelyn Martin, Tanya March, Jeff Weithman, Michelle Mize, Stephanie Brown, Jennifer Dawkins, Tony Faulkner, Diana Moosman, Pam Shelly and Scott McClain.

### Review of February Minutes:

Changes: add Jacquelyn Martin to 'in attendance.' Diana M. moved that the minutes from February be approved, Tony F. seconded. All approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jacquelyn presented the budget P&L and balance sheet.

**Auction:** There are about \$665 in credit card declines from the auction that she will be following up on next week. Otherwise, according to current numbers, the auction netted \$31,348.48. The paddle item listing does not yet reflect actual amount, she will be making category adjustments to show that. The \$6600 auction expense was the reserve for the Bali trips.

**Scholarships:** Scholarships to date, not including any for Ashland trips - \$11,916.50. High school Ashland trip costs \$300 and about 40 students will be going (\$12,000 total cost). 7X8 Ashland trip costs \$230 and about 100 students will be going (\$23,000 total cost). About 30% of those trips will likely be scholarships, about \$10,500. Actual scholarships paid out plus estimated Ashland scholarships: \$22,416.50 - our budget for the year is \$20,000.

**Umpqua Bank contributions:** Umpqua Bank, which we are in the process of moving all of our accounts over to, helped out our auction with a \$1000 sponsorship. They also provided two employees to help with checkout; they both elected to stay beyond the time their employer paid them to be there. Also, their merchant services associate helped us process and finalize all of our credit card payments. Tanya reminded us that Umpqua sponsors the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday SOLV cleanups in our neighborhood, and encourages MLC families to show up and help out.

## Old Business

### Facilities Committee Report:

Diana M. reported back on the meeting with Jen Sohm and Sarah Schoening from PPS Modernization. (Minutes from this meeting can be found on page 8 of this newsletter. Some points of note: if the bond passes, they are really open to our input on how it is to be used. MLC will get their major improvements (roof, earthquake mitigation, etc) after the initial six years of the bond improvements. These initial items are listed in the minutes under item '2.' The funds will need to be used up, they can not be redirected elsewhere. If we don't use them, we lose them. The improvements to the auditorium - 'increased safety for auditorium stage' - may include lights, but it is not clear.

The classroom updates (\$300k) and the site improvements (\$200k) are the funding for which we can make a wish list (see item '3' in the minutes).

Discussion of ideas included:

- Roof top garden - Mary F. pointed out that the main building was built with the intent of having a roof top playground, and may already be usable for a garden. The way the roof space is structured, there is virtually no risk of someone being able to fall off, so there may be no need for safety improvements. We would like to find out if this is something we can start on now, and what sorts of approvals and whatnot we might need.
- We may be able to use the 'site improvement' funding for making the pool space into an activity/exercise space, if the original intent of that money was to build a covered playground as activity/exercise space.
- The wall in Pat's room is compromised from weather exposure, the outside wall has been penetrated by moisture, and inside, the wall crumbles when touched.
- Transform the planter areas up against the building and between the entrance doors on the east side into accessible garden space for the kids to hang out in.

### Facilities Committee Report *continued:*

Benches, tables, stairs to access, boulders, woodland garden, rain garden, pebble path, outdoor class -type space with wide steps across the bed were all suggested. This idea originally came from the 'Roots & Shoots' kids. This would help keep kids out of the vehicle traffic area during pick up/drop off times.

**We need to continue to brainstorm ideas so that the money we are able to get does not go to waste. This can be brought up for more discussion at future meetings also. If you have suggestions, email Diana M.: [diana@mosiarch.com](mailto:diana@mosiarch.com) 503-816-7311.**

If the bond passes, we may consider doing an in-school survey to set our priorities from our wish list. Tanya M. wants to place a sign-up sheet on the PTSA board for lawn signs supporting the bond. As long as this is clearly marked 'PTSA' so that it does not appear to be from the school, this is fine.

### Auction Report

Lauren and Tasha will be at the next meeting to report.

### Bond & Levy Measures

Tanya M. has the spring break phone bank for Wednesday night staffed. Lawn signs are the next thing in the works - if you want one, there will be a sign up sheet on the PTSA board, or contact Tanya. Bobbie Regan will be at our next meeting to discuss the bond.

### Upcoming Events

April 12<sup>th</sup> is our McMenamin's Blue Moon fundraiser event. Volunteers are needed to make table cards promoting the event. This is a great fundraiser because we don't need special coupons or extra work from us. We usually raise \$1200-\$1800 easily. Use McMenamin's scrip to increase our benefit. Tanya will confirm the times of the event - whether it is all day or evening only.

# MLC PTSA MEETING MINUTES

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**Renaissance Faire:** will be on April 28<sup>th</sup>. We will have entertainment from the Knights of Veritas. We already allocated \$300 to cover their demonstration, they would like an additional \$75 to cover their transportation costs. Jennifer D. moved to allocate the additional \$75 to pay for the Knights of Veritas transportation. Scott M. seconded; motion passed.

Tanya will work out the auditorium scheduling for the event with the marimba band, who normally has it during that time. The same people will do the food as before; we will be renting popcorn and cotton candy machines.

The student who is doing the catapult project will provide a copy of the flier for the newsletter. Faculty needs to not park in the faculty lot that day – there will be archery, catapults, the plant sale, etc in that lot.

### New Business

**E-Scrip** online scrip program has been coordinated by Mary F. since forever. Since she will be leaving after this year, we need a new coordinator for this. It can be done from home; it is all online. The program needs someone who can spend some time promoting it to parents; we need people to sign up for it in online order to make money from it. Contact Mary if you would like to learn more.

### Nominating Committee

We will be having elections in May for next year's PTSA board. Mary will be leaving, so we will need to elect a new president. The other members of the board have another year in their terms. The nominating committee needs 3 volunteers to propose a 'slate' for the board (that way we don't need to vote for individuals).

Last year's nom-com met with Mary to brainstorm and come up with ideas. Folks already on the board can be considered for different positions. There has been interest expressed by some in having the president position be shared by two people (co-presidents). We can change our standing rules to allow this in April before the election in May, if desired. Scott McClain, Tanya March, and Stephanie Brown volunteered to be on the nominating committee. If you are interested in serving on the PTSA board next year, contact any of these three.

**Oregon PTA Convention** occurs on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of April. If you are a PTSA member, you can go as our MLC representative. This event includes great officer training and is a good learning experience. If you are interested, let Mary know and she'll get you the details.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.**



## Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup>

Through the huge success of our annual Run for the Arts event, we are able to provide many art experiences for our students. This year, Young Audience money is supporting the 4x6 spring storyline; paying for high school and kindergarten costumes for theater projects; allowing 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to add on to the beautiful bridge mosaic for the third year in a row; and helping 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> continue Friday focus theater classes through NW Children's Theater. Part of our marimba program continues to be funded through Young Audiences. All of these opportunities and more, are paid for - or supplemented by - the money we raise through Run for the Arts.


We are hoping for another successful Run for the Arts event, to continue to provide such enriching experiences for our children. This year, Deanne's high school PE class will be helping out at the run. The marimba bands will be performing. We are hoping for beautiful spring weather. The run will be Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> in the morning. There will be two run times, not all the classes will be running at the same time. In the case of extreme weather, the run will be postponed until Thursday or Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>.

All of the information you need about seeking sponsors and collecting pledges will be on the pledge sheets that students bring home. If you have any questions, contact Laura Bullock, [lbullock@pps.k12.or.us](mailto:lbullock@pps.k12.or.us) or 503-916-5737.

### TIMELINE

Pledge Period:	March 29 <sup>th</sup> to April 11 <sup>th</sup>
Collection of Sponsor Sheets (pledge sheets):	April 11 <sup>th</sup>
Run for the Arts RUN:	April 13 <sup>th</sup>
Collection Period:	April 14 <sup>th</sup> to April 29 <sup>th</sup>
T-Shirt order turned in:	April 29 <sup>th</sup>

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Mar 27	28 3 <sup>rd</sup> Trimester Begins	29	30	31 Class Pictures	April 1 	2
3 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade to Outdoor School 2:30 pm	4	5 7x8s to Ashland 3T Electives Begin	6 Site Council 3:15	7	8 6 <sup>th</sup> Graders Return 1:30 pm 7x8s Return 3pm	9 SOLV 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat. Clean up NW
10	11	12 Blue Moon Family & Friends Night 5pm to close	13 Run for the Arts	14 Kx3 Ugly Duckling	15	16
17	18	19	20 Talent Show	21 PTSA Meeting 7pm	22 KCLC Earth Day Plant Sale	23 Prom
24	25	26	27 ACT Testing for Juniors	28 Renaissanc e Faire	29	30

