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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear MLC Families,

Our delegation of Jewish and Arab students from Israel had an awesome time. MLC families hosted the students for two weeks – from March 29 through April 9. The students came from a K-12 school in Jerusalem and while they were here they went skiing, bowled, shopped, visited classes and participated in a challenge course among other activities. Our student visitors were mainly middle-school age and spent most of their time with 7x8 students. The students came from a school called Hand in Hand. This school is one of four such schools founded by an MLC parent and alum, Lee Gordon. They had a memorable time and hopefully we can do this again. For more information about Hand in Hand please see their Web site, www.handinhandk12.org.

The MLC Auction was a smashing success! The turnout was great and what fun it was to see the MLC community having such a wonderful time. The final figures are still being tallied but it looks like the results will be very strong.

I have been notified by the City of Portland about a sewer rehabilitation and replacement project in the fall of 2010. Some of the sewers in northwest Portland date back to the 1890s. The area around MLC that is affected is on NW Hoyt between NW 21st and 23rd. The project consists of excavating trenches, installing manholes, removing

old pipe, constructing new sewer pipe and connections to properties. This work may temporarily close some intersections to through traffic and traffic will be diverted around the construction area. Once the construction begins it is expected to take about six months. I will keep you updated as more information becomes available.

At the end of May we will need volunteers to sit on portfolio panels for our high school students. If you have not ever participated as a panel member please consider this opportunity. Panel members in the past have commented on what a rewarding activity it was and how impressed they were with the student presentations. The portfolio presentations are something the students spend much time preparing for and it is a vehicle for them to present their best work and reflections. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information please contact Barbara at 503 916.5739.

This year, like all the school years, has flown by but we still have much more to do. I want to thank all of you for your support and participation in this unique school community.

Sincerely,

Frank Scotto
Principal





DIGITAL DETOX WEEK IS COMING

April 19-25th is National TV Turnoff week or Digital Detox Week. Whatever you wish to call this time, it's a great opportunity to focus our attention to the world around us and limit our screen time.

Are you interested in organizing events to encourage all students to turn off TV, computer/internet, game applications? To find more information on this important week go to: tvturnoff.org/ Please let Joyce know if you are interested in being involved at mariposa58@comcast.net.

News from Sandra in the Counseling Office

The 6th Annual NW Youth Career Expo will take place this year on Tuesday, May 11 from 9:00AM till 2:00 PM at the Oregon Convention Center for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. This is a great opportunity for high school students to talk to representatives from Oregon's best and biggest employers: NIKE, Wieden+Kennedy, US Bank, Intel, CH2M HILL, Kaiser, Portland General Electric, Portland Trail Blazers, OHSU, Providence Health Systems, Columbia Wire and Iron, Gunderson and many others.

In addition, Oregon's universities and community colleges will be there as well as community service and volunteer organizations, including the American Red Cross, Oregon Zoo and Portland Parks and Recreation.

MLC will be organizing the travel to and from the Expo. Please encourage your student to attend and, if you have the time, consider volunteering to be a chaperone. Contact Sandra Tetzloff at 503-916-6434. The Expo is sponsored by business partners Columbia Wire & Iron and the Portland Workforce Alliance.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Just a reminder that the Naviance Web site still has scholarship opportunities listed. There were 34 active scholarships when I checked recently. One requires a survey, no essay. A few others are simple essays; is \$1000 worth an hour or two? I also keep receiving paper versions that I post on the bulletin board between Chris and Dana's rooms.

The MLC PTSA scholarship form is now available. They are giving two \$500 scholarships this year and applications need to be received by May 7th. I've got copies of the application in my office; and there should be a link to it on Naviance as well.

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RUN for the ARTS

This year's run is April 14. Because of the huge success of our Run for the Arts program MLC is able to provide many art experiences for our students. This year, the 3rd graders were able to add on to and complete the beautiful bridge mosaic. Seventh and eighth graders have had theater classes through NW Children's theater and Bianca has been able to purchase lots of art supplies for our high schoolers. We were able to expand our marimba program back to full capacity. There has also been dance instruc-



tion, mask making, story telling and clay sculpting! All of these opportunities are paid for by the money we raise through Run for the Arts.

We are hoping for another successful Run for the Arts so that we may continue to provide such enriching experiences for our children. Thank you to all who participate.

Run for the Arts RUN: April 14

Collection Period: April 15 to 30

T-Shirt order turned in: April 30

If you have any questions, contact Laura Bullock, lbullock@pps.k12.or.us or call 503 916-5737.

More Community Building Events for Parents

A series of events for parents to join together for learning and conversation continues through April. Please plan to attend or help to organize. Childcare will be provided.

April 15th: Global Café, 7 to 8:30 p.m., free refreshments served in the cafeteria.

Childcare will be provided.

Join us for a parent networking event. Global Café is a forum about current issues impacting MLC and the PPS presented by the MLC PTSA. This will be an evening for all parents to gather in small group conversations around topics that they are passionate about. We will explore the question of "What is currently impacting MLC, now and in the future years."

April 26th: McMenamins Family and Friends Night at the Blue Moon Café, starting at 5 p.m.

Invite your family and friends to join in this neighborhood gathering. McMenamins' donates a portion of their total sales between 5 p.m. and midnight for all food and drink served during this time. Come prepared to eat, drink and enjoy time with those you know or make new friends in the MLC community.

April 19th - 23rd: TV TurnOff Week

Please contact Joyce at mariposa58@comcast.net if you are interested in organizing events around this week.

Still to come:

Another PTSA movie night in May.



MAY IS WALK AND BIKE TO SCHOOL MONTH

Think of yourself as your very own personal form of transportation. No bus, no car, no traffic, just a clear view of the day unfolding around you.

Parent coordinators and volunteers are needed to organize group commutes.

Please contact Sandra at 503 916-6434 to help form or lead a bike bus from your neighborhood.

People, even more than things, have to be restored, renewed, revived, reclaimed, and redeemed; never throw out anyone.

— Audrey Hepburn

Give MLC Scrip a Try

We made \$70 from scrip orders this week and \$1300 so far this year. Use scrip for the things you already buy. Fred Meyer, New Seasons, Burgerville, Starbucks and Pizza Schmizza are all very popular. This spring, Lowe's, Home Depot and The Backyard Bird Shop scrip cards could come in very handy. Businesses give us between 3 and 43 percent of the value of the gift cards.

Use McMenamin's Gift Cards from Scrip at the Blue Moon's MLC Night

On Monday, April 26th.

**The gift cards are \$25 each
And McMenamin's gives us 12 percent
in addition to the money we receive from the sales of the evening!**

Don't forget to turn in your Scrip orders by 8:30 a.m. every Tuesday. There are order forms at the school and you can download a form from the MLC Web site. Orders are back and available on Friday before and after school along some inventory you can buy on the spot.

Auction UPDATE

Over the years, I've tried to instill in my kids the idea that the best riches in life have nothing to do with money and things. Instead, they can be found in the "possession" of love, camaraderie, integrity and such. By these measures, the MLC Community is rich beyond compare.

The 2010 PTSA auction moved from near expiration to full-health by the sheer will and commitment of our community. Parents created donations and asked businesses to give.

Teachers, parents and staff worked with students to dream up some truly awesome classroom projects. Parent-owned businesses gave generously. People worked to keep costs down, hitting the pavement to ask for donations of food and drink for our event. Creativity

abounded as ideas for unique, fun donations and event night projects flowed: "Picnic in the Park" and the MLC pint glasses were among these great ideas.

In other words, our community rallied in an amazing way. The outpouring of excitement, amity and hard-work—the coming together of our larger, MLC family—is why I can say without a doubt that, even before the doors opened and the first dollar was earned; this was a truly great event.

That said -- Dang! -- we raised a ton of money for our kids. I know I've been going on about riches not being in money alone. However, when it comes to purchasing school supplies, maintaining equipment and sending kids on field trips and camps; money sure helps. Although I can't yet offer you the exact number, our net income for this event should be somewhere around \$33,000. Folks, that's a lot of field trips!

Thank you MLC Community.

Le Billington, Auction-Chair

APPLAUSE
for the
AUCTION!

SIGN UP. PRACTICE. COMPETE!



To play most high school sports, you cannot practice without medical clearance. Is your student interested in or planning to participate in school sports next year? Think ahead and schedule your student's sports physical.

Many students, including current 8th graders, will need a physical before sports season next school year. Every fall, when our clinics open, we have a rush of sports physicals due to families who wait until the last minute to take care of this required exam. We encourage students to get their sports physical completed any time during Spring, which will give them medical clearance for the next two school years.

School-Based Health Centers offer sports physicals, along with our full range of health care services. All school-aged youth who live in Multnomah County, or attend school in Multnomah County, are welcome at our health centers. For more information, including our clinic locations, go to www.mchealth.org/sbhc.

April - June at MLC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	12	13	14 Run For The Arts	15 PTSA sponsored Parent "Global Café" 6:30-8 p.m.	16	
	19	20 Talent Show	21	22 4x6 Earth Day Craft Fair PTSA Meeting 7 p.m.	23	
26 Family & Friends Night at The Blue Moon	27	28 ACT Testing (11th Gr)	29	30 RFTA Pledge Money DUE (last day for T-Shirts)	MAY 1 HS Prom @ Urban Studio 7 p.m.	
3	4	5 Site Council 3:15 p.m.	6 Renaissance Faire 3 p.m.	7		
10	11	12 — 7x12 Oreg'n Shakespeare Festival (May 11-14) — Ashland	13	14		
17	18 Visitor's Day Program for perspective students, 10 a.m.	19	20 End of 3rd Trimester Electives	21 PTSA Meeting 12:30 p.m.		
24 — HS Portfolio presentations (May 24-27) —	25	26	27	28		
31 Memorial Day NO SCHOOL	JUNE 1	2	3	4	5 HS senior graduation	