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FROM OUR PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents,

I have some good news to share. Have you seen our new web site? The district trained several MLC staff so we can make changes and update information quickly. The new site will include alerts from the district about weather closures, emergencies and news releases. Teachers can have their own Web page, too.

I am sure you are all aware of the heavy traffic volume on N.W. Glisan Street. The city has agreed to paint a crosswalk at the intersection of 20th and Glisan, if we supervise the crossing before and after school. I am asking for parent volunteers to supervise the crosswalk before and after school for a few weeks until drivers become accustomed to the crosswalk. After a few weeks we will train older students as a Safety Patrol and they will take over the responsibility. Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering. The times are 8:20 a.m. – 8:40 a.m. and 2:55 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. Flags and vests will be available.

In light of the H1N1 outbreak I have been asked about the number of absences for illness this year compared to last year. Generally we have about an 8 to 10 percent rate in a normal year. At the request of Multnomah County health officials we have been tracking and reporting our numbers daily. This year it is running about 8 to 15 percent. In terms of prevention we are urging students and families to follow the recommendations of health officials – frequent hand washing, coughing into your sleeve and staying home if you are ill.

The fire at Marysville School emphasizes the need for safety. At MLC, we practice fire drills and other safety procedures. Fire drills are conducted once a week the first four weeks of school and once a month after that. Earthquake drills and intruder alerts are held at least once a year. During the drills we can usually evacuate the building in 2-3 minutes. The fire alarms and extinguishers are inspected regularly.

Solstice preparations are in full swing. Historically, Solstice is one of our biggest and most well attended events of the year. Parking and seating is limited but we have come up with some options to bring some relief. This year, with the help of the district, we will simulcast the Solstice performance in the cafeteria. The broadcast will be live and it will be shown on a large screen in the cafeteria. We also are hopeful of additional parking in some nearby lots. We will let you know if that becomes possible and post the details on our new Web site.

I want to thank all of you for your support, encouragement and for choosing MLC. We can all be proud to a part of such a special place.

Sincerely,

Frank Scotto
Principal



News Sandra in the Counseling Office

What do you think about before and after school programs?

Please take a few moments to complete this brief online survey about before and after school programs. This survey is for all families with elementary-age students whether or not you use childcare services or not. Survey results are used as part of an annual program evaluation and to help the district make childcare decisions.

Please complete the survey by Friday, December 18, 2009.

www.zoomerang.com/Survey/?p=WEB229V5VK3A36

Nancy Hauth, Program Manager,
503.916.3230,
nhauth@pps.k12.or.us

MLC T-shirts on Sale NOW!

New MLC t-shirts are available in all sizes.

If you're interested in sporting the latest MLC fashion, get in touch with Deanne to make a purchase. You can send money with your student or stop by the gym after school on Wednesdays or Thursdays. The cost is \$8.

Thanks, Deanne



Having FAFSA anxiety? The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is a must for any senior looking for financial aid or scholarship opportunities. I've arranged a special session for MLC seniors/parents with experts from the NELA Center for Student Success. On Tuesday, Jan. 12, between 6-8 p.m. you can come ask your questions and COMPLETE it online right then (they estimate 30 minutes). The NELA center is located at 1500 NE. Irving (the Plaza Building behind Benson High School) on the main floor. Here's what to bring so you can get it done:

- '09 tax info (December pay stub, W-2 Form)
- Social security numbers of student and parent
- Info about any untaxed income
- Info about other assets (stocks, mutual funds, CD, 2nd homes)

If you want to try it on your own (starting Jan 1st) the Web site is: www.fafsa.ed.gov

(warning, there's a similar Web site with a .com ending that charges; save your \$\$\$).

Other Financial Aid Workshops are happening in each of the larger high schools, check out the bulletin board, ask your senior for the handout, or e-mail Sandra at stetzloff@pps.k12.or.us to receive a copy of the PDF.

SAT Testing Dates www.collegeboard.com (our school code is 380904):

Fee Waivers are available for free/reduced lunch and hardship situations. Ask Sandra for details.

- **Jan. 23 test:** registration deadline is Dec. 15 (all late registration deadlines are approximately 2 weeks later with an additional fee)
- **March 13 test:** registration deadline February 4
- **May 1 test:** registration deadline

March 25

- **June 5 test:** registration deadline April 29

Testing accommodations for students with disabilities requires additional time and information from the Special Education specialist, so please keep this in mind and let Julie or Mike know ahead of time.

Holiday Assistance Providers and other community resources

These programs for food boxes, gift and toy programs are limited. Sandra has a list of the Multnomah County programs or they can be accessed by calling the 2-1-1 info line or 503-222-5555. Contact Sandra for other student needs; clothing, shoes, vision, etc.

Support Groups

Some small support groups will be formed after the winter break. Please contact Sandra if you'd like to discuss the possibility of this additional support for your student.

Sandra
503-916-6434
stetzloff@pps.k12.or.us



A Little from Laura...

The first session of electives is already coming to a close. The last classes will be on Dec. 1 and 3. Tuesday and Thursday afternoons have been quite busy with students dancing, singing, playing sports, playing Bridge (yes the card game!), creating art, learning Marimba, reading Shakespeare, knitting, folding Origami, uncovering the history of MLC, learning magic tricks, exploring the neighborhood, repairing toys, mending books and much more. Whew! It's pretty incredible that we are able to provide such a diverse range of experiences for our children right here in a public school. We have exceptionally committed teachers and we have you, our parents, grandparents and friends from the community who come in every week and share a little (sometimes a lot!) of yourselves with our students. Thank you!!!

Elective Teachers Needed!

I am working on the winter schedule of electives. Our next session will begin after winter break and run for 10 weeks. I still am looking for more elective teachers. Winter term is a perfect opportunity to create an elective that produces an item or items for the MLC Auction. We also have had a large loom donated to the school recently and would love to have a weaving elective (there also are a dozen small looms). There is a parent who is interested in being 'part' of a circus type elective, if there are other parents with 'circusy' talents she could join with. I will be finalizing the elective catalog by Dec. 8, so time is short but it's not too late. Come and see me!

Volunteers for Elective Sign Ups

The sign ups for the next elective term will be Wednesday, Dec. 16. We are looking for volunteers to help with elective sign ups. Here is the schedule:

9 a.m.	1 x 3 sign ups
9:30 a.m.	7 x 8 sign ups
10:05 a.m.	4 x 6 sign ups

We need help with all times. It's great if you can be here for the whole block of time but if not we appreciate what time you are able to give. Please toss me an e-mail or stop by my office if you would like to volunteer. I know that some folks just show up the day of the event but it helps me so much to know ahead of time that I have enough coverage for the sign ups to go well. THANKS!

Wish List . . .

Glue guns and glue sticks (for the glue guns). We use these mostly for altered art projects. We have a few glue guns but could always use some and could really use the glue sticks that are used in the glue guns. You may just have some of these glue sticks lying around at home.

- Polyester fiberfill or cotton stuffing and lots of it!
- Socks — thick wool and less stretchy socks are best. They can be used but must be clean.
- Games: Connect 4, Apples to Apples, Carcassonne, Qwirkle, Blokus, Gobblet, Settlers of Catan
- The usual: More yarn, found objects for Altered Art, Lego specialty pieces, art paint brushes, etc.

Special Thanks to . . .

Everyone who brought in donations! We received some great yarn, card stock, and Legos!

All the parents who stepped in at the last minute to sub for elective classes when the elective teacher couldn't make it.

The elective teachers, of course! You do such a great job every week and we really appreciate it!

Laura
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Schedule:
Tuesday/Thursday 8:15 to 3:45
Wednesday 8:15 to 12:00



A great sight — MLC's new Web site

On Friday, Nov. 20, MLC launched a new Web site. The district has provided the tools for each school to produce a Web site that uses the template provided by them. Soon all the schools in the district will transfer to the new look. The new site will be available at www.pps.k12.or.us/schools/mlc/. We will be making the adjustments behind the scenes so that the old address at www.mlc-k12.com will redirect to the new site. Either address will work. You can use the new address for faster access. If you have created a link to any of the other pages on the site, you should remove that link since it will not display current information.

The new site has much to offer. There will be alerts from the district providing real time critical information such as weather alerts, early closing or emergency situations. There also will be links to PPS news releases. Every teacher will have their own Web page and soon there will be the ability to have RSS feeds coming from the MLC site.

We will be polishing the new site as we go, so check it out soon and check it out often, and feel free to let us know how we are doing!

Thanks,
Tom Dummer

MLC PTSA Events and Activities

- SCRIP is going great. I would encourage everyone to give it a try. We can potentially raise a lot of money from the money we are already spending.
 - Please also remember to sign up for Escrip. This is an online fundraising that tracks your purchases for you and automatically forwards the donations to MLC PTSA. You register your credit cards and your Safeway Club Card and the rest happens automatically. Go to www.escrip.com and our Group ID is #8564732.
 - And we still participate in Boxtops for Education so check the tops of all those cereal boxes and granola bars and biscuit dough and clip out those little coupons. Linda Larkin is still our Boxtops Queen and through everyone's hard work we end up bringing about \$100 into the PTSA.
 - Our Wreath and Poinsettia sale has concluded and by the time you read this, the school will smell great. We also added pies this year from Willamette Valley Fruit Company. If this goes well, we may have another opportunity later in the year. (I'm thinking Pi Day (March 14th))
 - On December 3rd MLC volunteers will staff the Portland PTA Clothing Closet. The Clothing Closets serves students throughout the district with new socks, underwear and jeans and other used clothing. There has been tremendous need this year, especially for coats. MLC PTSA donates \$100 cash each year and MLC donates items remaining in our Lost and Found each year to the Clothing Closet. We plan to do this again after Winter Break. This year, as part of the Winter Craft Faire, PTSA would like to collect new children's socks to donate. We will also be holding a Clothing Exchange as part of the Winter Craft Faire and any items that are remaining from the Clothing Exchange will be donated to the PTA Clothing Closet
 - Our Next PTSA Meeting is December 10th at 7:00pm in the Library. Please plan on joining us. Child Care will be available through KCLC.
 - The last week of school before Winter Break, PTSA would like to collect items for our annual Staff Baskets. Each year, PTSA gathers items from the community (food, candy, tea, coffee, candles, treats, sweets, fruits, good wishes, etc) and combines all this love and good wishes in to beautiful baskets of generosity to our staff. We make a basket for each staff member and present them on Friday, December 19th.
 - Our Winter Craft Faire will be held on Thursday, December 18th right after MLC's annual Solstice celebration. This is a new event that will raise money for PTSA but also will enable our community to support the artist and craftspeople among us and purchase some wonderful holiday items. We will also have yummy treats available to nibble while you shop and there will be a Clothing Exchange, where donated items will be available. Admission to this event will be \$1. Please plan on joining us for this wonderful event!
- Many thanks to all that have volunteered and helped out our PTSA. We could not have done it without you. The support of our community enables PTSA to continue to support our school and all of the wonderful and unique activities that make this place so special.
- Please feel free to contact me anytime with comments, suggestions, ideas etc. My email is mary@aetaxservice.com and my cell phone is 503-887-1243

Mary Franklin
MLC PTSA

MLC Holiday Baskets

MLC has a fun holiday tradition to recognize the wonderful teachers and staff that work so tirelessly with our children. Each year MLC families donate items to make up festive baskets for all teachers and staff to show them how much we appreciate all they do!



You can help by donating:

- Food treats: candy, chocolate, fruit and jam
- Individually wrapped home-baked items
- Candles/lotions
- Coffee/tea
- Handmade crafts/jewelry
- Cards
- Small gifts or low-cost gift cards

Drop off items in MLC's Library any time, the week of Dec. 14, but no later than Friday, Dec. 18, at 8:30 a.m.

To ensure everyone is recognized equally, "To Anyone" items are best.

Baskets are delivered to teachers by 11:45 on the Dec. 18.

For questions or help with making/distributing baskets on the 18, contact Kristin Cole

503.869.8676 or bkcole@hevanet.com

Scrip for MLC

The MLC PTSA Scrip program is up and running. We have already made over \$220 in just the first few weeks! If you haven't yet heard about the scrip fundraiser, here is a little information:

Scrip means "substitute money." Scrip is regular debit gift cards and paper gift certificates for specific stores, restaurants and services. The businesses give MLC a percentage of the value of the gift cards. No money comes out of your pocket

This is how it works. Let's say you shop at New Seasons Market and spend about \$200 a month. You purchase \$200 worth of New Seasons scrip through the MLC scrip program and you get \$200 worth of gift cards to New Seasons. New Seasons actually sells the gift cards to our scrip program at a discount of 4 percent. MLC receives the discount (\$8 on a \$200 gift card). If 50 families do this, MLC makes \$400. Not bad, huh? The best thing about it is that you do not have to buy anything you don't ordinarily need to buy anyway. The places where you shop or receive services are actually donating the money to our school.

The variety of businesses that participate in the scrip program is large, from national chains like Barnes & Noble to local companies like Powell's and Burgerville. MLC receives between 2 and 43 percent profit from the businesses that offer scrip. It really adds up. Some families are buying scrip for large appliance purchases at Sears and Home Depot. And remember, if you are doing any holiday shopping, you can use scrip to purchase gifts or use scrip as gifts. If your business gives gift cards

to employees for the holidays, consider purchasing those gift cards through our scrip program.

Scrip can be bought throughout the year so there is always an opportunity to take advantage of it. And there is relatively little effort involved in managing it for the amount of money that can be raised for our school.

This is the weekly routine:

- Use an order form (page 7 of this newsletter and also available by the PTSA bulletin board near the library, soon to be available on the MLC website) to place an order for gift cards from any of the 100+ merchants listed.
- If you want your order to go home with your child, please fill out a release form and turn it in with the order
- Turn in your order to the scrip box in the MLC main office by 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, to be included in the weekly order.
- On Friday, before and after school, your order will be available for pick up (outside the main office) or may be sent home with your child if you sign a release.

This process will happen every week so you can place orders weekly, monthly or as needed. In addition, you will have an opportunity to purchase directly (without ordering) from a limited inventory that we will have on hand each Friday during pick up and drop off.

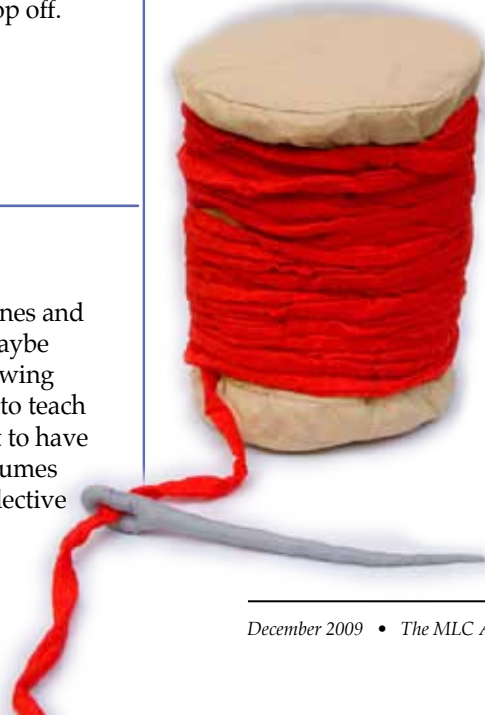
*Laura Bullock
MLC Scrip Coordinator
lbullock@pps.k12.or.us
503-916-5737*

MLC Events Calendar • At-a-Glance

Date / Event	Time
Wednesday, Dec. 2 Site Council	3:15 p.m.
December 2 – 3 Wreath Pick-up	
Friday, Dec. 4 NO SCHOOL	
Monday, Dec. 7 Begin 2nd Trimester	
Thursday, Dec. 10 PTSA Meeting	7 p.m.
Dec. 14 – 18 Drop off items for Holiday Baskets	
Wednesday, Dec. 16 2nd Trimester Elective Signups	
Thursday, Dec. 17 Solstice	12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 17 Craft Faire	3–7 p.m.
Friday, Dec., 18 Staff Baskets distributed	

In Search Of a Seamstress!

We have quite a few sewing machines at MLC. They are older type machines and in need of repair. It costs lots to take them somewhere to be tuned up. Maybe there is someone out there in our community, who is pretty handy with sewing machines and could take a look at ours. We have parents who would like to teach sewing electives and make stuffed animal electives. It would also be great to have functional sewing machines for high schoolers when they are making costumes for theater or other projects for class. If you can help, contact Laura, our elective coordinator at lbullock@pps.k12.or.us or call 503-916-5737. Thanks!



Scrip Program Release Form
Metropolitan Learning Center PTSA
2033 NW Glisan
Portland, Oregon 97209
503-916-5737

I hereby grant permission for the following persons to receive my Scrip certificates from the MLC PTSA.

(Please complete in ink)

Authorization is granted for the following adult(s) to receive my Scrip certificates:

Authorization is granted for the following student to receive my Scrip certificates:

Adult's Name(please print)

Student's Name(please print)

Signature

Student's Signature

Adult's Name(please print)

Teacher on Fridays (Class/Retro/Metro)

Signature

I agree that MLC PTSA will have no liability for lost or stolen Scrip certificates after their receipt by any one of the persons listed above. By my signature below I hereby release and agree to hold harmless MLC PTSA (including its employees, officers, volunteers and agents) for lost or stolen Scrip certificates.

I entrust the responsibility of the Scrip certificate transactions with the persons listed above and no other. I understand that any changes to the persons listed above will require prior written notification and I agree to sign new release forms as requested. Changes will not be valid until received by a Scrip representative at the address listed above.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____
(please print)

(for office use only)

Date received: _____ Scrip Representative: _____

MLC Scrip Order Form 2009-10

Turn in each week by Tuesday at 8:30 to the PTSA scrip box in the office.

Parent's Name _____

Phone _____

Date _____

If you would like to pick up your scrip order at school on Friday at drop off or pick up, check here

Or for delivery to go home with student, complete the following:

Student Name: _____

Friday Teacher (Class/Retro/Metro): _____

Signature _____

AUTOMOTIVE		GROCERY		RESTAURANTS		RETAIL / DEPARTMENT		SPECIALTY & OTHER	
VISA Prepaid Card * 2% Good everywhere prepaid debit card accepted. Select "Credit" at check out. 9 month expiration.	@ \$50 =	Eco Car Wash 26%	@ \$3.50 =	Applebee's * 8%	@ \$10 =	American Eagle * 8%	@ \$25 =	Community Newspapers 15% Pay amount over certificate by check. Checkmate Co. News, West Unit Tidings, Escapade, Tidings, Uplain Times, Grusham, LO Review, Scappoose, Forest Grove, Beaverton Valley Times, Clackamas Review, Oregon City News	@ \$26 =
Albertson's * 4%	@ \$50 =	Jiffy Lube 10%	@ \$30 =	Baja Fresh * 8%	@ \$10 =	Bed, Bath, & Beyond * 5%	@ \$10 =	Craft Warehouse * 8%	@ \$10 =
Fred Meyer / QFC * 4%	@ \$20 =	Kaady Car Wash * 26%	@ \$4.50 =	Beaches * 8% Vancouver	@ \$10 =	Bridgeport Village * 4% For all retail stores, auto, restaurants, theater	@ \$25 =	Home Depot * 3%	@ \$50 =
Haggen * 7%	@ \$50 =	Oil Can Henry * 8%	@ \$35 =	Bellagio's Pizza * 4%	@ \$20 =	Bridgeway * 4%	@ \$100 =	iTunes * 3% internet music & more	@ \$25 =
Lamb's Markets * 6%	@ \$25 =	Washman Auto Spa 26%	@ \$4 =	Big Town Hero 8%	@ \$5 =	Thriftway 4%	@ \$10 =	Jamba Juice * 7%	@ \$5 =
Strohecker's Market	@ \$50 =	RESTAURANTS		Burger King * 6%	@ \$5 =	American Eagle * 8%	@ \$25 =	Joann Fabrics * 5%	@ \$20 =
New Seasons * 4%	@ \$100 =	Applebee's * 8%	@ \$10 =	Burgerville * 8%	@ \$10 =	Bed, Bath, & Beyond * 5%	@ \$10 =	Krispy Kreme 43% 1 dozen glazed	@ \$9 =
Safeway * 4%	@ \$50 =	Baja Fresh * 8%	@ \$10 =	Carl's Jr./Green Burrito * 8%	@ \$10 =	Bed, Bath, & Beyond * 5%	@ \$10 =	Learning Palace 8% Teachers get add'l. discount at store w/\$25 purchase	@ \$10 =
Thriftway 4%	@ \$25 =	Beaches * 8%	@ \$10 =	Chipotle * 9%	@ \$10 =	Bed, Bath, & Beyond * 5%	@ \$10 =	Lowe's * 4%	@ \$50 =
		Bellagio's Pizza * 4%	@ \$20 =	Claim Jumper * 8%	@ \$25 =	Bed, Bath, & Beyond * 5%	@ \$10 =	Michaels Crafts * 3%	@ \$25 =
		Big Town Hero 8%	@ \$5 =	Davidson's - Tigard 8%	@ \$5 =	Bed, Bath, & Beyond * 5%	@ \$10 =	Mrs. Field's Cookies 20%	@ \$5 =
		Burger King * 6%	@ \$5 =	Denny's Restaurant * 5%	@ \$10 =	Bed, Bath, & Beyond * 5%	@ \$10 =	Peet's Coffee * 8%	@ \$20 =
		Burgerville * 8%	@ \$10 =	Domino's Pizza 12%	@ \$10 =	Bed, Bath, & Beyond * 5%	@ \$10 =	Petco * 8%	@ \$25 =
		Carl's Jr./Green Burrito * 8%	@ \$10 =	Elmer's Pancake House 8%	@ \$5 =	Bed, Bath, & Beyond * 5%	@ \$10 =	Pier 1 Imports * 8%	@ \$25 =
		Chipotle * 9%	@ \$10 =	Figaro's Pizza 12%	@ \$10 =	Bed, Bath, & Beyond * 5%	@ \$10 =	Pottery Barn and Williams-Sonoma	@ \$25 =
		Claim Jumper * 8%	@ \$25 =	Garlic Jim's Pizza 8%	@ \$10 =	Bed, Bath, & Beyond * 5%	@ \$10 =	Powell's Books * 8%	@ \$10 =
		Davidson's - Tigard 8%	@ \$5 =	Godfather's Pizza 28% Med specialty or Lg. 2 topping (not for Saltyout or Utopia Crust)	@ \$13 =	Bed, Bath, & Beyond * 5%	@ \$10 =	Rodda Paint 8% Retail only	@ \$20 =
		Denny's Restaurant * 5%	@ \$10 =	HoneyBaked Ham 8%	@ \$10 =	Bed, Bath, & Beyond * 5%	@ \$10 =	See's Candy 12% Actual retail cost is \$15.60 lb.	@ \$13 lb. =
		Domino's Pizza 12%	@ \$10 =	Izzy's Pizza * 8%	@ \$20 =	Bed, Bath, & Beyond * 5%	@ \$10 =	Staples Office Supplies * 4%	@ \$25 =
		Elmer's Pancake House 8%	@ \$5 =	Kentucky Fried Chicken 7%	@ \$10 =	Bed, Bath, & Beyond * 5%	@ \$10 =	Starbucks Coffee * 6%	@ \$5 =
		Figaro's Pizza 12%	@ \$10 =	Macaroni Grill / Chilis * 8% On the Border Mexican Grill	@ \$10 =	Bed, Bath, & Beyond * 5%	@ \$10 =	Walgreens * 2%	@ \$10 =
		Garlic Jim's Pizza 8%	@ \$10 =	McCrath's Fish House * 7%	@ \$10 =	Bed, Bath, & Beyond * 5%	@ \$10 =	675 Minute Phone Card * 16% No fees, no expiration, good city discounts	@ \$20 =
		Godfather's Pizza 28% Med specialty or Lg. 2 topping (not for Saltyout or Utopia Crust)	@ \$13 =	McLennamins / Ruby's Spa * 12% For any Restaurant, Brew Pub, Hotel, Theater, Gift Shop, Hair Salon, Spa	@ \$25 =	Bed, Bath, & Beyond * 5%	@ \$10 =	TOTAL all columns = \$	
		HoneyBaked Ham 8%	@ \$10 =	Newport Bay / Stanford's * 8% ALSO: Manzana, Kincaids, Palomino, Billy Heartbeats, Newport Seafood Grill, Portland City Grill, Henry's Tavern	@ \$25 =	Bed, Bath, & Beyond * 5%	@ \$10 =	Please make check payable to: MLC PTSA Scrip	
		Izzy's Pizza * 8%	@ \$20 =	Old Spaghetti Factory 8%	@ \$10 =	Bed, Bath, & Beyond * 5%	@ \$10 =	* Indicates Gift Card - Call number on back or check store website for balance - Order carefully as cards cannot be returned	
		Kentucky Fried Chicken 7%	@ \$10 =			Bed, Bath, & Beyond * 5%	@ \$10 =	<i>Thank You for Your Support!</i>	
		Macaroni Grill / Chilis * 8% On the Border Mexican Grill	@ \$10 =			Bed, Bath, & Beyond * 5%	@ \$10 =		
		McCrath's Fish House * 7%	@ \$10 =			Bed, Bath, & Beyond * 5%	@ \$10 =		
		McLennamins / Ruby's Spa * 12% For any Restaurant, Brew Pub, Hotel, Theater, Gift Shop, Hair Salon, Spa	@ \$25 =			Bed, Bath, & Beyond * 5%	@ \$10 =		
		Newport Bay / Stanford's * 8% ALSO: Manzana, Kincaids, Palomino, Billy Heartbeats, Newport Seafood Grill, Portland City Grill, Henry's Tavern	@ \$25 =			Bed, Bath, & Beyond * 5%	@ \$10 =		
		Old Spaghetti Factory 8%	@ \$10 =			Bed, Bath, & Beyond * 5%	@ \$10 =		

11-01-09 update

From Our Library...

M L C L I B R A R Y

YOUR FRIENDLY LIBRARY STAFF:

- Kiva Liljequist, Media Specialist. I work mornings, Monday through Friday
- Robert Kohl, Library Assistant. I work afternoons, Monday through Friday

THINGS WE'D LIKE:

Crib sheets for our reading mattress

Couch arm slip covers

Subscription to New York Times

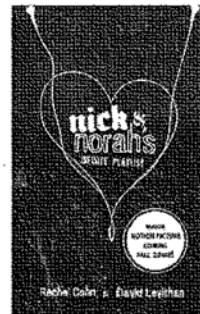
Subscription to the Oregonian

DAVID LEVITHAN VISIT A ROUSING SUCCESS!

Thanks to a generous offer from A Children's Place bookstore (www.achildrensplace-bookstore.com), MLC was lucky enough to host a visit from David Levithan. He is the critically acclaimed author of Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist; Boy Meets Boy; Naomi and Ely's No Kiss List; Wide Awake; The Realm of Possibility, and others. Boy Meets Boy was an ALA Top Ten Best Books for Young Adults, an ALA Quick Pick, as well as the 2004 Lambda Literary Award Winner for Young Adult readers.

Levithan read an excerpt from Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist, his best-known work, especially since it was made into a feature film that became an

instant hit, starring Michael Cera and Kat Dennings. He spoke a bit about his writing



David Levithan's Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist

life and read an excerpt from his newest novel, Love is the Higher Law. It is the story of three teens living in New York

City on September 11, 2001. Levithan himself was working in New York on 9/11, and witnessed the Twin Towers' collapse. The experience was so huge that he didn't think he could possibly write about it; however, as time passed, he wanted to make sure those who were too young to remember or those who weren't yet born would have emotional access to the horrific events of the day. Levithan created a fictional story informed by his own real-life experiences. His book has been described as "gripping, moving, and utterly realistic".

MLC has copies of many of Levithan's books, so feel free to stop by and check one out!

BROWSE THE YRCA BLOG OVER WINTER BREAK

If your student is in grades 4-12, they are participating in the 2010 Young Readers' Choice Award (YRCA) program. Our library has set up a blog for readers to comment on what they've read; it's a great place to visit to read what others have to say about the

nominated books they've read. Please visit the blog at <http://mlclibrary.wordpress.com> and see what other students have been saying about the nominated titles. And remember, MLC has 5 copies of each book on special shelves in our library, so if you want to pick

up a title, it's easy to come in and grab the copy you want. We will be voting in March, so make sure you get some time to read over Winter Break! You need to read at least two books in any division to be able to vote in that division, so get started!



December ■ January at MLC

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Site Council 3:15 pm — Wreath Pick Up —	3	4 NO SCHOOL	
	7 Begin 2nd Trimester	8	9	10 PTSA Meeting 7 pm	11	
	14	15	16 2nd Trimester Elective Signups	17 Solstice 12:30 pm Craft Faire 3 – 7 pm	18 Staff Baskets distributed	
	21	22	23 — Winter Break —	24	25	
	28	29	30 — Winter Break —	31	1	
	January 4 Classes Resume	5	6 Site Council 3:15 pm	7	8	
	11	12	13	14	15	
	18 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	19	20 Visitor Program for Perspective Students 10 am	21 PTSA Meeting 7 pm	22	
	25	26	27 Visitor Program for Perspective Students 7 pm	28	29	