

MLWS News from the Parent Council

November 4, 2016

Hello MLWS Families...

Halloween is behind us, and we are moving into the darker months and beauty of the Lantern Walk, the Advent Spiral and the Winter Faire. Parent Council is pleased to share this newsletter, which includes a Parent Council update, highlights activities of classes and provides information about upcoming events.

PARENT COUNCIL UPDATE

Parent Council continues to work on the projects that the College and the parents identified as most important: a Welcome Committee for new families, Parent Council presence at public events, Faculty Nourishment, Food Drives at Music Shares and this newsletter. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 9, 5:00-6:00pm**. Please plan to attend or offer time to support our efforts!

A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM

From Ms. Loshak: In First Grade, we are in the midst of our first language arts block. We are delving into the letters through fairytales, enjoying the beauty of autumn, bringing it into the classroom and our art.



From Mr. von Moritz: The Seventh Grade started the year with a block exploring perspective drawing. To add other perspectives, we dove into sonnet CXVI by W. Shakespeare and a lengthy ballad by Alfred Noyes. The biographies of Marco Polo and Joan of Arc brought us into Late Medieval History where we learned about cathedrals, town life, the Black Death and the development of the printing press. We are now focusing on astronomy; we have left Ptolomy's geocentric model and settled into a heliocentric point of view. We are learning not only about what we can see with our eyes at night and during the day, but are also getting a taste of the myriad facts that science seems to accumulate about our astonishing world on a daily basis. Our perspectives are getting expanded and thoroughly rattled.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR...

- Hard copies of the complete 2016/17 Parent Directory will be sent home with our children next week, so be sure to look for them in their backpacks!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 6, 9am-2pm: Annual Clothing Sale! Coordinated by the Third Grade (and supported by the entire school through our clothing donations), this event raises funds for the annual Third Grade Farm Trip during the winter. This event is not to be missed, with great deals on gently-used clothing, outerwear and more, and delicious bake sale offerings as well!

Monday, November 7, 6pm: Third Grade Play! "From Genesis to Noah". Mr. Neel and the 3rd Grade invite the community to come out to see this special performance!

Tuesday, November 8, 1:30-2:30pm (and each Wednesday until Winter Faire): Parent Craft Group Join Rosana Workman and make craft items for the Winter Faire. This is part of Faire responsibilities for Kindergarten and First Grade. If you are unable to attend but still want to help, there are "take-home" craft bags available as well. Please see Mrs. Workman to make arrangements.

Wednesday, November 9, 6:30pm: Lantern Walk Get your lanterns ready and stay tuned for more details from the administration about this seasonal event for families with children in Kindergarten through Third Grade.

SAVE THE DATE...

Thursday, November 10: Parent/Teacher Conferences Meetings with "Specials" teachers will also be available.

Saturday, November 19, 10am-noon: Open House Who do you know who might like to attend?

Tuesday, November 22: Thanksgiving Work Share
1:15pm: Sampling of the students' work, Grades 1-8
(Children return to school with their classes at the end!)

Sunday, December 4: Advent Spiral
4:30pm: K-3rd Grade 6:00pm: 4th-8th Grade

Tuesday, December 13: Oberufer Shepherd's Play
Come out and see the faculty and staff perform in this traditional holiday season play – it is their gift to us!