

MLWS News from the Parent Council

November 16, 2016

Hello MLWS Families...

Thanksgiving is approaching, and we are moving into the darker months, the beauty of the Lantern Walk and the Advent Spiral and hustle and bustle of 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.

THANK YOU FOR AN ENCHANTED EVENING!

The Enchanted Walk Committee of the Parent Council would like to express our deep gratitude for the support we received from the parent body, though donations and volunteering, and from the upper grade students who created and participated in the skits. Through all of your efforts, we were able to offer a magical experience to the youngest members of our school community!

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, December 14, 5:00-6:30pm**, and will include a half-hour 'social time' from 6:00-6:30. Please plan to attend or offer time to support our efforts!

CLOTHING SALE UPDATE

The Third Grade had their annual clothing sale Sunday, November 6th. In addition to clothing, shoes, books, games and other donated items, the class ran a bake sale and raffled off two gift baskets. (Congratulations to our winners, Brandi Ascione and Valentine Morales!) The class is proud to have raised a total of \$2,316, all of which will go into their class account for future projects and trips. Many thanks to all of the parents and children who helped bring this event to the greater community!

A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM

From Ms. Gill: The Fifth Grade is in the midst of studying North American geography. We are exploring how the planet sustains us, and how terrain and environment help shape many of our qualities. We have discussed Pangaea, (of ancient Greek origins, meaning, "all the earth"), the seven continents, and finally our home in North America. Drawing detailed maps, and hearing regional accounts, provide insight into our continent's immense diversity. Letter writing will wrap up the block, as children draft their first business letter to state tourism boards.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Sarah Thrall - MLWS Class of 2004. Sarah is a violinist and she currently resides in Lexington, KY. After two summers practicing her craft with the Aspen Music Festival in Aspen, CO, she is now working as the Orchestra Manager for the Lexington Philharmonic. Congratulations!

We are seeking news of other MLWS grads' successes, so if you have any info, please share it so we can print it!

PARENT DIRECTORY UPDATE

You should have received your copy of the 2016/17 Parent Directory by now. If you haven't yet, please email your class teacher to arrange to get yours!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, November 16, 1:30-2:30pm (and each Wednesday until the Winter Faire): Parent Craft Group Join Rosana Workman and make 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 for you. Please see Mrs. Workman to make arrangements.

Monday, November 21, 5:15pm: 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.

Tuesday, November 22, 1:15pm: Thanksgiving Work Share Families and friends are invited to this sampling of the students' work, Grades 1-8, at St. Joseph's Church Hall. (Please note that all children must return to the school with their teachers following the work share!)

SAVE THE DATE...

Saturday, November 19, 10am-noon: Open House

Who do you know who might like to attend?

Friday, December 2, 7pm: 4th & 5th Grade Chorus Concert Benefit concert for Family of New Paltz/Woodstock at the Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, with other acts.

Sunday, December 4: Advent Spiral

4:30pm: K-3rd Grade 6:00pm: 4th-8th Grade

If you have children in both age groups, you are welcome to participate in one Spiral with all of your children!

Sunday, December 11: Winter Faire

Please help spread the word, and see you there!

Tuesday, December 13, 6:30pm: Shepherd's Play

Come out and see the faculty and staff perform in this traditional holiday season play – it is their gift to us!