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Moose News

February 2015



Notes from Mrs. Broaddus

The first semester has come to an end. We are midway through the year. This is the point in the year when academic requirements increase and behavior expectations are moved up a few notches. Teachers are presenting new material and information every day. Requirements for assignments and projects have become more detailed. Students must pay close attention in class and stretch themselves academically.

Report Cards will be sent home on February 4th. Please spend some time reviewing this document with your student. Discuss skills that have been taught in every subject and have your child share some things they have learned so far this year. Please review the section on work habits. If there are concerns, it is important to address this at home as well as at school. Working together we can assure that all students have a successful year!



Kindergarten Registration

This year Kindergarten Registration will begin on March 17th. If you have a child that will be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2015, they are eligible to enroll in Kindergarten. A Kindergarten Survey Is attached to this newsletter. Please complete this form and return it to the school. When Registration packets are available, one will either be sent home with your child or mailed to your home address. Registration packets will be available for pick up here at Mountain View in mid-February. You can also call our office to have a packet mailed to you (540-751-2550).

More information on Kindergarten Registration can be found by going to www.lcps.org – click on Kindergarten under the “Quick Links” section on the right side of the page. If you need information about attendance zones, go to www.lcps.org – click on the check mark for school attendance boundaries at the top right side of the page. If you need more information, please call the school. Please pass this information along to neighbors that do not currently have children at Mountain View, but will be registering for next year’s Kindergarten class.



5th Grade Transition News

Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about sending our 5th graders to middle school. We are beginning to have meetings with Blue Ridge and Harmony to discuss making this transition smooth for everyone.

Here are some important dates to keep on your calendar:

Blue Ridge Middle School

Band and String Tryouts 5:00–7:00PM
Tuesday, March 10th
Wednesday, March 11th
Tuesday, March 17th
Wednesday, April 18th

Parent Information Night 6:30 PM:
Wednesday, March 25th

5th Grade Visit 9:30 AM:
Thursday, June 11th

Harmony Middle School

Band and String Tryouts 7:00 PM
Monday, March 23rd

Parent Information Night 7:00 PM:
Wednesday, March 25th
OR
Thursday, March 26th

5th Grade Visit 9:30 AM:
Thursday, February 12th

Important PTA Reminders for the month of February:

- 🍏 Attend the General PTA Meeting on February 12th at 7 pm in the school's library. Guest speaker, Joey Matthews (President of Loudoun Education Association) will be here to discuss the LCPS budget and how reductions would impact our students and staff.
- 🍏 Help the PTA show our appreciation to our hard working and dedicated Mountain View Staff with a special luncheon on Friday, February 13th. Parent donations will be needed so keep an eye out for the Sign Up Genius Link in the days ahead. Thanks, in advance, for your support!
- 🍏 Plan to attend "Muffins with Moms" on either February 24 or 25th. Look for detailed information about which date you are to join your student(s) in your child(s) folder.
- 🍏 Join our PTA leaders and MTV Staff to advocate for full funding of our school budget at the Board of Supervisors meeting on February 25th at 6 pm in the Loudoun County Government Building (1 Harrison Street SE, Leesburg). Together we can make our voices heard!
- 🍏 Come have fun with your family at "Bingo & Basket Night" on February 27, 2014 (snow date is March 6, 2015) Doors open at 6:15 pm.

And the Winner is...

Our Geography Bee was held on December 19th with fourth and fifth graders competing on stage and answering some pretty tough geography questions. Congratulations to our winners:

1st Place
Patrick Stevenson

2nd Place
Dylan McCabe

3rd Place
Sean Kelican
Hannah Rayburn
Stephen Donches
Pooja Kaushal



Our Spelling Bee was held on January 23rd. Our 1st Place 5th grader will move on to the County Spelling Bee. Congratulations to our winners:

4th Grade:
1st Place - Alexandra Chinn
2nd Place - Ryan Crowson
Ben Leonard
Matthew Harper

5th Grade:
1st Place Logan Johnson
2nd Place Karishma Ruhnke
3rd Place David Hamady
Laura Stark
Pooja Kaushal

Parent Liaison Notes

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our January food drive. We collected 522 items that will help support our Backpack Buddy program. Food contributions are always welcome in the blue box outside Room 23. I am especially looking for the following items:

Shelf Milk -individual boxes/bottles, 100% Juice Boxes/Pouches, Cereal (Single Serving Boxes), Instant Oatmeal Packets, Cups or cans of Ravioli, Beefaroni or Spaghetti, Cans or pouches of Meat (Tuna or Chicken), Macaroni and Cheese, Canned/Cups of Soup, Granola or Cereal Bars, and/or Cans/cups of fruit.

Gifts cards to grocery stores are also welcome. If you would like to help pack the bags for the Backpack Buddy program on Fridays, please contact me.

I help parents with everything from clothing and school supplies to money for rent and utilities. If there is anything I can do for you, please let me know. You can call me at school, 540-751-2550, or email me at heidi.renner@lcps.org.

PTA Corner

Lorraine Hightower, President
Mountain View Elementary's PTA



Bingo & Basket Night! On February 27, 2015, the PTA will host the ever popular annual Bingo & Basket Night! Plan to bring your family out for this exciting evening of pizza, concessions by our 5th Grade, bingo games, prizes and a nail biting classroom basket raffle!! For those of you who are new to our school, each classroom assembles a wonderful themed "Gift Basket" soon to be on display. The PTA will sell Raffle Tickets before school during the week leading up to Bingo Night as well as the night of the event. Then, on February 27th, in between our seven bingo games, the winners of each gift basket will be announced. Of course we will also have prizes for the winners of our bingo games as well! This year's bingo proceeds will go towards new assemblies, new academic challenges, author visits, field trips, the educational grant program and fun family events like a new Spring Carnival! The PTA heartily thanks all of our **Room Parents, families, staff, Veronica King** (PTA Vice President, Fundraising) and **Kathleen Callihan** (PTA Raffle Basket Coordinator) for their time, hard work and donations in creating AMAZING classroom raffle baskets! This will be a night you won't want to miss!

Advocating for our children: Many people are surprised to learn that the National PTA is our nation's oldest and largest child advocacy group. **The overall purpose of the PTA is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.** What does this mean for Mountain View? As PTA members, it is our duty to support and speak on behalf of children and youth in our schools, the community and before governmental bodies that make decisions affecting all children. Between now and late March, the Loudoun County School Board and Loudoun County Board of Supervisors will be making decisions on the 2015-16 school budget that will impact Mountain View's staff and children. If funding for full day kindergarten, reduced class sizes, competitive staff compensation, reinstatement of summer school and technology advancements are important to you, I hope you will join me in contacting the School Board and the Board of Supervisors in support of a FY16 tax rate that provides for an excellent public education, rather than setting an equalized tax rate which will result in insufficient funding for Loudoun County Public Schools. Parents and staff can also attend the Board of Supervisors budget public hearing on February 25th at 6 pm to share their thoughts in person. The proposed budget schedule is available at www.loudoun.gov. While many of us would prefer no increase in our property taxes, the bottom line is that lower taxes equal lower school services for our children and staff. Even though your time may be limited, we need your involvement to make a difference ~ please take a minute to write a letter, send an email or make a phone call. Contact information for our School Board is available at www.loudoun.k12.va.us/Page/1629 and for the Board of Supervisors at www.loudoun.gov.

PTA Nominating Committee: It is time to start thinking about the election of next year's PTA Board. The PTA Nominating Committee is a special committee responsible for establishing a slate of candidates for the 2015-16 school year. Positions include: President, Vice President-Family Engagement, Vice President-Fundraising, Treasurer and Secretary. The PTA is requesting volunteers to participate on this committee in March and April. Our bylaws require that interested individuals be members of our Parent Teacher Association. If you are willing to serve our organization in this way, please contact me directly at mtvptapres@gmail.com. Formal PTA elections will take place at the May 20th General PTA Meeting and additional nominations will also be taken from the floor. The future of our PTA will be determined by the leadership qualities and people skills of the candidates selected by the Nominating Committee so we hope you will get involved in this important effort! We thank you, in advance, for your willingness to serve our PTA.

Happy Valentine's Day - February 14th

As Valentine's Day approaches, please remember that we do not bring food in for other students. It is important for parents to understand that candy brought to school by students, including candy attached to Valentine's Day cards, will be returned to the parent. Please just send in Valentine's Day cards only. Thank you for your cooperation



Dates to Remember

February 4	Report Cards Sent Home PTA Board Meeting 10:00 AM
February 9	Chat and Chew Week Begins Week for 2 nd Grade COGAT Testing WordMasters Challenge
February 12	5 th Grade Visit to Harmony Middle 9:30 AM PTA Meeting – Joey Matthews Guest Speaker 7:00 PM
February 16	No School – Presidents' Day
February 20	Follow Monday's Schedule Spirit Day – Dress like a Cartoon Character
February 23	Club Picture Day
February 25	Interims Sent Home
February 27	PTA Bingo Basket Night



SEARCH News

Several Gifted Information Sessions are planned for February. Please join us to learn about gifted education services available through Loudoun County Public Schools and the eligibility process for these programs. The same information will be presented at each of the meetings, so it is not necessary to attend more than one. This information was also shared during our Fall 2014 sessions. It is not necessary to attend if you attended a presentation in the fall. Additionally, the presentation slideshow may be viewed on the LCPS Gifted webpage. The Information Sessions are scheduled as follows:

- CREIGHTON'S CORNER ES
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH
7:00-8:00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM
- MOOREFIELD STATION ES
CAFETERIA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH
8:30-9:30 AM
DOORS OPEN AT 8:15 AM
- HARMONY MS
AUDITORIUM
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD
7:00-8:00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM
- COUNTRYSIDE ES
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH
7:00-8:00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM

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