

ELEMENTARY FOCUS FOR PARENTS

November 6, 2009

FROM LISA BROCK, THE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL

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Elementary Happenings

Congratulations to our Elementary Football Teams!!!



All of our teams had a winning season this year, but I want to especially congratulate our Division I and II teams for placing 2nd this year! They played hard in their championship games on Saturday, and we are very proud of all of them! We are proud of our cheerleaders for the good job they did as well.

I also want to thank all the parents and coaches for volunteering their time to make this season such a success. This league couldn't be run without you!

MTC "School" really starts in Preschool!

Did you know that our Pre-K teachers have detailed lesson plans just like the other grades? They do so much teaching to our youngest cougars every day through numerous activities and discussions. In addition, our resident "Letter Lady", Mary Lou West, does activities coordinated with their Scott Foresman Language Arts Curriculum twice a week with each class. Most of the students are reading words before ever leaving Preschool. But it doesn't start there...

Our PK-3 students are learning many, many things as well! Donna Massa's students were matching pictures of baby & mama animals, finding that many don't look the same since they change a lot as they grow up, such as tadpoles and baby chicks!

Renee Taylor's PK-3 students pretended to hibernate in caves (tents) and now know that animals must eat a lot beforehand and that the heart slows down as well.

Jenny Fraser's PK-3 darlings made spiders out of the number 8 cutouts. They just added the eight legs and wiggly eyes to make their "8 spiders."

Keshia Pappas had her PK-3 students picking up nine pieces of manna (cotton balls) like the Israelites to remind them to not get too little or too much or it would get "yucky!" Of course, they were practicing counting to nine as well!

Paperless Friday Letters

coming in January!! (see back)

If you have not activated your online MTCS Edline account, please do so ASAP. We plan to use Edline to send out Friday Letters, the Parent Focus, and other communication from the school beginning January 2010.

ATTENTION, PLEASE!

If your child stays home from school due to illness, then the child is NOT to participate in afterschool activities and events that same day, on or off campus.
Thanks for your help in this!



VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

We have several parents, grandparents, and friends associated with MTCS either serving in the military now or have served in the past. We greatly appreciate the sacrifice these men and women made for our country and for us. We want our students to also appreciate what has been done for them. That's why we take the time to celebrate Veterans Day at MTCS. Please join us on NOV. 11.



Hall of Famers

10/5 K - Graham
10/12 3 - Richardson
10/26 TK- Lykins

Lunch Bunch

10/5 Kindergarten
10/12 3rd Grade
10/26 6th Grade

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◆ NOV 11 -- Veterans Day Program, 9:30 AM @ Kingwood
- ◆ NOV 11-24 - Food Drive
- ◆ NOV 18 - 1/2 Day
- ◆ NOV 19 - PK Feast
- ◆ NOV 21-22 - Elem/JrH Play, *Cinderella*
- ◆ NOV 25-27 - Thanksgiving Break
- ◆ DEC 9 - 5th grade DARE Graduation
- ◆ DEC 16 - PK-6th Grandparents Day, 8:30 AM in the big gym
- ◆ DEC 16-18 - 1/2 Days
- ◆ DEC 21-JAN 1 - Christmas Break

Jon Holland is the husband of Mrs. Judy, one of our PK teachers. He has just returned to Afghanistan to complete his tour of duty there. Please keep him and his family in your prayers while he is gone. I realize that there are many others also serving in dangerous locations. I ask that you keep them all in your prayers. It is an amazing sacrifice. To God be the glory.
- Lisa Brock

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IMPORTANT!!!! MUST READ!!!!

Dear Parents,

We are asking every parent to **activate their online Edline account at MTCS by November 30, 2009**. We feel we can better communicate with parents in a more timely and cost effective way by taking advantage of the technology available. We plan to reduce the amount of paper that goes home in the form of Friday Letters, the Parent Focus, memos, and other information by sending these items via email or by posting them on the student's class Edline page effective January 1, 2010. We would greatly appreciate your help in this process by activating your account by the November 30 date so we can do some trial messages to be sure it runs smoothly and work out any problems that may arise before the first of January.

We realize that you must have access to the internet and have an email address in order to activate your account and check it regularly. *If you do not have this access, please let your child's teacher know by November 30.* We will continue to send home printed copies of all information to parents **who inform us** that they are unable to activate and use their Edline accounts.

If you have not activated your Edline account, we have attached your activation code so you may proceed with the process. Simply go to our website at www.mtcsougars.org and click on the Edline icon on the MTCS homepage. Then, click on "activate an account" to get started. Be sure to use the activation code given beside your name, NOT beside your child's. *OR...If you have an Edline account but have changed your email address since you activated the account or have forgotten your password, you will be prompted what to do as well. Remember to use an email address that you check regularly.* Let us know if you need help!

Thanks so much for your cooperation! We feel this will improve our communication with you and save resources as well.

In Him,
Lisa Brock