

The Growing Edge

Your Midland Christian School Weekly News Source
Friday, October 26, 2007

- ⇒ **WHO'S WHO DIRECTORY:** Our 2007-2008 MCS phone and address book called the "Who's Who Directory" is now ready for distribution. Copies were sent home one per family this past week and additional copies are available in the school office if you should need another. Thank you for using this information only for school purposes.
- ⇒ **SCHOOL AUCTION:** The MCS Benefit Auction is set for Friday, Nov. 9th. There are many ways your family can be involved. Please stop by the school office and sign up for one of these opportunities:
- More donations are still needed for items valued at \$25 or more. A donation form is attached.
 - More helpers are needed for a variety of jobs, such as calling business donors, picking up donations, serving concessions, setup and clean up on auction day.
 - Poster advertisements and postcard invitations are being sent home today with each family. Please help us by passing these out to your friends, neighbors, and relatives or by putting them up in places you frequently go in the community.
 - Adult and secondary student helpers are needed for help with Food Service at the auction. Please complete the attached sign up form to let Greg Stewart know that you can help.
 - Childcare is being provided at the auction for children ages 3yrs. - 6th grade. If you will need childcare, please register your children no later than Nov. 7th in the school office or by calling 835-9881.
- ⇒ **BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP:** The 2007 Boys Basketball Camp will be held at MCS on Fri., Nov. 2nd, and Sat., Nov. 3rd. This is an overnight event and all boys (grades 6-12) interested in playing basketball this winter are expected to attend. There is a \$25 fee for this event. Players must have a physical examination in order to participate. A schedule of events will be available soon. Coach Campbell is looking for parent volunteers to help with preparing/serving meals and snacks. Please contact him if you are willing to help at 878-0384 or by email at diamond2b@chartermi.net. Parents, please note that the overnight camp will begin immediately after school on Friday and will end at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. There will be a parent/player meeting at 6:00 p.m. Friday evening. Parents are welcome to stay after the meeting for dinner and a movie. We will be having nachos for dinner. Prior to camp, the Varsity (grades 9-12) will meet at a local store to purchase matching shoes. Players will be notified of the place and time with as much notice as possible. Please do not purchase shoes separately. JV players may join the Varsity in the shoe purchase at their parents' discretion. Every effort is made to get the best quality shoe at the most competitive price.

- ⇒ ***HEARING AND VISION SCREENING:*** On Wed., Oct. 31st, all Preschool children will receive hearing and vision screening. Preschool parents should have received a form to complete and return to the school before the screening as well as a card with which to practice with their child.
- ⇒ ***STUDENT STATESMANSHIP INSTITUTE:*** Our high school students will be joined by students from the area Home School Association and Calvary Baptist Academy next Wednesday and Thursday for dynamic sessions on Christian worldview, leadership, debate and communications, and culminating in a Mock Legislature on Thursday evening. Other dignitaries joining us for this will be State Representatives John Moolenaar and Bill Caul, former State Representative James McNutt, and County Commissioner Jim Stamas. Parents are welcome to attend any of the daily sessions at MCS on Wednesday or Thursday, and are especially encouraged to attend the Mock Legislature on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Academy.
- ⇒ ***YOUR HELP DOES HELP!*** Parent Auxiliary does many things to raise money for the school (like the Book Fair we just had). They use that money to purchase items for the teachers that the budget doesn't cover. Some fundraisers don't cost money but just take a little time, like tearing off a label or box top! The following is a summary of the various ways you can help the Parent Auxiliary earn money for our teachers:
- ***Campbell's Labels:*** Collect labels from any Campbell's product and put them in the white, three-drawer unit outside of the school office. Other eligible labels include brand names like Prego, Franco American, Pepperidge Farm, V-8, Swanson, and Pace.
 - ***Cartridges for Kids:*** Turn in OLD or EMPTY computer ink or toner cartridges, cell phones, digital cameras, video games, PDA's, IPOD's, laptops, or video game systems and their accessories. These can be put into the white, three-drawer unit outside the school office.
 - ***General Mills Boxtops:*** Remove the "Box Top for Education" from all General Mills products like cereal, granola bars, and fruit chewies, as well as Ziploc and Kleenex brands. These can be put into the white, three-drawer unit outside the school office.
 - ***Glen's Market:*** During the following weeks you can shop at Glen's Market and use our school code 88878, and MCS will receive 3% from your purchase – Oct.26-Nov.3 and Nov.25-Dec.1.
 - ***Gordon Food Service (GFS):*** Sign up for a Fun Funds card at the store and designate MCS as your school. We will receive 10% on applicable purchases each month.
 - ***Target:*** When you apply for a Target charge card, you can designate MCS on your application so that we will receive funds.