

The Growing Edge

Your Midland Christian School Weekly News Source
Friday, November 2, 2007

⇒ **PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES ARE THURSDAY FROM 3-8 P.M.** This Thursday, Nov. 8th, is a very important day for all parents to come to school to meet with your child(ren)'s teacher(s) and pick up their first marking period Report Card. **Preschool and Elementary parents should stop by the school office prior to Thursday to sign up for a conference time.** Secondary parents will meet with teachers in the Gym on Thursday on a first-come, first-served basis. Preschool and Elementary Report Cards will be given out at conference time in your child's classroom. Secondary Report Cards will be arranged alphabetically by parent name on a table in the Gym in sealed envelopes to be picked up at conference time. Please call the school office at 835-9881 if you have any questions. **AND REMEMBER, THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY, NOV. 9TH!!**

⇒ **MCS BENEFIT AUCTION IS FRIDAY:** We hope all parents and older students will take time to come to the MCS Benefit Auction on Friday, Nov. 9th. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. with a delicious BBQ meal (\$6 for sandwich, chips, dessert and drink), provided by Bone Daddy's Restaurant. Take time to browse the Auction items to be ready for the bidding at 6:30 p.m. There are many ways your family can be involved and it is not too late to sign up for one of these opportunities:

- There is an **URGENT NEED** for helpers next week to categorize donations, put together the bidding sheets, and prepare the Auction Booklet. Helpers are also needed to call business donors, pick up donations, serve concessions, and setup and clean up before and after the Auction. Please stop by the office or call us at 835-9881 to volunteer.
- New or gently used donations for items valued at \$25 or more can still be made. Please use the donation form that is attached. Additional donation forms are available in the office.
- Please put up the Auction posters in the community and invite your friends, neighbors, and relatives by passing out the postcard invitations that were sent to you last week. Feel free to make more copies or come by the office to pick up additional copies if you need them.
- Adult and secondary student helpers are still needed to help with Food Service at the Auction. Please let Greg Stewart know if you can help in this way by calling him at 600-5708.
- Childcare is provided at the Auction for children ages 3yrs. - 6th grade. If you need childcare, please register your children by Wed., Nov. 7th, in the school office by calling 835-9881.

⇒ **FALL SPORTS BANQUET REMINDER:** Volleyball and Soccer parents and students are invited to a Sports Banquet on Tuesday, Nov. 13th, at 6:00 p.m. This is a potluck affair and will be held in the cafeteria followed by an awards ceremony in the gym. Each family should bring a main dish and Boy athletes should bring a salad and Girl athletes should bring a dessert.

⇒ ***MCS Girl's Basketball Practice Begins on Monday:*** Girl's Basketball practice will begin on Monday, Nov. 5th from 2:45 to 4:15 p.m. All girls in grades 6-12 who are interested in playing should plan on attending this first practice. Practice will be held Monday through Friday until the season starts on Tuesday, Nov. 27th. Game nights will (generally) be on Tuesday and Friday nights with practices on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday after that. A schedule of games and more information about girl's basketball will be distributed when practice begins. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Coach Chris Paytas at 708-0586.

⇒ ***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.