

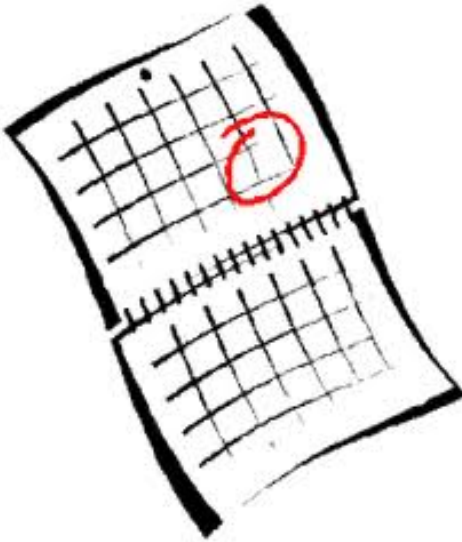
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DATES TO REMEMBER:



JANUARY

- 19TH Meet the Masters Assembly (Tracks A, B, & C)
- 30TH-FEB 3RD Box Tops Contest (Tracks A & C)

FEBRUARY

- 8TH Tae Kwon Do Session #1 4:00PM
- 9TH Meet the Masters Assembly (Tracks A, B, & D)
- 10TH Tae Kwon Do Session #2 2:00PM
- 12TH-18TH PTA Take Your Family to School Week
- 13TH-17TH Box Tops Contest (Tracks B and D)
- 15TH Tae Kwon Do Session #3 4:00PM
- 17TH Tae Kwon Do Session #4 4:00PM
- 23RD-29TH Literacy Week
- 22ND-23RD Parent Teacher Conferences (Tracks A & B)
- 22ND-23RD Book Fair
- 25TH Tae Kwon Do Graduation

MEET THE MASTERS

Our Meet the Masters art program has had a successful first half, just finishing our studies of M.C Escher. Earlier this year your children learned about Vincent VanGogh and Impressionist artists Claude Monet and Mary Casatt. To give you a little background on why we do the Meet the Masters program, (besides the obvious art education for our children), it is allowing the teachers to meet twice a month to collaborate and come up with ways to improve our children's education. Many thanks to the parent volunteers who make this program a success. If you are interested in helping in your child's classroom please contact your student's teacher. These are the classrooms that still need volunteers, please contact your teacher if you are able to help (no art background is needed, I promise):

Miss Timothy
Miss Kegel
Mrs Champion

Thanks, Becky Cragun

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our amazing volunteers!
We so appreciate you!

BOX TOPS AND CAMPBELL'S LABELS CONTEST

Upcoming Box Tops/Campbell's contest dates: The top 4 classes will win \$50 to spend at Oriental Trading on arts and crafts supplies.

January 30th - February 3rd A and C tracks
February 13th - February 17th B and D tracks

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BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair Committee would like to thank all the parents, students, teachers, and volunteers for helping make the fall book fair a big success! It is our goal to enable students to have greater access to books. We do this by offering great prices and selection, and giving books as prizes during the fair. We also participate in a program offered by Scholastic Books, called "One for Books".

We asked the students to donate loose change for "One for Books". The money brought in by our students stays in our school, and the teachers can use it to buy classroom books at the book fair. We report to Scholastic Books how much we raised at our school, and they in turn will donate one book, for every dollar that we raised, to charity. Drum roll please....MVE students donated \$1,303.42 to "One for Books". That is \$1,303.42 worth of books that went to MVE classrooms, and 1,303 books that were given to charity! Thank you for supporting

this great program and helping us to meet our goal of providing books for children.

ROAD TO SUCCESS

Congratulations Austin Hinds! You were the first winner this year to win a bike from the Ken Garff Road to Success reading program. We will give away 3 more through out the year to those that read and we will have 4 bikes at the reading rally in June! You get 1 ticket for every 5 days you read and 2 tickets for every 7 days you read. We are encouraging daily reading habits. It is getting dark early, so cuddle up and start your new adventure today! Where will your next book take you?

Just a reminder that Thomas R. Williams, the author of *The Adventures of Dod* will come to do a meet and greet assembly with all the 4th 5th and 6th graders in January! The author generously gave all of our upper grades a free copy of his book through the Road to Success Literacy Program. We are excited for him to come and visit our school!

REFLECTIONS

Congratulations to the following students for receiving awards for reflections:

3-D

Medal: Austin Jensen, Sammie Bronson, Jake Sexton, Allison Argueta, and Adysen Larsen

Principal's Choice: Luke Dalton and Kaitlyn Fjeldsted

Honorable Mention: Emmily Smith, Emry Thomas, Laurel Dalton, Gustavo Estrada, Bosten Cromar, Malia Hansen, and Karli Frank

DANCE

Medal: Madelyn Fowlks, Tyler Newbold, and Macie Fowlks

FILM

Medal: Nicholas Romrell, Savannah Weidner, Heidi Andersen, and Jacob McBride

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LITERATURE

Medal: Tyler Rock, Brooklyn Mackay, Ashlee Kammeyer, Sarrah Ballif, and Tyler Sorenson

Principal's Choice: Rachel Thompson and Jacob McBride

Honorable Mention: Luke England, Trisha Teeples, Ellie Sandstrom, Rachael Matthews, Baylee Reid, and McKenna Fieldsted

MUSIC

Medal: Rachel Thompson, Hope Matsouri, Laurel Dalton, Jamin Thompson, and Taylor Johansen

PHOTOGRAPHY

Medal: Ethan Beckman, Zoie Andersen, Chelsea Ottley, Marlie Anderson, and Aeryn Gebhardt

Principal's Choice: Chloe Shoell, Hayley Davidson, and Gracie Shoell

Honorable Mention: Kali Koncurat, Keegan Dredge, Don Fairholm, Colton Casey, and Katlyn Atwood

THEATRE

Medal: Spencer Johansen

VISUAL ARTS

Medal: Katelyn Matthews, Lilee Kammeyer, Rachel Silver, Sarrah Ballif, and Abigail Nielson

Principal's Choice: Dalton Hymas, Rachael Matthews, and Jordyn Thiede

Honorable Mention: Tehya Parker, Brooklyn Mackay, Sammie Bronson, Abigale Jaeckel, Kate Sorenson, Jadon Hall, Jake Dredge, Cameron Koncurat, Ashlee Kammeyer, Parker Jaeckel, Annie Anderson, Kayden Atwood, Brinkley Mason, and Spencer Packer

Students of the Month

SEPTEMBER

1ST GRADE

Colby Mcomie
Brooklyn Wilford
Grace Stalker
Evelyn Sharp

2ND GRADE

Ayvri Peterson
Audrey Coates
Erin Kirkham
Chloe Latu
Diana Watson

3RD GRADE

Arissa Cooper
Eliza Roberts
Cameryn Nielson
Don Fairholm
Blake Fairholm

4TH GRADE

Dalton Snow
Cole VanCott
Owen Kirby

5TH GRADE

Morgan Harvy
Cade Pack

6TH GRADE

Britton Williams
Gracie Shoell
Adyson Greene
Jason Lyman

OCTOBER

1ST GRADE

Cole Nugent
Miriam Ehlers
Samuel Roberts
Jared Nielson

2ND GRADE

Emma Timothy
Chase
Christiansen
Sierra Lichtie

3RD GRADE

Peyton Haycock
Zack Robinson
Tyson Bennett
Nick Wallace

4TH GRADE

Michael
Thomspon
Marli Anderson

5TH GRADE

Allison Argueta
Abby Dilley
Thomas Pulley

6TH GRADE

Derek Soffe
Hunter Cross
Corbin Anderson

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NOVEMBER

1ST GRADE

Peyton Sorenson
Rylie Keetch
Katelyn Matthews

2ND GRADE

Thomas Lichfield
Carson Howard
Sarah Stewart
Laurel Dalton
Treydon Robison
Caleb Nance

3RD GRADE

Bryson Watkins
Megan Murphy
Jarret Kemp
Lauren Davis
Brady Nelson

4TH GRADE

Alex Cragun
Heidi Andersen
Emma Jack

5TH GRADE

Brynn Kirkham
Caleb Youlton
Zac Thomsen
Ashley Pettit
Rachel VanCott

6TH GRADE

Emma Brooks
Jared Harmer
Adysen Larsen
Whitney Park
Jason Lyman

Stacey's Mothering Moments

"Mom, can I have chocolate cocoa?" My two year old asks with her big blue eyes begging in a way that will only produce a positive answer.

I sigh and before I can even breathe out a yes, the children are making a beeline for the kitchen. Their joy at the prospect of "chocolate cocoa" checks my bad attitude and I try to forget the mess they will inevitably make.

To be perfectly honest, I wasn't looking forward to the holidays this year. I know, call me Scrooge. I just wasn't looking forward to the busy season and all the money spending and how quickly it flies by. But I decided to put my inner-Scrooge aside and attempt to find joy in the season by doing a few little things.

And that's how the hot chocolate station was born. Our mugs, hot chocolate flavors and chocolate-dipped plastic spoons all reside on the counter in their own special place. I thought this might be a way to enjoy the spirit of the season. The kids have decided that after dinner is the perfect time for hot chocolate and it has become a nightly ritual.

My two-year old sits at the counter, patiently waiting for me to finish stirring her "chocolate cocoa". I take note of her clean shirt and tell my inner-Scrooge to be quiet. A dirty shirt is worth a few moments of total happiness.

Stacey Meservy blogs at www.staceysmotheringmoments.com