

March 21, 2011

Dear Parents,

I see the signs of Spring trying to nudge through the ground and on the trees—I think the flowers are trying to tell us that they are ready to bloom—and I for one am ready for them...This is the first year in a long time that I “love” that **Groundhog** and his shadow prediction—

Our **lost n’ found** is overflowing with unmarked uniforms, coats, shoes and other personal items. Please check the table in the gym out and claim any missing items...the table will be cleared on Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> and items donated to SERVE.

Our **Science Fair** was a great display of hard work from our students. Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes did experiments within their classrooms and presented a display board. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students did a great job with their “shoebox experiments”. 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade presented an amazing array of different categories for their projects. I am happy to announce that this year for the first time, we have a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, **Kyle Harris** and a 6<sup>th</sup> grader, **Jacob Bell**, going to the County Regional Science Fair in April. Many thanks to our judges for their time, effort, and constructive comments on this event.

The **Book Fair** was very successful—It is one of my favorite events since I love to read and watch students choosing new books to read. Clifford visited on Dr. Seuss’s Birthday and gave out ice cream and then came back to the evening event to greet families as they shopped. This profit will help enhance our AR Program.

The **Step-Up Program** held on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> was a very informative evening with every classroom full of parents wanting to see what was required of their children in the next year. Some classes had standing room only as I rotated around the building. If you still have questions or concerns please let me know as registration have been steadily coming in since that evening. Some classes are almost full—Remember teacher’s requests will only be taken until Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Our **ITBS Creative Writing** Component of the testing took place the week of March 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. This was an evaluation of the writing skills that the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders have been working on since 1<sup>st</sup> grade—we are confident that our students will do very well! The main part of the ITBS Testing will be held the week of April 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> and the week of April 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. Those weeks it is critical for all students to be present, on time each morning, well rested and have eaten breakfast. More information to follow on these important weeks.

**Welcome** to our new Music Teacher **Mrs. Harrell**. After much prayers and consideration Mrs. Bartholomew needed to leave her position at MCS to take care of some serious medical issues. We wish her well and will keep her in our prayers. Mrs. Harrell comes to us with years of experience teaching and singing—production and music design are some of her gifts. I know you will hear wonderful things about what the students are doing in Music class.

We hope that all families have been able to attend some or all our **Family Monthly events**. Our Family Movie Night movie **MegaMind** was very popular and showed that doing the right thing is important. Our family event in April will be our **Talent Show** on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mark your calendar for these important events:

### **March**

- 25 Irish/Greek Cultural Event- 1 – 3 PM... come learn more about these wonderful cultures
- 29 Parent Meeting- 7 PM...2<sup>nd</sup> grade performs...ALL WELCOME

### **April**

- 4-8 ITBS Testing-1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- 8 End of grading period
- 9 Open House-11 AM -1 PM
- 11-13 Cogat Testing- 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> grades
- 15 Easter Parties- 12 – 3 PM
- 18-22 Easter Break (School Closed-Extended Care Open)
- 28 Spring pictures
- 29 Talent Show

**\*\*\*Graduation-June 9, 2011- 7 PM-Assembly of God\*\*\***

As always—I am here for all of you—Please call or come by to see me if you have questions or concerns.

Very Sincerely,

Linda Bare

Principal