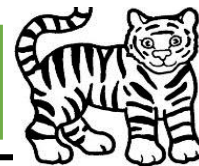




The MSMS Messenger



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Save the Date! September/October 2016

September

- 23 Morning Meeting 8:30am in cafeteria
- 29 Grades K and 1 to Applecrest Orchard

October

- 3-7 October Break
- 10 No School Columbus Day
- 14 Outdoor Movie Night (*Info to follow*)
- 17 Information Night for Nature's Info Night
- 17 PTA 6:00 pm childcare provided
- 19 Early Release 1:15 dismissal
- 21 Parent Talk 9:00 am following MM.

Nature's Classroom

Students in grades 4 and 5 will be attending Nature's Classroom beginning April 17 for four days and three nights. This year the students will be attending the environmental camp at the Groton, MA location.

<http://www.naturesclassroom.org/Groton.htm>

MSMS students attended Nature's Classroom in the spring of 2015 and most of the students identified this trip as the highlight of their elementary career. As in the past, the classroom teachers will work closely with the camp to ensure that the MSMS curriculum needs are being met. The cost of the trip is not yet exact, but it is approximately 260.00. Some fundraising will be done, the first being a wreath sale. All money earned from this sale goes directly to the individual student account.

Nature's Classroom Information Night
Save the date: October 17

Guidance Spotlight- September Christie Stokel

Hello Families! Over the last few weeks I have had the opportunity to get into most classrooms to begin teaching lessons that help support and reinforce the White Tiger Ways: Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Responsible, and Persevere. Lessons this year will look at topics such as empathy, understanding and recognizing emotions in ourselves and others, conflict resolution, managing anger, friendship skills, healthy coping strategies, and good decision making.

The focus over the last month has been on perseverance and the importance of not giving up even if things are hard. In the lower school we reviewed different feelings and emotions and discussed how it's really hard to persevere when we are not feeling our best, but it's important to keep going. In fourth grade we talked about growth vs. fixed mindset and I plan to introduce this concept in fifth grade as well.

Topics for the coming weeks: Social Responsibility Skills for responding to problem behavior. This will include the common language "Stop", "Walk", "Talk".

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September 20, 2016

Dear Families:

Thank you all so much for the amazing support you give your children, the staff and this school. It seems as if it was yesterday the children were getting off the busses, or walking hand in hand with families up to the front door of MSMS to begin the 16/17 school year and now we are a week away from our October break!

It has been an extremely busy seven weeks. Families worked so hard on the Grandparent Luncheon and the annual yard sale. Both events were huge successes.

We began the school year by focusing on relationships. Students in the upper school were paired with lower school students for Boundless Exploration the first three weeks of school. It really brings joy to my heart as I see the younger students run to their big buddies to share an important event from their day. Fifth grade students have been helping at the lower school lunch and they have also forged reading buddy relationships with their young friends.

Our staff, through looping or by having mixed age groups in PBL and Boundless Exploration, has developed relationships with all of the students. We are MSMS teachers, whole school teachers, not grade level teachers. We are invested in your children and we are always trying to find ways to improve what we do to make learning better for your children. We are all learners at MSMS.

Each and every day we work on the basics of education, reading, writing and mathematics. Through PBL students are able to apply the skills learned to real life projects. The projects allow the children to collaborate and communicate with each other. The children are engaged in their learning.

This year we will encourage all students to attend Report Card Conferences with their families. Our goal is for our students to be empowered learners.

As we continue our journey in learning I know that we will experience an amazing year together.

My Best,

Robin