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Executive Director's Message

Celebrate Learning! We are so excited to begin this school year with our attention on celebrating individual students' effort and perseverance in the classroom, as well as in character development. You have chosen MITCH because you want excellent opportunities for your children; the best way to share the importance of learning with students is to practice celebrating the daily accomplishments along the way! We are proactively looking for opportunities to celebrate with the children their learning in and out of the classroom. Student attendance, parent volunteering, or safety in carline – and many other activities -- may seem like disparate elements of the school day, but each feature is critical to building and growing a strong community that celebrates learning.

Melissa Meyer

Parent Support Organization

Welcome to our new year and our new Parent Support Organization (PSO). We are off to a great start and I want to say thank you to all of the volunteers that have taken time to help the school in a variety of ways. As of 9/16 volunteer hours were at 252 hours!! I would like to thank a few volunteers that have hit milestones already the first week of school. Beth Hudson, Deanna Mainerich and Gary Mainerich have all reached over 25 volunteer hours.

As the president of the PSO there are three things that I would like MITCH parents and guardians to know:

1. There are tasks both large and small so know that if you are available you can contribute something meaningful to our school.
2. Effective communication is the key to holding a group together. These days it is not only the words that you say, but how you contact members of your group (email, text, Facebook, etc.) that is important. It is difficult to get a job done if you do not understand what is expected of you or do not receive the message. The PSO does not want to overload you with emails so look for one email a week with the highlights. Links to upcoming events and fundraisers will also be on our webpage at www.mitchpso.org.
3. Community is especially important during school, and parents as well as students can benefit from these connections. Besides school pride, hopefully you will develop relationships with other parents. The PSO wants to celebrate the group's accomplishments because we can't do this without all of you.

We will be hosting our first MITCH PSO & Muffins on September 28th at 8:30 AM for all new parents. The social will be limited to 20 due to space. If you would like to attend please RSVP at <http://evite.me/T19s2SdtfE> or contact me.

Feel free to reach out to us with any questions you may have.

Renea Ostermiller
PSO President
president@mitchpso.org

From the Board Chair

On behalf of the Board, welcome to new and returning students, families and teachers!

I would like to welcome our new Board members Don Zinter (Treasurer), Caitlin Blood, Carrie Carlson, Ian Gordon-Knight and Brittany Leonard as well as welcome back returning Directors Jason Holland (Secretary), Christa Griffiths, and Jody Blakely. We look forward to meeting you at work sessions, board meetings, and school events.

For the first time in MITCH's history, a majority of our Directors do not have a student enrolled at MITCH. This is exciting because it demonstrates our community's commitment to and investment in MITCH's continued successes and long term viability. We will draw on their expertise and enthusiasm as we overcome the challenges of below expected enrollment for 2015-16, bridging the 50 % gap between the funds MITCH receives from TTSD compared to the funding traditional TTSD schools receive, and ensuring that Mrs. Meyer, Ms. MacLean, and Mrs. Ottley have what they need to be sure our students and teachers thrive.

My vision for the Board is that we make timely and responsible decisions to ensure that Mrs. Meyer and her team have the tools and support they need to meet our charter, stay on track for charter renewal in 2018 and grow the MITCH brand. This vision supports the goals set forth in our strategic plan:

- continuously improve student learning and achievement;
- optimize strategic operational and financial sustainability;
- enhance staff development and retention; and
- increase our community connection and commitment

Any actions we take will be in for the express purpose of achieving these goals.

While 2018 sounds far off, it is not. Work has already begun on charter renewal activities. To facilitate these activities, the Board recognizes the need for four on-going committees: finance; academic excellence; facilities; and governance. The finance committee has been functioning for some time and the Directors will shortly establish the other three committees. We invite and welcome your participation on any of the committees.

We look forward to partnering with the newly formed PSO and its president, Renea Ostermiller. We also look forward to some fundraising of our own in the form of the MITCH 100 Golf Marathon! The event will take place at Charbonneau Golf Course June 4, 2016. You will be hearing more about our progress over the coming months.

In the meantime, I hope you are settling into the routines of fall nicely. Please feel free to e-mail me at dcapodacqua@mitchcharterschool.org with any questions.

All the best, Donna Capodacqua

Student Leadership

2015-2016 is starting out wonderfully, and Student Leadership is excited to be a part of it! By the time this is published, our new Student Leadership members will have joined (and, presumably, gotten right to work)!

We had many incumbent members, including graduated students that came back over the summer to help with getting things prepped for the beginning of the school year. We are always impressed by and thankful for these hardworking kiddos.

The Student Leadership has a lot coming up this school year, so be on the lookout for more updates from one of our members. Until then, thank you for your support and involvement!

For Student Leadership,
Mrs. Johnson

Here is a summary of what is on the school calendar at date of publishing.
Items can also be seen at mitcharterschool.org.

October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6 Picture Day PSO Meeting 6:30pm	7	8	9 MITCH Marathon (during school)	10
11	12	13	14	15 Board Meeting 7pm	16	17
18	19	20 Pizzacato Restaurant Night	21	22	23 No School parent conferences	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 No School inservice day	31