



# M.I.T.C.H.

*Fox Flyer*

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## Director's Message

### **DECEMBER ACTIVITIES**

There are many class events and field trips planned for December – Core Knowledge Class Celebrations in first and second grades, middle school field trips to the Oregon Historical Society, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Poetry Cafe at Rolling Hills, OMSI in-class visits and so much more!

Please be sure to read your teacher's weekly newsletter and watch the school calendar to stay up-to-date!

### **SCHOOL LUNCHES**

We have a new lunch vendor beginning January 4<sup>th</sup>! Applebee's offers a chicken quesadilla with a vegetable.

Be sure to order all of your January lunches between **December 5<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>** at [orderlunches.com](http://orderlunches.com).

A copy of the January menu is included at the end of this newsletter.

### **STUDENT SAFETY**

A new security system will be installed over the winter break! Sonitrol will be hard at work providing new access systems on all of our exterior doors, as well as a camera at the school's front entrance.

When we return from winter break, the doors will be open between 7:15 and 8am, and again between 2:15 and 3pm; at other times school visitors

will be admitted through the front door.

The change to this new system and protocol may be bumpy and I thank you, in advance, for your patience the first week we are back from break.

### **FINAL CALL**

This is the final call to check the lost and found for items your child may be missing. We have delayed making a donation to Goodwill because many of the items are marked with student names.

### **PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILD TO LOOK FOR THEIR ITEMS.**

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## Help Wanted!

Starting December 7<sup>th</sup> Helpcounter will have the second half of the school year open for carline, hot lunch, recess and lunch monitoring signups. Our fabulous Volunteer Coordinator, **Kate Ark**,

will send out a reminder email and post on Facebook. Please check your schedules to see how you can help, and if you can continue your current shifts. Meanwhile, the **MITCH Safety Team** is looking for 1 volunteer to

help cover the front desk at MITCH from 10-12pm on the third Wednesday of each month and another to work with Melissa on a few extra projects to keep MITCH as safe as possible. Please contact the school to help!

## From the Board Chair, Donna Capodacqua

*“At our November meeting, we voted to increase pay for teachers and administrators by 15% retroactive to the beginning of the school year.”*

The Board is delighted to welcome **Jeff Demland** as our newest Director!

Jeff is an attorney with a deep commitment to non-profit. Charter schools hold a special place in his heart because his brother teaches in one, and Jeff has seen what a difference the school makes in students' lives. Jeff brings prior governance experience having co-founded the Tualatin Police Foundation and written the bylaws for that organization.

In last month's Fox Flyer, I mentioned that the Board would evaluate opportunities to reinvest some of our cash reserves in MITCH to fulfill our five-

year strategic plan, and by extension, achieve charter renewal.

One such opportunity we decided to seize was to increase teacher's pay.

At our November meeting, we voted to increase pay for teachers and administrators by 15% retroactive to the beginning of the school year.

This is a terrific way to express our gratitude to the important work our teachers and administrators do each day! We are proud of this huge step forward for our community.

Please consider attending these meetings December:

-MITCH Board work session  
**12/2 at 6:30pm** at MITCH

-MITCH annual presentation to TTSD  
**12/14 at 6:30pm** at TTSD office (6960 SW Sandburg Street, Tigard OR 97223)

-MITCH Board meeting  
**12/17 at 6:30pm** at MITCH

I am excited to be part the amazing MITCH community and appreciate everything you all do to make it wonderful.

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and peaceful 2016!

*Donna*

## Uniform Reminders

As the weather continues to get colder please remember to send your child to school with a uniform sweater or sweatshirt (that may be worn inside the building).

The only inside outerwear that follows the guidelines is SOLID NAVY BLUE or SOLID BLACK (the one exception is the official

grey MITCH sweatshirts sold last year with the MITCH logo on the back).

PLEASE make sure to have your child's name marked on the tag because we all know children will be children and leave it somewhere along their path. If their name is on it, we will track them down and return it to them.

If there is no name...there is nothing we can do ☹.

Also, please watch skirt lengths. It is amazing how fast these kids grow, but no matter how much we want to avoid it, it still happens. Skirts should be knee length and have leggings or shorts under them at all times. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

## Ms. Maclean Says...

Our PBIS focus for this month is **Self-Discipline** -- appropriate for us to remind students as the holidays approach, yes?

So much of what we are working on this month is reminding our kiddos -- as they get wound up and excited -- what they already know. To help them **THINK** as they act...

- Is it **True**?
- Is it **Helpful**?
- Is it **Inspiring**?
- Is it **Necessary**?
- Is it **Kind**?

Our wonderful kids already have this memorized, but we are encouraging them to remember these things in the hallway, in the

classroom, on the playground, in the lunchroom, at home and in their various community events. It never hurts to support the same language at home by asking...

- Was what you just said true or inspiring?*
- Was that necessary?*
- Is what you're doing right now helpful or hurtful?*

We appreciate your support in this!

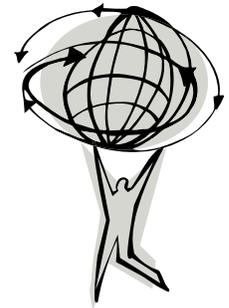
Additionally, we need to say a big thank you to everyone that has donated toys for our **KGW Toy Drive. The donation ends on Dec 15th**, so please continue to bring in new and unused toys to help KGW bring these to foster

kids in our community. We love that MITCH is so supportive of our community, and we are encouraged by your giving spirits!

Our Leadership students have officially begun their Teacher Assistant assignments and it has been a great first week.

The team filled the halls helping with bulletin boards, reading and doing math with younger kiddos, helping with crafts, prepping future work for teachers and so much more.

It is such a magical time to walk down the halls while all this is in action. We are so proud of what a fantastic group we have!



## Parent Support Organization

Wow! I can't believe we are already into December! I feel like I blinked and we went from having our summer park play dates to wearing mittens.

There is a lot happening in December and January, don't miss out on any of the following events.

**The PSO is hosting our Scholastic Book Fair**

**December 2-4<sup>th</sup>**. You are welcome to come in and shop during school. The hours we will be open are 7:20 AM until 4:00PM.

The profits will be used for teachers to purchase additional books for their classroom.

**December 5<sup>th</sup> is our second PSO restaurant benefit at**

**Malee's Thai Kitchen in Lake Oswego.** Owned by one of our MITCH families, they will donate a portion of the proceeds to the PSO to help with funding teacher scholarships and continuing education.

Make sure to mention the school to your server.

Looking ahead, **January 22<sup>nd</sup> the PSO will host**

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**December Calendar**

Here is a summary of what is on the school calendar at date of publishing. It can also be found [clicking here](#).

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Fair
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Board work session
- 5<sup>th</sup> Malee’s Thai Kitchen
- 14<sup>th</sup> Student Assembly
- 14<sup>th</sup> TTSD Board meeting
- 15<sup>th</sup> KGW Toy Drive ends
- 15<sup>th</sup> Scrip Orders due
- 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting
- 20<sup>th</sup> Hot Lunch Orders due
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> NO SCHOOL

**Please note that we do NOT have a concert this week on Dec. 3rd** as it says on earlier versions of the school calendar! The concert date has been reset to April 8th at 6:30 pm at Tualatin High School. It will be based on music your students are required to learn in the Core Knowledge curriculum and possibly the domains in their main classroom.

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our first annual **Mother/Son Movie night at the school**. This event will be free, and include a sign-up so we can plan on snacks. **The PSO will also host the first annual Father/Daughter Dance at the Tualatin Grange on January 30<sup>th</sup>**. Stay tuned for more details on this event. The cost will be \$20 per father and daughter(s). A big thank you to **Peggy Ledebor** for finding a sponsor for the event.

**The Annual MITCH Auction will be held this year on March 5<sup>th</sup> at Mt. Park Community Center**. If you would like to learn more about sponsorship opportunities, donating items, or purchasing tickets please visit the auction website at [www.charityauctionorganizer.com/auction/mitchpsa2016](http://www.charityauctionorganizer.com/auction/mitchpsa2016) or email [auction@mitchpsa.org](mailto:auction@mitchpsa.org)

Finally, can you believe we have logged over **1600 volunteer hours** at the school so far this year? That is the equivalent of 3 full-time employees!! The school and the PSO would not be nearly as successful without all of your help. Your time is so incredibly appreciated.

Here’s to a happy and safe holiday season for you and your family,

Renea Ostermiller, PSO President  
[www.mitchpsa.org](http://www.mitchpsa.org)

## January Lunch Menu

January 2016					MITCH Charter School
Monday	Tuesday	Lunch: JAN Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
4 <b>Entrees</b> Applebee's CHICKEN QUESADILLA comes with vegetable <b>A La Carte, Sides &amp; Drinks</b> MILK, 2% MILK, Fat Free	5 <b>Entrees</b> Chipotle CHICKEN TACOS (2) Chipotle VEGGIE TACOS (2) <b>A La Carte, Sides &amp; Drinks</b> MILK, 2% MILK, Fat Free	6 <b>Combos</b> Malee's Kitchen Lunch Box CHICKEN FRIED RICE with CHICKEN POTSTICKER <b>A La Carte, Sides &amp; Drinks</b> MILK, 2% MILK, Fat Free	7 <b>Combos</b> Dickie Joe's BURGER MEAL <b>A La Carte, Sides &amp; Drinks</b> Beef Patty Gluten Free Bun Option Veggie Patty MILK, 2% MILK, Fat Free	8 <b>A La Carte, Sides &amp; Drinks</b> Bellagio's Pizza Pizza-by-the-Slice CHEESE Bellagio's Pizza Pizza-by-the-Slice PEPPERONI MILK, 2% MILK, Fat Free	
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