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Director's Message

Happy New Year!

We got off to a bit of a rough start with a snow day and a delayed start, but we are officially in the middle month of the school year. January is not quite half-way through the year, but it is definitely the turning point for the rest of the year! At this time, plans are already in the works for next year:

2016-17 Enrollment:

Applications are available online for Kindergarten and New Students and are **due 4pm, Friday April 1st**. The lottery for Kindergarten, as well as for openings in other grade levels is 6pm, Tuesday April 5th. You are welcome to attend the lottery, but it is not required.

2016-17 Teachers:

The next step in our plan to further strengthen our learning environment is to offer a 2-year contracting cycle to teachers; this is currently in development with the Board. Stay tuned for an announcement this year about next year's teachers!

2016-17 School Calendar:

Last March we began the discussion about increasing our instructional hours due to changes in the state administrative rules, as well as our desire to more fully teach the Core Knowledge Sequence. The result of that discussion was Board approval in May of a two-phase process to change our calendar. We began the first phase this year by

going to a 5-day school week and adding one week to our calendar. The second phase implementation includes adding more school days to the 2016-17 calendar. Please join in the conversation at our next Board work session and meetings.

2016-17 School Budget:

Work will begin this month on our projected 16-17 budget which is due to the District in mid-March. Our monthly finance committee meetings are the second Wednesday of the month at 9am in my office. You are welcome to join us.

Help Wanted!

Is your New Year's Resolution to be more involved at MITCH? If so now is the perfect time to sign up! Immediate needs are: **Carline:** mainly for afternoon. There isn't a single day of the week with

a full list, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays we are short 2 volunteers. The more help we have, the faster carline goes! **Hot Lunch Server:** Mondays and Wednesdays need at least one person, and Thursday needs another helper.

Without the proper support our hot lunch option might not be feasible. **Recess & Lunch Monitor:** Want to see what your kids do at recess? Or how much food they eat at lunch?

Sign up to at [Helpcounter!](#)

From the Board Chair, Donna Capodacqua

“The fact is that we can help TTSD accomplish some of its goals around student achievement and diversity, and that we need TTSD’s support to facilitate that and to continue to do what we do at an even higher level.”

I hope that you all enjoyed your holidays and, on behalf of the Board, wish you a happy 2016! Like many of you, the start of a new year leads me to reflect on the accomplishments of the year and think about what I would like to accomplish in the coming one.

I was delighted to attend Melissa’s annual presentation to the TTSD Board and reflect on all that the MITCH students, staff and community achieved in 2015 -- partnering with Neighbors Nourishing Communities to mutual benefit; earning impressive Smarter Balanced scores; moving to a five-day school week; and restructuring our administrative team to optimize support for students and teachers to name just a few.

Additionally, our newly formed PSO has begun

awarding grants to teachers to support their work in the classrooms. There is much to celebrate!

After this marvelous presentation, it dawned on me that Melissa has done an admirable job of building MITCH’s relationship with TTSD; and, that she cannot continue to do it alone. It will take our Board and community to strengthen and cement the partnership between TTSD and MITCH. Based on the questions and comments of the TTSD Board and staff, it is clear that we need to educate TTSD about exactly who we are, what we do, and how very important those things are.

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we do at an even higher level.

The Board will be discussing some ideas for cultivating relationships with TTSD at our January meeting.

We encourage MITCH families to attend TTSD Board meetings so that the folks at TTSD can associate faces with MITCH, and so you can see learn more about the District and the niche that MITCH fills.

A new year often brings change, and 2016 has brought change to our Board. **Christa Griffiths** resigned as a Director effective next month. On behalf of the entire community, thank you Christa, for your guidance, energetic service and all you have done for MITCH over the years. We will miss you!

All the Best, Donna

Yearbook Update

We are super excited to have a Middle School Leadership committee leading the compilation of the yearbook this year! BUT...we need your help! To have a super personalized and awesome yearbook we need those super amazing and awesome photos. And guess who has them...YOU!

Please send us any and all photos that you have collected from school events, field trips, plays, Core Knowledge Events and Celebrations, carline, rainy days or whatever magical moment you happened to capture. Please DON’T be shy, we have students filtering through them and filing them as they come in and would rather have too many.

Send your photos to... yearbook@mitchcharterschool.org

Ms. Maclean Says...

Welcome to 2016, MITCH Families! We hope you enjoyed the rest and time with family, and you're refreshed and ready for January!

As with every month, we are very excited for this month's PBIS focus -- **Citizenship.**

After the many blessings we all enjoyed over break, we want to help remind students about others in their community, and what it means to be a positive citizen in Tualatin, Oregon, the United States, and in

the world. All of our PBIS themes try to reinforce celebrating learning through positive character traits, so while we focus on Citizenship, we are working to help kids understand how to positively impact those around them.

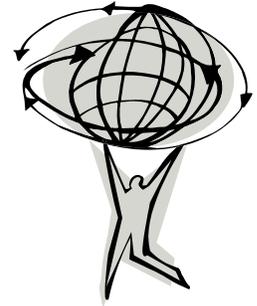
One way to encourage positive Citizenship is our January fundraiser, **Pennies for Power.**

Through PGE and Heat Oregon, community members around Oregon are collecting change to help pay for heating bills

through the winter for families in need. All classrooms will have donation jars, so please bring in spare change from now **through February 9th** so that we can collectively support our community!

The class that collects the most change will earn a NUT Day (No Uniform Today).

Thank you again for your support in encouraging positive behavior, and helping your kiddos think about being engaged and thoughtful citizens!



Parent Support Organization

The holidays have come and gone and we are back into the swing of school again. Thank you for all the volunteers that have signed up to help with carline, lunch/recess duty and hot lunch help.

We still have some opportunities to volunteer so if you have time please check out the help counter tab on our webpage.

Speaking of volunteers, we need some help at our

upcoming **Father/Daughter Dance.** Do you have a good sound system and a disco ball? We would also love to have some parents donate food for the evening. Please email us at support@mitchpsd.org if you can help in any way.

The event will be held at the Winona Grange in Tualatin from **7-9pm on January 30th.** We will have music and refreshments. Tickets are \$20 per Father and Daughter(s) and can be [purchased here.](#)

Meanwhile, our **Mother/Son Movie Night** is scheduled for **7pm on January 22nd.** You and your boys can come in jammies if you like. We will have a big screen set up with the Lego Movie playing. Please [sign up for the evening here.](#)

Don't miss our PSO meeting scheduled for **January 12th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM.** Officer Kristan Rinell, Tigard Police Department, will be speaking on Child Home Safety.

"Looking for a sound system and a disco ball for the Father/Daughter Dance."

Parent Support Organization (continued)

The Annual MITCH Auction is fast approaching -- save the date for **March 5th at Mt. Park Community Center.**

Tickets are on sale at [Auction Tickets.](#)

We sold out last year so get your tickets early. You won't want to miss out on bidding on class projects, tickets to Disneyland, or a

two night stay at Brasada Ranch with golf.

If you would like to donate a beach house, gift basket or help to sponsor the event please email us at auction@mitchpsso.org.

Thank you to Donna Capodacqua for being our first bronze sponsor for the event.

If you have any desire to be on the PSO Leadership team next year please contact me. We are looking to fill the roles with parents and guardians who love making a difference in the MITCH community.

Best,
Renea Ostermiller
PSO President
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January Calendar

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

- 12th PSO Meeting
- 13th Vision Testing
- 15th NO SCHOOL conferences
- 18th NO SCHOOL MLK Day
- 19th Scrip Orders due
- 20th Hot Lunch Orders due
- 21st Board meeting
- 22nd Mother/Son Movie Night
- 29th 1st Semester ends
- 30th Father/Daughter Dance

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February Lunch Menu

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Monday	Tuesday	Lunch: FEB Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Entrees Cafe Yumm ORIGINAL YUMM BOWL A La Carte, Sides & Drinks MLK, 2% MLK, Fat Free	2 Entrees Chopide CHICKEN TACOS (2) Chopide VEGGIE TACOS (2) A La Carte, Sides & Drinks MLK, 2% MLK, Fat Free	3 Combos Mama's Kitchen Lunch Box CHICKEN FRIED RICE with CHICKEN POTSTICKER A La Carte, Sides & Drinks MLK, 2% MLK, Fat Free	4 Entrees Dixie Joe's CHICKEN TENDER MEAL A La Carte, Sides & Drinks MLK, 2% MLK, Fat Free	5 A La Carte, Sides & Drinks Belagier's Pizza Pizza-by-the-Slice CHEESE Belagier's Pizza Pizza-by-the-Slice PEPPERONI MLK, 2% MLK, Fat Free
8 Entrees Cafe Yumm ORIGINAL YUMM BOWL A La Carte, Sides & Drinks MLK, 2% MLK, Fat Free	9 Entrees Chopide CHICKEN TACOS (2) Chopide VEGGIE TACOS (2) A La Carte, Sides & Drinks MLK, 2% MLK, Fat Free	10 Combos Mama's Kitchen Lunch Box CHICKEN YAKISOBA with CHICKEN POTSTICKER A La Carte, Sides & Drinks MLK, 2% MLK, Fat Free	11 Combos Dixie Joe's BURGER MEAL A La Carte, Sides & Drinks Staff Pick Gluten Free Bun Option Veggie Patty MLK, 2% MLK, Fat Free	12 A La Carte, Sides & Drinks Belagier's Pizza Pizza-by-the-Slice CHEESE Belagier's Pizza Pizza-by-the-Slice PEPPERONI MLK, 2% MLK, Fat Free
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Be sure to order your February hot lunches between **January 5th - 20th** at orderlunches.com