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Director's Message

CELEBRATE LEARNING!

February is a great touchstone month – how are we doing? Are we headed in the right direction? Are we following through on our objectives and goals for the school year? What needs adjustment so that we continue to run the race well for the rest of the year?

Are we building and growing a strong community that celebrates learning?

YES! – Read Mrs. Ottley's Round-up of our Core Knowledge Events & Celebrations. Our students' learning is powerful and amazing.

Do we have a school where we work together for every student's learning and character development?

YES! – Don't forget to follow Ms. Maclean's updates about Positive Actions & Words (PAWs), PBIS, Student Leadership, T.H.I.N.K and so much more that goes into cultivating a student culture where Responsible, Respectful, Resourceful, and Safe are lived out every day.

Is our community enthusiastic about a MITCH education?

YES! – There is consistently good news about MITCH in the Times; District Board Directors and civic leaders

regularly recognize MITCH student achievements; and our own PSO and Governing Board appear to be competing to see which group can accomplish more for the school! Finally, the number of new student applications we have received and the family tours given indicates a strong sense of community confidence in the excellence evident at MITCH.

I feel so fortunate to lead MITCH where every day is dedicated to educating our children and to creating a school that celebrates learning. I hope you feel it, too.

Uniform Update

Yes—our favorite subject—again. **Solid black, navy, or khaki bottoms only** including pants, shorts, skirts, jumpers, and polo dresses. Gray pants are not uniform. Also, **PE clothes only on designated PE days**, meaning sweatpants (again only solid black or navy) and MITCH shirts can only be worn on your students PE days, below:

PE Days

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| Monday/Wednesday | 2 nd , 4 th , 6 th grade |
| Tuesday/Thursday | KA (Gates), 1 st A (Onstott), 3 rd , 5 th , 7 th grade |
| Wednesday/Friday | KB (Gill), 1 st B (Jackson) |
| Monday/Friday | 8 th grade |

Inside Outerwear: Solid navy or black including sweatshirts, sweaters, fleeces, pullovers, etc. are the only ones that may be worn inside the building. Your child may also wear any **solid** color long sleeve shirt under their polo or MITCH shirt. Thank you for your help in this!!!

From the Board Chair, Donna Capodacqua

“We made this change because we want to reflect the diversity present in our District more closely, and to ensure that the rich education that MITCH offers is accessible to everyone.”

It is hard to believe that we could pack more into the shortest month of the year than recognizing Black History and National Bird Feeding while celebrating Groundhog Day, the Super Bowl, Valentine’s Day, Presidents Day and Leap Day, but reading Ms. MacLean’s, Mrs. Ottley’s, and Mrs. Meyer’s updates makes it clear that we can at MITCH!

In our quest to achieve the goals in the Strategic Plan for 2015-2020 and ensure a smooth charter renewal in 2018, the Board has made some significant decisions. By now everyone knows about our decision to appreciate and retain teachers by increasing teacher’s pay and our investment in professional development.

You may not yet be aware of another significant decision toward meeting our dual objectives. At the January

21st board meeting, we voted unanimously to change our admissions lottery policy to give third priority to historically underserved student populations as defined by Senate Bill 820 passed in 2015. SB820 allows public charter schools to implement a weighted lottery to give priority to underserved students.

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We decided as a board to fulfill our advocacy role by being more active in fundraising for MITCH. The Board’s fundraising activity for this school year is the MITCH 100 Gold Tournament, less of a tournament than a best ball scramble.

This lively event will take place at the Charbonneau Gold Course on the morning of **June 4, 2016**. Please join us by signing up to play on one of our teams, form your own team, or sponsor a golfer. We will talk about the event at our 2/4/16 work session, and there will be a kick off meeting in the spring.

Sadly, **Don Zinter** announced that he will be stepping away from the Board effective at the end of February. Don has given us incredible financial expertise, leadership, and positivity during his tenure as Treasurer. Happily, Don will continue to serve on the finance committee, so we will still benefit from his knowledge and spirit of service.

Thank you, Don, for all you have done for MITCH!

All the Best, Donna

Yearbook Update

We have received some great pictures so far so THANK YOU!!!

Please don’t forget as we continue to have more events and celebrations this month to send all your pictures to yearbook@mitchcharterschool.org

Ms. Maclean Says...

Can you believe that January is already over? We've made it through the beginning of the new year, and we need to keep up our momentum!

We are beginning February by focusing on **Integrity**, and all of the many things that can mean for young learners and community members.

We will not only be discussing the definition of integrity, but we will be helping students understand that integrity has many facets, including being truthful, trustworthy,

ethical, influential and so much more.

In honor of Presidents' Day, we will also be using our nation's leaders to highlight that integrity must start with the individual, and that everyone needs to take it as a personal responsibility.

Thank you to everyone that helped to really highlight **Citizenship** in January in many ways, including your support of the Pennies for Power fundraiser – what a wonderful message to be

able to send to our community!

It's one thing to say that we value those around us, but another thing entirely to be able to prove it with our actions. With your support, we are instilling some important values in to these kiddos.

Since we are continuing to collect for this cause until **February 9th**, I will not have the total funds raised until the next update.

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

-Mahatma Gandhi

Parent Support Organization

I am happy to say that the Mother/Son Movie night was a huge success. The kids and moms had a great time.

As I am writing this we are preparing for our first Father/Daughter Dance. We plan on having popcorn, juice, great music and even some dance games to keep things hopping.

The Annual MITCH Auction is just over a month away, **March 5th at Mt. Park Community Center.**

This is your chance to spend some time with

other MITCH parents and staff. There will be great items to bid on including the class-made projects. In the next few weeks we will start highlighting different items that will be auctioned.

Last year we had enough sponsors to cover expenses for the event. If you are interested in sponsoring a portion of this year's event or purchasing admission for a teacher, you can do so, along with purchasing your tickets, at our [Auction Site](#).

Please feel free to contact us with any questions. auction@mitchpsso.org

WE NEED NEW LEADERS!

For the PSO to be successful and continue we need parents like you to take on leadership roles for next year. (job descriptions follow)

I feel very grateful that my children have had the opportunity to learn at MITCH and have loved working with the wonderful leadership team this year. The team is ready to train and mentor any parents wanting to get involved for next year.

If you would like to hear more about this great opportunity please email me at president@mitchpsso.org.

Renea Ostermiller

MITCH CHARTER SCHOOL
PSO
 PRESENTS
Celebrate
 LEARNING
AUCTION


MARCH 5
2016
 Appetizers & Beverages
 No Host Bar
 REGISTRATION 6PM
6:30-10pm
 Mountain Park Community Center
 2 Mount Jefferson Terrace
 Lake Oswego, OR 97035

February Calendar

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

2nd PSO Meeting
 8th School Assembly
 15th NO SCHOOL Presidents
 18th Board Meeting
 20th Hot Lunch Orders due
 22nd NASA Camp Meeting
 26th NO SCHOOL

Be sure to order your
 March hot lunches
 between

February 5th to 20th

www.orderlunches.com

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Parent Support Organization (continued)

Below are the job descriptions of each of positions for the PSO board.

President

1. Have responsibility for the general management and conduct of the PSO under the direction of the PSO Leadership.
2. Be Executive Officer of the PSO.
3. Oversee the financial affairs of the PSO.
4. Serve as primary liaison between the PSO, MITCH, and MITCH Board of Directors
5. Prepare meeting agendas and preside over each meeting.
6. Represent the PSO at community meetings or other meetings outside of the organization.
7. Assist in the coordination of all committees.
8. Sign checks in addition to the Treasurer and Vice President.
9. Appoint Committees as needed.

Vice President

1. Produce the Monthly Newsletter.
2. Maintain the PSO website.
3. Perform duties assigned by the President.
4. Perform the duties of the President in case of absence, resignation or inability to serve.

5. Sign checks in addition to Treasurer and President.

Secretary

1. Maintain all records of the PSO, including transactions, contracts, correspondence, and related documents.
2. Announce meetings to MITCH and PSO membership.
3. Send out email updates to parents, weekly or as needed.
4. Record minutes and forward copies to PSO Leadership.
5. Circulate the minutes from the preceding PSO meeting.
6. Maintain organized records from the planning of any event hosted by the PSO.
7. Attend to the official correspondence of the PSO.
8. Hold a copy of the PSO Bylaws, and current Membership list and make each available upon request to any PSO Member at any PSO Meeting.
9. Provide a printed copy of these Bylaws to each newly elected PSO officer.
10. Maintain the email distribution list.

Treasurer

1. Act as custodian of funds and perform all banking activities of the PSO.
2. Maintain up-to-date, accurate financial records for the PSO.
3. Receive all funds of the PSO; including, but not limited to, donations, dues,

and fundraising sales and contributions.

4. Sign checks in addition to President and Vice President.
5. Provide a written and oral financial report of the receipts and expenditures at each PSO meeting.
6. Audit all invoices and receipts submitted for payment or reimbursement to ensure each request is in compliance with PSO policies. Pay all bills and disburse funds as authorized by the PSO Leadership.
7. Perform the complete and timely filing of all federal and state tax returns as well as other financial reports, pertaining to the PSO's 501(c)3 status, as applicable.
8. Complete all financial updates by the close of the fiscal year and provide a full year-end report.

Volunteer Coordinator

1. Assist with Back to School Night and other MITCH and PSO volunteer recruitment.
2. Communicate with committee chairs on volunteer needs.
3. Maintain all volunteer hours for reporting purposes.
4. Coordinate designated MITCH Teacher and Staff Appreciation events.

Member-at-large

1. Assist with the operations of the PSO as requested by the President or Leadership.