



# M.I.T.C.H.

*Fox Flyer*

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## Director's Message

### March!

The folk saying “in like a lion, out like a lamb” refers to March weather – but it could also refer to our March calendar! We kick the month off with the annual **PSO auction, Celebrate Learning! on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>** (hope you have your tickets!)

Between now and Spring Break our students participate in field trips, Core Knowledge events, the monthly assembly and Birthday-in-a-Bag! Our Board of Directors is busy moving forward with goals detailed in our Strategic Plan, and in the office, we are hiring a new staff member, collecting new student applications and conducting school tours.

Best of all, our teachers are covering Columbus and Pilgrims, Fairy Tales, Insects, the Civil War, Earliest Americans, Oregon Studies, the Constitution, Geology, Plants, Cold War and Reconstruction, Latin American Independence, the New Deal, and the Vietnam War – just to name a few.

### Volunteers!

MITCH could not function without our parent volunteers – THANK YOU! Every hour you give is invaluable for our teachers and students: to date, you have given more than 3,100 hours to support your school! The average volunteer gives about 8 hours a month – kudos! A special *Thank You* to the

### 100-Hour Club members:

Lindsie Bailey, Ed Duax, Amber Faylor, Dan Gauer, Beth Hudson, Sunkyu Kim, Garry Mainerich, Karen Matsuoka, Renea Ostermiller and Ed Roller. Our very first member of the **200-Hour Club** is Marie Welsh – thank you!

Remember, any time you volunteer is important. Whenever you are working on special projects away from the school, be sure to document those hours through HelpCounter – you can do it from your own computer. Also, if your employer provides a matching program for your volunteer hours, HelpCounter provides a verification report to give to your employer.

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## Reminders

- Purchase your auction tickets at our [Auction Site](#)
- Be sure to order your April hot lunches between **March 5<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>** at [www.orderlunches.com](http://www.orderlunches.com).
- Schoolwide music concert is April 8<sup>th</sup>
- Please don't forget as we continue to have more events and celebrations this month to send all your pictures to [yearbook@mitchcharterschool.org](mailto:yearbook@mitchcharterschool.org).

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## From the Board Chair, Donna Capodacqua

I hope this edition finds you enjoying the taste of spring we have been having.

In last months' newsletter we noted Treasurer Don Zinter's resignation from the Board. Today, we are thrilled to announce that **Karen Forman** has joined the Board and stepped into the Treasurer role. Karen is currently Controller at Self Enhancement Inc., a nonprofit organization supporting at-risk urban youth in changing their lives for the better. Prior to that, Karen spent 10 years as the Director of Accounting and Administration at the Oregon Education Association.

Karen's passion for education is contagious, and we are delighted that she has chosen to share her expertise in accounting and education with MITCH. Welcome, Karen!

We have been making strides toward completing the action items in our five-year Strategic Plan in ways that are, by turns, highly visible and behind the scenes. MITCH has been enjoying good press from the Tualatin Times, and I believe it is starting to attract new families to our wonderful community.

Behind the scenes, the Board has revised our bylaws to ensure a sound governance infrastructure. We are also discussing charter renewal, the possibility of launching a branding campaign for our school, and strategizing about how we might offer transportation to students in the future. Additionally, our partnership with TTSD continues to grow.

If you haven't already done so, I hope that you will purchase your ticket to

Celebrate Learning at the MITCH auction on March 5<sup>th</sup>. It is a wonderful opportunity to gather as a community and it promises to be a great party!

I also encourage you to consider signing up for the **MITCH 100 Gold Tournament at the Charbonneau Gold Course on June 4<sup>th</sup>**. You may have noticed that this item has appeared in this space before. I want everyone to know about it because it is not only fun, it is an effective way to raise funds. Next month, we should have information about a kick-off meeting for this event. A big thank you to the PSO for taking care of all of the logistics for the MITCH 100 – we appreciate it!

Here is looking forward to seeing you soon.

*All the Best, Donna*

### March Calendar

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

1 <sup>st</sup>	PSO Meeting 6:30pm
5 <sup>th</sup>	Auction 6:30pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	School Assembly
21 <sup>st</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	NO SCHOOL Spring Break

## Ms. Maclean Says...

Spring is almost here, and we are excited to keep on celebrating the many wonderful qualities of a MITCH student!

This month we are focusing on being **Respectful**. Many of our students know these behaviors but start to forget them during the slide into summer, so we want to help reiterate what it means to be respectful to everyone around us, in both words and actions.

Additionally, we want students to think about what it means to be a person that is respected –

we should not only give respect, but also strive to earn it from others.

*Who are the people we respect, and why do we respect them?*

*What qualities make our students and our school worthy of the respect of others?*

To partner with this theme, we have another community fundraiser – **Birthday in a Bag!** Many of you remember this from last year, and we had such a great time participating. Partnering with the Oregon Food Bank,

we are collecting items for birthday cakes, specifically cake mixes, frosting, napkins, plates and celebratory gift bags – to help supply these treats for low income families in our community.

We will have a collection bin in the school entrance and Student Leadership will put together the “Birthday in a Bags.” We love being able to demonstrate, with the help of our students, that we respect everyone in our community. We also want to help make life special – so we continue with this year's theme of **Celebrate!**

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## Parent Support Organization

The MITCH PSO Auction is less than a week away! If you want to have a fun evening with other MITCH parents, friends and staff this is a wonderful event to attend.

The PSO and Auction Committee have worked many hours procuring items, securing the venue, caterer and auctioneer to provide a fun event that will raise funds for MITCH. There will be heavy appetizers and a no host bar with wine and beer available. Please come and support the event or go to our [Auction Site](#) and support the school by being

a sponsor. Your contributions will help purchase security blinds for classroom windows, new computers for the teachers and supplies for classrooms.

**Do you want to be a part of the MITCH PSO for the 2016/2017 school year?** The PSO meets one time a month and helps to organize the fundraising and community events that happen throughout the year.

This year’s board is made up of both working and nonworking parent of all ages. The time commitment varies throughout the year depending on upcoming

events. Without a full PSO board, events like the MITCH Marathon, Auction, Father Daughter Dance, Mother Son Movie Night and Pizzicato nights won’t take place. Please contact us for more information on how to get involved at [support@mitchpso.org](mailto:support@mitchpso.org).

The PSO is here to help build a strong sense of community while funding the school with items that are outside of the school budget. If you ever have any concerns or questions, please let us know.

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MITCH CHARTER SCHOOL  
**PSO**  
PRESENTS  
**Celebrate LEARNING**  
**AUCTION**  
MITCH CHARTER SCHOOL  
**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