

# Director's Newsletter

December 5, 2011

## Important Dates

- **Dec 8** MWCS Board Meeting, 7pm
- **Dec 10** Elves' Workshop, 9am-1pm
- **Dec 15** Drama, Music, and Talent Show Night 6 pm in Gym
- **Dec 23-Jan 6** Winter Break— No school these 2 weeks
- **School Resumes on January 9th, 2012.**
- **Second quarter report cards will be mailed home in January**

## Rule Review

One of the most important rules at MWCS is also a big part of our charter. It is that we ask all students to treat each other with **respect and kindness**. In our charter it states that one of our goals is to provide a "physically and psychologically safe environment for our students". We work hard on this goal through our Safe School Ambassadors program, careful supervision of all campus areas, and providing effective guidance for those having difficulty. You can **support us** by talking regularly with your teen about how s/he is being treated and how s/he is treating others in school and school events.

## San Miguel Site PTA Needs Volunteers! Have you finished your Parent Volunteer Commitment?

Our wonderful San Miguel Site PTA is in need of volunteers for next years' executive board. The positions needed to be filled are: president, vice president, secretary and parliamentarian. These are 2 year positions and the volunteers are leaving those positions, because their time limit is up, would be willing to mentor any new volunteer. These **require one meeting per month** and are extremely important positions and necessary to continue the great work our PTA has done for years.

Committee chairs will also be needed for short term activities such as: Fall fundraiser, Crab Feed, Elves' Workshop, Membership and Hospitality. Any posi-

tion will complete your volunteer commitment for next year.

PTA financial support has gone to many different programs and activities such as teacher start up funds, PE equipment and programs, Elves' workshop, Art Docent program, and office supplies when necessary.

If you are interested in any of the above positions, **please come to the next PTA meeting on January 18th** or contact Michael

Galetti at [michael.e.galletti@gmail.com](mailto:michael.e.galletti@gmail.com)

**NOTE: ALL MWCS parents who attend PTA get parent volunteer credit for each meeting!**

Come join in the fun!!!!

## A Word From MWCS Board of Directors

### **BIG EVENTS SATURDAY**

The holiday season is here and with it brings opportunity for community service. Our San Miguel Site PTA (which includes MWCS!) is hosting the annual **Elves' Workshop on Dec 10th from 9 am until 1 pm**. People are needed to help run craft tables, sell tickets, wrap, and help with set up and take down. Please contact Julie Thompson at [rtandjt@pacbell.net](mailto:rtandjt@pacbell.net) if you are able to help. You may also show up and ask if they need help, but it's better to sign up in advance to get your parent volunteer hours. Your teen may also help and will get community service credit!

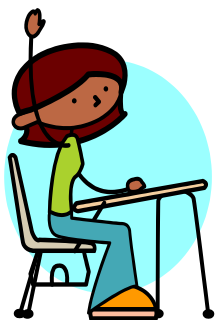
You may have already seen that teachers are looking for **games and craft materials to use for rainy day** activities in their classrooms. There is also a "Wish List" of items teachers would love to add to their classrooms in order to aid our teen's learning experiences. We ask that in lieu of giving your child's teacher a gift (which as a public employee they technically shouldn't receive anyway) this holiday season, take a look at the wish list and if you would like, donate an item (or make a donation) toward the items on the list.

**THANK YOU** and happy holidays from the MWCS Board of Directors!

### **Teachers' Wish List:**

- \***Games** (Connect 4, Battle Ship, Password, Scrabble, Apples to Apples, Hangman (spelling), Chess, etc.)
- \***Art Supplies** (colored pencils, markers, white construction paper, origami books and folding paper, calligraphy pens, art books, etc)
- \***Whiteboard Pens** (low odor please-various colors)
- \***Heavy plastic Sleeves** (with 3 holes for binders)
- \***Fiskars scissors**
- \***Binder Paper**
- \***Graph Paper**
- \***Pencils/Pens** (blue)
- \*Copies of **The Giver**, **Johnny Tremain**, or **The Outsiders** books
- \***Tissues, hand sanitizer, Clorox Wipes, paper towel**

## DEC 15th, Talent Show, Drama and Music Night!



We have an exciting evening coming up this month. It has been great fun at school listening and watching as students practice for the annual Talent Show. The **violin class** will perform first at 6 pm, followed by the **guitar class**. They will be followed by a short **drama class production**. Then there are **individual and group acts** by students who tried out to participate on their own.

**Volunteers will be needed** the next 2 Wednesday afternoons from 1:30-3 pm as well as the

night of the show. Email Mrs. Carpenter to sign up, [pcarpenter@mwcharter.org](mailto:pcarpenter@mwcharter.org). Doors open at 5:30 pm (performers: arrive early please!) and the **show starts at 6 pm on Thursday, Dec 15th**. The event is put on by students raising funds for the Washington DC trip, so there are **snacks for sale and adult admission is \$3 (teens—free admission with student body card)**. Come make it a fun, family event. **We hope to see you there!**

## PTA Crab Feed

Our site PTA will hold the second annual crab feed on **Saturday Jan. 28th from 6pm-11pm at Cardinal Newman High School**. This is one of our largest fundraisers and will require many volunteers to make this a fantastic event a success. Please contact either Heather Payne at 623-3480 or Lupe McClelland at 495-3557 if you are able to help with food at the event, set up or clean up, acquiring items for the auction or serving the night of the event. Any volunteering for this event will qualify for your volunteer hours at MWCS. Thanks to Lupe and Heather for coordinating this fun event. Tickets will be available soon, watch for emails!

## School Absences due to Illness

*“The wildest colts often make the best horses.”*

*-Plutarch*

It is that time of the year! Sniffles, coughs, headaches and fevers are in the air. We understand that students will sometimes get sick. The school and district policy regarding a student's illness, is that if a student has a fever over 100 degrees they must stay home until that student is clear of the fever for 24 hours.

That said, many absences are avoidable. A student who is reported ill more than 14 days, must present a doctor's note for every absence due to illness as per the district

regulations (See Admin. Regulations : 5113). This is helpful as we sort out chronic health problems from other issues that may be causing absences.

**Please encourage your teen to attend every school day possible.** As your teen moves through secondary schooling, it becomes more difficult to catch up when absences occur. Consistent attendance also builds work habits that will be important all through their lives. Starting now is a big advantage to your child as s/he develops attitudes and habits about responsibility and dependability.

## Boys' Basketball Season is Underway!

Our boys are well into their season and doing very well!

Upcoming games:

**Dec. 5th:** 3:45 7th grade game and right after will be the 8th grade game VS Harvest Christian at MW Elementary

**Dec. 7th:** 5pm—8th grade team versus 7th grade team at Mark West Elementary School.

**Dec. 9th:** 3:45 7th grade game and right after will be the 8th grade game VS WCA at MW Elementary

**Dec. 12th:** 4:30 8th grade **game ONLY** at MW Elementary

**Dec. 14th:** 3:45 for 7th grade game and 8th grade right after at MW Elementary

## December Upcoming Events

**December 10th :** Elves Workshop at San Miguel Elementary school, 9am-1pm. **Volunteers needed (including students) please contact Julie Thomson, [rtandjt@pacbell.net](mailto:rtandjt@pacbell.net)**

**December 15th:** Music, Drama and Talent Show, 6pm in the San Miguel Gym (Email [pcarpenter@mwcharter.org](mailto:pcarpenter@mwcharter.org) to help)

**December 22:** Last day of the second quarter and the last day before Winter Break. School will resume on Monday Jan. 9th, 2012

**NOTE:** Report cards for 2nd qtr. Will be mailed in January.