

MCAS Communicator

an e-newsletter for the staff of the Michigan City Area Schools

April 2013 - Extra!

(Please post for/share with those employees who do not check email!)

Pancake Breakfast this Saturday

Several of our Career and Technical Education Students will be competing at the state level in the Skills USA contest next week – both in Welding and in Culinary Arts. To help fund their trip, our Laporte County Career and Technical Education Program will be hosting a pancake breakfast at A. K. Smith [this Saturday, April 13](#), from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. Cost for an “all you can eat” breakfast is just \$6.00. Tickets are available at the door or in advance at the A. K. Smith Center, 817 Lafayette Street. (They appreciate advance sales so they know how much to prepare!)

Barker Wellness Screening

There's still time to sign up for the Wellness Screening at Barker on [April 24th](#). Appointments are available 6:45-8:30 a.m. To schedule, contact Lisa Steinhiser at lsteinhiser@mcas.k12.in.us or 873-2057 ext. 7300. Follow this link for more info: <http://www.mcas.k12.in.us/cms/lib5/IN01001792/Centricity/Domain/85/2013BarkerWellness.pdf>

Wall of Fame Nominations

MCAS is now seeking nominations for the 2013 Wall of Fame. This annual award, first presented in 1976, honors school employees who have made outstanding contributions to the children of Michigan City Area Schools. To qualify for nomination, the candidate must have been employed by the school system for a minimum of 15 years, and he or she must be retired for at least five years. Nomination forms will be available (beginning [tomorrow](#)) at all school offices, the MCAS Transportation and Plant Planning Buildings, the Administration Building, and at both City Hall and the Michigan City Public Library. **Deadline for nominations is May 2.** The form is also available on our web site: <http://educatemc.net/wof>

Attention, Golfers! (Or friends of Golfers...)

A message from our MCHS Golf coach, Jason Lenig:

Michigan City's Golf Team is partnering with Summers Promotions, a South Bend company, to offer phenomenal deals on golf! They have produced "Golf Michiana 2013" coupon cards for local and regional golf courses that contain coupons for free rounds of golf including your 1/2 of the cart fee! (That's correct, you are completely free when your partner pays for their round & 1/2 cart.) You may also choose to just split the savings with your partner! In other words, it's half price golf and cart for 2 somes! Many of the coupons are also valid for 4 somes. Virtually all coupons are valid on weekends! Even if you do not play golf, you probably know someone who does play. This is the ultimate gift for any golfer on your list. Here is the line-up of golf courses:

Beechwood
Berrien Hills

Briar Leaf
 Chesapeake Run
 Elbel Forest Park
 Legacy Hills
 Michigan City
 Palmira Pheasant Valley
 River Pointe
 Sandy Pines
 Summertree
 Swan Lake
 White Hawk

*Plymouth CC (a private course not normally available for play to the general public)

These courses represent some of the premier courses in our area. This gives golfers a chance to play some courses they haven't ever played, without the high cost. The coupon card is valued at well over \$1,000. Your cost is only \$50. We receive \$20 for every card we sell! Please share with others...

To order, contact Jason Lenig at jjlenig@npusc.k12.in.us or (219) 561-1149

Support Joy's "Give Back"

The Joy School Assn. will have a give back day at Swingbellys Restaurant on [April 25th](#). Follow this link to print a coupon:

<http://swingbellys.org/Community/pdf/GiveBack/GiveBack20130425.pdf>

Beach and Water Expo

The Park and Rec Dept. annual Beach, Water, and Pier Safety Expo in Washington Park will be held on [May 24th](#). For a flyer on this event, visit Community Backpack. (Also be sure to check out new info posted recently on MC Youth Baseball Signups and Countdown to Kindergarten Activity Days at Imagination Station)

<http://educatemc.net/site/Default.aspx?PageID=76>

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Update: Al's Supermarket Involving Kids

Here are some additional details from Al's, on activities they are sponsoring for students (both Franklin and Karwick) ...

1. Our **Earth Day** project is entitled "Repurposed for a Purpose." There are two age groups: 6-10 yr olds and 11-15 yr olds. We are asking that all students that would like to enter the contest bring their submission in no later than [April 16, 2013](#). Should any of the teachers want to make this part of their class grade/curriculum we ask that they narrow the contestants to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prior to entering them so we can get a handle on the number of submissions. Please remind them they will also need an 8 1/2 x 11 sign explaining what their project is and its final purpose. Again prizes will be based on customer votes, creativity and originality. All participants will receive a coupon for a free package of Wild Harvest Cookies. One winner from each age group will receive 4 Culinary Circle Pizzas, 4 2 liter bottles of Super Chill soda, 2 1/2 gallons of Stoneridge Ice Cream and of course, 1 pkg. of the Wild Harvest Cookies. Open voting will take place on [April 20](#) and 21st. The winner will be announced on [April 22](#) at 5 pm. We are asking that they pick up their projects by [April 23](#).

2. In May we will be hosting a **Mother's Day Essay Contest** entitled " Why my Mom is so special " that will be open to all 4th-6th graders. We are not limiting this to just biological mothers. We are opening this up to any female caregiver. **We ask that all submissions be handwritten.** Each submission will need to have on it Mom's name, child's name and phone number. All entries must be turned in by **May 8th**. A winner will be selected during a Department Manager meeting on **May 10th** and a winner will be contacted so they may pick up their prize before Mother's Day. There will only be one prize per store. Also on **May 11th** all stores will have stations set up to create a card for Mom and/or cake decorating as well as planting a flower for Mom. The cost for the cake decorating is \$2.00.
3. In June will will be having a **Fathers Day essay contest**. Same rules will apply. Minimum of two paragraphs-handwritten. Again, this can be any male caregiver. There will only be one prize per store which will be coupons for free eggs, bacon and other breakfast items.

Questions? Call Becky Neulieb, Al's Franklin Floral Manager, at 219-872-1816