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MCAS Communicator

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

May 2012

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

With Appreciation

Next week - May 7-11 - is Teacher Appreciation Week...and we thank all of our amazing certified staff for all YOU do to for kids! Next week is ALSO School Nutrition Week. Please take time to salute our hardworking and dedicated food service employees, who provide more than 1 million healthy meals to Michigan City students each year.

MCAS Logo Wear Still Available

Polo shirts (both cotton and poly "performance" style) and lightweight fleece jackets are available, featuring the new MCAS logo. Visit the link below for a flyer featuring three of our very own MCAS models! Contact Dorothy Harris at the Ad Building with any questions regarding your order at ext. 8311.

http://educatemc.net/cms/lib5/IN01001792/Centricity/Domain/85/Logowear_Combined.pdf

Common Core Primer

Interested in a basic overview of the "common core" standards that have been adopted by the Indiana State Board of Education? Visit the following link for a summary of the common core, recommended by our intrepid Curriculum Director Jan Radford:

<http://mcas.schoolwires.net/cms/lib5/IN01001792/Centricity/Domain/86/6%20Key%20Shifts%20in%20Common%20Standards.pdf>

For more background on Common Core Standards, including a timeline for implementation, visit the IDOE web site:

<http://www.doe.in.gov/achievement/curriculum/resources-implementing-common-core-state-standards>

K-5 Art Show

It's not too late! The Student Art Exhibit is still taking place at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts, through May 21. Be sure to stop by...and bring a friend to see this impressive display of student work. The Lubeznik Center is open Tues-Friday 10-5, Saturday and Sunday 11-4 and is located at 101 W. 2nd Street.

Summer Printing

It's not too early to request materials that you need to have printed over the summer! Please visit <http://educatemc.net/graphics> and click "Summer Printing" to submit your order to Allison Ruffing.

Summer School

Summer School is right around the corner! Classes will be held June 20-July 26, with no classes on July 4 or 5. Information about summer school classes (including Driver Ed, which has a different schedule) is now posted online. Visit educateme.net and click on the big red button for the latest info! Note: More info will be posted there soon about summer sports camps.

Safe Harbor Summer Info

Safe Harbor's 8-week summer camp will take place this year at Edgewood Elementary School from Monday, [June 18th](#) to Friday, [August 10](#), from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. The cost of the camp is \$140. Among the activities planned this summer are: computer lab, myON Reader, SPARK recreation, challenge ed, character ed, lego robotics, science, PNC field trips, swimming, library, and art with Lubeznik Center for the Arts.

A new Safe Harbor offering this summer will be a Lego Robotic Mini Camp for students entering 6th and 7th grade next fall who would like to explore the field of robotics. The mini camp will be led by the 2012 Midwestern Regional Rookie All-star Robotics coach and team interns. It will be held at Edgewood School from [June 25](#) to [July 27](#). Sessions will be held Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. The registration fee for the camp is \$25. Payment deadline is [May 25](#). Space is limited to the first 40 registered students.

For information about Summer Camp or the Lego Robotic mini camp, call Safe Harbor at [873-2026](tel:873-2026).

You're a Good Man...

The MCHS spring musical is this weekend! The show this year is "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown." Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 for adults at the door. Showtimes (at the MCHS auditorium) are Friday and Saturday, May 4 and 5, at 7:00 pm and Sunday, May 6 at 2:00 pm.

"PAWS" for this Garage Sale

Elston's PAWS Positive Behavior Supports Committee is planning a Community Garage Sale for [June 2nd](#) from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Wolf Pack Gym at Elston. They will be charging \$15/table or \$25 for 2 tables, and they are offering a discount to any MCAS teacher who wants to participate (tables for \$10 each). To reserve a table or for more info, email PAWS@mcas.k12.in.us or call Samantha Babb at [873-2030](tel:873-2030) ext. 7578.

Help Chris Help Prestin

Chris Kiser (MCAS Occupational Therapist with Special Ed) and her husband, Brad, are running four marathons/half marathons this year, in April, June, November and January to raise money for Prestin Butcher and his family (LaPorte). Prestin is an 11 year old boy who was diagnosed last summer with Medulloblastoma, a very aggressive brain cancer. He has had brain surgery and is in the middle of 18 months of chemotherapy and radiation therapy. The financial and emotional impact has been devastating to him and his family. Donations can be sent to Chris at Joy School made out to "Prestin's Fight." Check out Chris' Facebook page at Runnin' for Prestin or search on YouTube Runnin' 4 Prestin. Email Chris for more info at ckiser@mcas.k12.in.us.

Retirement Dinner Update

The annual MCAS/MCEA Retirement and Wall of Fame dinner will be held in early June, however a date has not yet been confirmed. Watch your mailbox (and email box) for updates!

Board Meeting Date Change

Reminder: Due to the primary election on May 8, the first School Board Meeting in May has been moved to Wednesday, May 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the Ad Building Board Room.

Community Announcements

- **Trine University** has partnered with Virtual Education, Inc. to offer online, self-paced, continuing education courses. For a listing and more info visit: <http://www.virtualeduc.com/e-announcements/trine.htm>
- Are YOU ready for boot camp? Northwest Athletic Club is offering a 6-week experience called "**Sweat Shop**" -- an outdoor boot camp that will push you to your limits ...but will help you reach maximum fitness results. Sweat Shop starts on Wednesday, May 16 and is offered at 6:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$50. Call (219) 879-4401 for details.
- The **Open Door Health Center** needs volunteers to assist individuals who are uninsured and unable to pay for prescriptions and/or Dr. copays. Volunteer positions involve issuing vouchers to patients referred to Open Door by HealthLinc. Tasks are clerical and require no computer skills. If you are interested or know of anyone that might be, contact Melinda Kintzele at kintz5@comcast.net or call **874-2894**.