



## **MUSTANG MESSENGER – October 2017**

### **Newsletter of the Marshall Community Council**

Hello Marshall Middle School Families! Fall Quarter is in full swing!  
Here's what's happening around Marshall ...

#### **Teacher Appreciation Meals During Conference Week**

Parent-Teacher Conference Week is Oct. 24-26 (Tues-Thurs). These are long work days for our teachers. To support their efforts, we'll be providing meals for them during the Conference days: lunches on these three days, including dinner on Wednesday, when the teachers provide evening sessions for families. Your donations in food and/or time would be most appreciated. To sign up, please email [MCCMustangVolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:MCCMustangVolunteers@gmail.com)

#### **Activity Night**

Twice a year, the Olympia Parks and Recreation Department organizes Activity Nights for middle schoolers. Friday Nov. 3rd is the Fall Activity Night, and we are hosting at Marshall. (Marshall and Jefferson Middle Schools students are invited.) It's a super fun evening! The theme this time will be Black Out! (i.e., Neon). 6:30-8:30 p.m. Pizza and other snacks will be available. Admission \$5/student.

As host school, we need as many adult volunteers as possible. This is a really fun and fascinating opportunity for us parents to observe the middle school creature at play in their natural habitat. If you'd like to come observe, er...that is, *volunteer* to supervise various activity stations, please contact MCC (see below).



#### **Box Tops**

You know those Box Tops labels on various grocery store products that you cut out?

They're easy money for the MCC (which means \$\$\$ for your child's school), and we collect these all year round. If you buy products with Box Tops printed on them, please cut them out and send them in (in a zip loc bag or envelope). There's a box for them right under the bulletin board by the school entrance, or you can give them to the secretaries in the Office.

*"Generosity is the heart of humanity."*

— Lailah Gifty Akita, *Pearls of Wisdom: Great mind*

The Box Top labels also have value at the Mustang Store. 10 labels are worth \$1 and your student can use them to purchase products at the Store. With a little effort on everyone's part, we can collect labels that would convert to many dollars for Marshall!

#### **Mustang Store**

The student's Mustang Store is now open all 5 school days each week, during 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> lunches. We sell delicious, reasonably-priced snacks that are mindful of nutritional guidelines. In addition to food and beverages, the Store also sells Mustang notebooks and water bottles.

The Store accepts cash and Box Top labels as payment. You can also establish student accounts with cash or checks.



If you'd like to volunteer at the Mustang Store, we'd welcome it. Please talk to Greg during Store hours, or email [justgregandtracy@comcast.net](mailto:justgregandtracy@comcast.net)

#### **Water Station & Water Bottles**

Last Spring, the CSI (Citizen Science Institute) at Marshall pitched the idea of having a filtered water station at Marshall, so that we'd pollute less by keeping disposable water bottles out of the garbage. MCC approved it, and with the Olympia School District's installation support, now Marshall has a cool water station in the cafeteria. It even displays how many bottles we've kept out of the landfill to date.

If you need a water bottle, you can buy one of the nifty metal bottles, with the new Mustang logo, at the Store for \$8.

#### **Spiritwear**

Have you noticed that Marshall Middle School has a great new Mustang logo? It's on all of the new Mustang Spiritwear, as well as our notebooks and water bottles. You can get Spiritwear with the new logo, or the "vintage" gear with the older logo (at reduced prices, while supplies last), by ordering on the forms (available at the Mustang Store and in the Office). Please submit your completed form and payment to the school secretary.

Your Spiritwear can also be personalized at a small additional cost.

## Mustang Yearbook

Order forms for the 2017-18 Mustang Yearbook are available at the Store and the Office. Please submit the form and payment to the school secretary.

Spiritwear & Yearbook sales are a fundraiser of the MCC. If you have any questions, please contact Jeni at [jeni@printefficiency.com](mailto:jeni@printefficiency.com)

## 5K Dash New Date

You might have noticed that your student planners have a Monster 5K Dash on October 28th. Well, we've change it up. Please note that the Marshall 5K Dash will be on Saturday April 21, 2018! It'll be a fun, Springtime run and walk, and one of MCC's biggest fundraisers!

## Fundraising

As a parent-teacher-student support organization, raising dollars is the heart of what we do. If you have experience, ideas, inspirations in fundraising, we'd welcome your input. Share with us what's worked well and what's been popular in schools you've been involved in. We are also in need of a Fundraising Coordinator. We'd appreciate a volunteer in that role, but even if you simply have ideas to throw our way, we'd totally appreciate it.

## Get Involved with the MCC

As a parent/guardian of a Marshall Middle Student, you are automatically a member of the MCC. We are involved with events throughout the school year - either as the organizers, or supporters of our faculty & students' events. We'll let you know (via email) when we need volunteers, and we appreciate it so much when each of you show up to lend a hand. Truly, these events and efforts couldn't happen without you!

## Contact Info

MCC keeps you informed and lets you know of upcoming events and volunteer needs primarily *by email*. If you haven't received any emails from MCC so far this school year, or need to update your info, or have any questions or input, here are various ways to reach us:

[ThurgoodMarshallMCC@gmail.com](mailto:ThurgoodMarshallMCC@gmail.com)

[MCCPresident.Marshall@gmail.com](mailto:MCCPresident.Marshall@gmail.com) – (don't forget the "dot" before Marshall)

[MCCMustangVolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:MCCMustangVolunteers@gmail.com) – to volunteer for any event

The MCC meets monthly, on every 2nd Tuesday, at 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Marshall Library. We are a diverse, congenial group that cares deeply about our kids and about nurturing the community of students-faculty-staff and families that is Marshall Middle School. Our meetings are open to you and your presence and input are welcome.

We are currently looking for a Fundraising Coordinator, as well as 5K Dash co-organizers. If you like to run/jog/walk, or have experience with event planning, fundraising, or publicity, the 5K Dash team needs you!

*"Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more."*

— H. Jackson Brown Jr.

## Thank yous

Now and then, MCC receives checks from families who simply want to contribute to our coffers. We deeply appreciate these donations and welcome them any time. Every single penny is put to good use.

## In Remembrance ... Ms. Lamm

While much of MCC's efforts goes *towards* raising funds for our teachers, it came as a surprise that last Spring, MCC *received* a donation check *from* teacher Malinda Lamm. She most recently taught math and robotics at Marshall. Ms. Lamm had just retired in June, after over 20 years of teaching. But so sadly, Ms. Lamm passed away last month. We are grateful and touched by Ms. Lamm's generosity, and will remember her dedication to her students. She will be missed.

