



Mountain Home School Charter

November/December 2011 News



Tis the season! Hard to believe we're already sending a November/December Newsletter! Lots going on at school in the next 2 months so thanks for taking the time to read this newsletter.

Wishing you all a safe, healthy, & joyous season!

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Bear Creek Pumpkin Patch Field Trip	Friday, October 28 (see Oct. Newsletter)
Elves and the Shoemaker—\$ due	Friday, October 28
Attendance #3 is due:	Friday, November 4
Shirt order due	Friday, November 4
The Emperor's New Clothes—Play	Wednesday, November 2
WSCS Board Meeting	Wednesday, November 9



In observance of Veteran's Day, MHSC will be closed on Friday, November 11

Hillmar Cheese Factory Field Trip:	Wednesday, November 16
International Expo Day @ MHSC	Friday, November 18



Holiday Break—School Closed from November 23rd ~ 25th

Community Tree Decorating:	Thursday, December 1
Attendance #4 and #5 are due:	Friday, December 2 and December 16
Elves & Shoemaker Play	Friday, December 2
Toys for Tots Drive	Donations accepted until December 2
Kids' Gift Workshop Week:	Monday-Friday, December 5~8
Furballs & Friends	Wednesday, December 14

Season's Greetings

Holiday Break—School Closed from December 19 ~ January 2

"Around the World" art projects are now on display in the lattice area until December 2nd. Don't forget to view this fun collection of student talent before it's gone.

Students can take their art projects home beginning December 5th.



Field Trips

The Emperor's New Clothes

Who: Kindergarten-5th & their families
Where: Tower Theater
When: Wednesday, November 2, 2011
Time: 10:45 am
Cost: \$5.50 per seat
Contact: Susan Mackenzie Ext. 14

Hilmar Cheese Factory

Who: All Grades, (Perfect for family groups)
Where: Hilmar Cheese Factory-(Travel time 1 hour & 40 minutes)
Cost: \$3:00 per child, (parents & teachers free)
When: Wednesday, November 16th @ 12:30. (We will leave @ 9:30 so that we can have a picnic , or café lunch prior to lining up for the tour.)
Contact: Kathi Bales Ext. 12

The Elves and the Shoemaker

Who: Kindergarten-5th & their families
Where: Tower Theater
When: Friday, December 2, 2011
Time: 10:45 am
Cost: \$5.50 per seat
Contact: Sylvia Sloas, Ext. 18

Ellis Island

What: Ellis Island, Coming to America
Who: Third through Eighth Grade (*sorry that this will conflict with 8th graders on their Catalina trip)
When: Wednesday, May 9th @ 10:00 (arrive @ 9:30)
Where: Tower Theater
Cost: \$7.95 (If paid prior to October 11th) \$9.95 after that.
***Please sign up and pay as soon as possible Contact: Kathi Bales, Ext. 12

We Have A New Mountain Home School Charter Teacher!

You may have noticed a new charter teacher working here & helping Sylvia in her music & variety classes. Her name is Marcia Souza. She works 1 day a week at the school with a few of our new families. The other 4 days of the week she can be found at our Glacier High School Kingsburg site.

We are happy to have her talents here!

Classes / Events

International Expo Day!

Friday, November 18th from 10:30-12:30

Join the fun while learning about a foreign country. Come share what you've learned about the country you are studying! You can sign up as a family for one country, or individual students can sign up for their own country.

come in costume!



share a food!

Make geography a part of your family fun time!

Kid's Gift Workshop

We're approaching that time of year, and once again, the staff is preparing to have your children participate in our annual secret holiday gift-making workshop! It is open to students in K-8th where they will be given instructions for making 2 gifts (1 male/1 female). If you have more than 1 student coming, each can decide ahead of time if their gift will be for parent, grandparent, aunt, etc. This activity is meant to be a secret workshop, so parents, please do not plan to stay in the main building during the morning hours the week this is held.

The workshop is being held from Monday, Dec. 5th—Friday, Dec. 9th.
2 sessions conducted each day: 9:00-10:30 and 11:00-12:30

Regularly scheduled classes will be omitted during this week.

Sign-ups will begin the 2nd week of November and posted on the class sign-up board.
Please sign your children up for only 1 session on one of the scheduled dates.

FURBALLS & FRIENDS

Bring your pets and let's go spread some Christmas cheer at the **Oakhurst Community Living Center**. Do you love sharing your gentle, well-socialized pet with others? There are plenty of residents that would be so happy to look at or pet your chicken, dog, cat, or ? We will be having our annual Furballs & Friends Christmas visit on **Wednesday, December 14th from 1:30-2:30**. Make sure that your pet is either leashed, caged, or somehow contained. If you want, you can bring Christmas cards and cookies to share with the folks, just don't put anything too chewy or hard in them, such as nuts. Please meet in front of the convalescent home at 1:20 so that the pets can see each other before they go inside.



For more information, please contact Joanie Madaus, 642-1422, ext.13. P.S. Everything from chickens to mini horses have participated in Furball & Friends.

Classes / Events



♪ Tree Decorating and Caroling ♪

Join us to help decorate our Mountain Home School Charter Christmas Tree on the corner of 41 and 426. We will meet on **Thursday, December 1st, at 2:30** to hang our decorations and sing carols on the corner. We will provide hot chocolate, but feel free to bring cookies to share!

Our tree will be "Christmas Around the World". You can help by coloring a country flag or child when you are at Mountain Home School. Some of our classes will also be working on decorations.

The Oakhurst Chamber of Commerce will have the Tree Lighting on the evening of December 3rd, if you would like to participate in the festivities!

If you have questions, please contact Kathi Bales (ext 12) or Sylvia Sloas (ext 18)

Ski Program

Well, it may be hard to believe but soon we should have snow. As our winter ski program nears, be looking for information in your school mailbox at the start of November. If you have internet access, forms will be posted online by November. **Registration ski forms will be due Friday, December 2nd.** The first ski day will be Monday, January 9th. In addition, we hope to have a parent training day at Badger on December 16th, so try to keep this open if you plan to teach skiing or snowboarding this year. We are always in great need of snowboarding instructors, so let

Eric know if you are able to instruct in this area.



Looking forward to a fun, snowy season!

PARENT WORKSHOPS

MHSC staff would like to hold a few parent workshops to help you in your noble endeavor of teaching your student(s). Included in the lineup will be:

Wed., Nov. 9 @ 11:00	Teaching Strategies for 4-7th Math	Kim and Skip
Wed., Nov. 9 @ 1:30	Teaching Strategies for Primary Math	Sylvia and Kim
Wed., Nov. 30 @ 10:00	MHSC Curriculum for Learning to Read	Susan/Parents
Wed., Nov. 30 @ 11:00	Teaching Strategies for Primary Writing	Mindy
Wed., Nov. 30 @ 1:00	Teaching Strategies for 4-8th Writing	Mindy
Wed., Nov. 30 @ 2:00	Making Learning Fun	Joanie

Important Information

8th Graders:

Fridays, Nov. 4th & Dec. 2: \$50.00 CIMI payment #2 & #3 due

Mosaic Class: Meets every Tuesday afternoon from October 25- December 13th. from 12:00ish - 3:30 to accommodate the added math class. Please see Joanie about your design and for details about the class.

Fire Evacuation—Procedures we want you to know!

In the event of a fire: Alarm Sounds

Teachers with a class will:

- Secure their roll books (As appropriate)
- Escort students out of the building to the fire drill location
- Take roll once all students have arrived at the assigned area
- Await further instructions from Director or Principal

Teachers and Staff with no class will:

- In Main Building check all areas to insure that all students are out of the building
 - Teachers in cubicles sweep primary classroom, secondary classroom, library and book shed
 - Teachers in offices sweep bathrooms, staff room, parent room, and garage
- Escort students out of the building to the fire drill location

Students will:

- File out of building in a quiet orderly manner as directed by teachers
- Assemble in the designated fire drill area
- Remain quiet and orderly
- Await further instructions from their teacher

Parents will:

- If parent has their child with them
 - parents are to file out of building with their child, in a quiet orderly manner as directed by teachers
- If parent's child is not immediately with them but somewhere in building or on grounds
 - parents are to file out of building without their child, in a quiet orderly manner as directed by teachers
- Assemble in the designated fire drill area and meet your children there
- Remain quiet and orderly
- Await further instructions from their teacher

Director and/ or Principal will:

- Sweep buildings to insure all people are exited
- Prepare materials for emergency response personnel (Logistics)

Emergency status is clear when:

- Conditions are deemed safe by the Director or Principal
- Teachers are given the "All Clear" signal

Toys for Tots

Mountain Home School Charter is happy to support Griswold Mountain Detachment 1121, Marine Corps League of Oakhurst for its annual Toys for Tots campaign. Since 1948, Marines have been making Christmas wishes come true for many of our less fortunate children.

We hope you can make a difference in the lives of children living in the mountain area. Your gift of a shiny, new toy means to a needy child that someone cares, that he or she has not been forgotten, that Christmas has not passed him or her by. From now through December 9, new, unwrapped toys can be dropped off in the Toys for Tots bin at Mountain Home School. Thank you for your help!

A big “Thank you!” to all who bought bulbs from 8th graders during our fall Flower Power Fundraising event.~

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT ~

Order forms for spirit wear are now in your mailbox at school.

Choose from a variety of styles and colors. Please return the order form and payment to the basket in Mrs. Meeks’ office. First order will be placed on November 4th or you can order online. If you have any questions call Kim at 642-1422 ext.19.

Parents,

Please help our school by making sure your children pick up after themselves when they are done playing in the playroom. This area has really gotten out of control, especially on our class days. We want this room to be an enjoyable and safe environment for all the children!

We appreciate your attention and help!

Contacts

To contact a staff member by phone, dial 559-642-1422 and press the extension number for the person you need.

Executive Director

Michael Cox Ext. 11

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Marcia Souza Ext. 32

Speech & Lang. Specialist

Sharon Miller Ext. 32

The next Western Sierra Charter Schools Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9 at 3:00 pm. This is Mountain Home & Glacier High School Charter’s governing Board made up of parents, staff, & community members.

Parents, you are always welcome to attend!

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