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Monets and Picassos Wanted!

We are looking for volunteer painters to assist us in getting the hallway painted before next week’s re-carpeting. After a generous donation was made to carpet the entryway and office, the town has decided to carpet the remainder of the hallways and atrium. Painting could begin as early as tomorrow afternoon, this weekend, or any day next week after dismissal. Please contact the office if you are able to help. Thank you, artists!

Noon Dismissal Tomorrow

Please remember that there will be a 12:00 noon dismissal tomorrow, Friday, October 21 for staff professional development. Thank you.

Spring 2012 China Trip RSVP!

Interested families wishing to join us for the upcoming middle school trip to China in April are asked to let Mr. Houck know by **tomorrow, October 21**, if you are intending to go. Please RSVP the number of students and adults wishing to attend. Thank you!

Handouts Home

Please see your child’s backpack for today’s handouts:

- Hannaford Fundraising Info
- Floodbrook Collaborative Basketball Form
- 2011-12 JISP Letter

Halloween Parade

Mark your calendars! On Friday, October 28 at 1:00 p.m. we will be holding our annual Halloween Parade. We are leaving the school at

12:45 p.m. and will return at approximately 2:00 p.m. Each year the businesses of Bondville come out to support our students as they “trick-or-treat” their way through town. Adults are welcome! Remember, fun and creative costumes for children...no weapons, blood, or gore. *Please contact the office if you can drive middle school students.*

Hike for Hunger Thanks

A big thank you to our students and parents for supporting this year’s Hike. MSW students have carried on their tradition of raising over \$1,000 for the Vermont Campaign to End Childhood Hunger each of the last 11 years. Our total was \$1078 - thank you for your support!

Christmas in the Country

This year CITC returns to MSW! The event will be held the Thanksgiving weekend, Friday-Saturday November 25-26. There will be vendors, the Christmas Cafe, and even Santa! If you are able to volunteer for this MSW fundraiser, please see Mr. Miller.

We are in need of tree lights, tree stands, and tree decorations (ornaments, etc.). If you have extra

or unwanted items, please send them in. Thank you!

Help Spread Winter Spirit!

We are looking to decorate our school this winter with white holiday lights. In year's past, we wrapped the wooden ceiling beams in our hallways with beautiful white lights. We would like to continue that tradition, but in a *cost-effective* and environmentally-friendly way. If you can donate *warm white LED lights*, we appreciate the donation. These lights can be found very cost-effectively in large spools at both Target© and Wal-Mart© stores, as well as many local hardware stores. They use up to 90% less power! Thanks for helping to spread that Winter Cheer *and* save money!

Yankee Candle® Orders

Interested in buying any candles for the holidays? Be sure to see an 8th grader! They will be selling candles to support their 8th grade trip. Orders are due November 4, so hurry!

Long Trail Work

Middle school students will be working on the stretch of trail that MSW adopted and cleans twice a year. If you are able to go with the 7/8 next Wednesday or 5/6 next Friday, please let the homeroom teachers know.

Student Council Reps

Congratulations to our 2011-12 Student Council representatives. Students will be working with advisors Mr. Ahlfeld and Mr. Miller. Reps are:

- 8th Grade: Cali Wadsworth and Murray Senecal
- 7th Grade: Kevin O'Keefe and Rakai Tait
- 6th Grade: Lilly Peckel and Haley vonAchen
- 5th Grade: Fiona McMahon and Lucy Senecal

Congrats, students!

NECAP Tests

All tests will be completed and mailed out next week. Thank you for your help with the testing process.

Mid-Term Reports

Please note that the first midterm report goes home on Thursday, October 27. See your child's teacher with questions.

Annual Fall Team-Building Trip

Be sure to ask a middle schooler about this fall's trip at the Hulbert Center on Lake Morey in Fairleigh, VT. Students and teachers returned yesterday. Welcome back!

Soccer Comes To An End

A big thank you to our soccer players, coaches, and parents for another season. All teams will close out their seasons next week. Pre-Kindergarten will

have one final practice Monday. Team K-4 has a game at Maple Street Monday. The Middle School has a home co-ed game Tuesday against RACS, split games with Maple Street Thursday, and a final match-up against Long Trail Friday.

This special game includes a girl's game at 2:30 p.m., boys game at 3:30 p.m., and an end-of-season pizza party at 4:30 p.m. Please note: All middle school players and coaches eat for free. However, parents, siblings, and other non-players can join the "party" by RSVP'ing and paying \$2/slice to the office no later than noon on Friday 10/28. Drinks will be provided. Please contact the office for more information.

PAB Raffle Tickets

PAB is a generous supporter of the school. How do they raise thousands of dollars each year? Through two main fundraisers: Bottle Recycling and the Annual Raffle.

Time is running out for the raffle. Each family is asked to sell as many booklets as possible, but at least one booklet. The drawing will be coming up at this year's CITC.

If you would like more tickets to purchase/sell, please see Robin Apps. Any unsold booklets should be returned to the office ASAP. Questions regarding PAB and their mission can be addressed to Tara Senecal, PAB President.

Thank you, PAB, for all your support!