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## MSW Announces The Christie Archer Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Mountain School at Winhall proudly announces that it has founded a new scholarship fund in memory of Christie Archer. The Fund will be used specifically for students needing special services that do not have either the financial capability or school district support to receive such services at MSW. Christie and her family were always strong advocates for children with special needs, and the school proudly honors her memory with this Fund. Thanks to those MSW community members who have already made a tax-deductible donation to The Christie Archer Memorial Scholarship Fund. For more information, please see Mr. Houck.

## Reminder: Annual Thanksgiving Lunch is Tomorrow!

Tomorrow we will have a community Thanksgiving Luncheon at 12:00 noon. To make this happen, we need your help! We ask each student to bring in the following item:

- *All Guests—Place settings for their entire family.  
We want to conserve the environment!*
- *PK/K Students—gallon of apple cider*
- *1/2 Students—rolls (12-15 each)*
- *3/4 Students—a vegetable dish (not mashed potatoes)*
- *5/6 Students—mashed potatoes (please prepare around 3 lbs. of raw potatoes)*
- *7/8 Students—stuffing and gravy*

If you have children in multiple grade levels you may defer to the item listed for the oldest child, however, we also welcome multiple contributions to our feast! If your family is unable to bring anything to the feast, please still join us to celebrate. All remaining food is donated to local Fire/Rescue

squads, as well as families in need. This is not only a time to give thanks, it is a time to share the harvest.

Thank you to this year’s turkey cookers: Robin Apps, Trish Burt, John Hunnewell, Megan McMahon, Ed and Irene Glazer, Jodi Morrison, Tara Senecal and Ric Swenson.

If you are bringing a warm dish and you will be joining us for the meal, please bring your dish already warmed @ 11:45 on November 18 (unsliced turkeys by 11:30 a.m.). **PLEASE RSVP TO LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO.** See you Friday!

## Annual Giving Campaign

All families should have received this year’s annual giving packet. Please review this information carefully. MSW has created an outstanding program due to the dedication and support of the Board, staff, and community. However, we need 100% support to reach our goal of raising \$100,000 this school year to sustain those programs. Please show your strong support of our wonderful school by giving a generous gift this year.

## **Thanksgiving Food Drive**

Please be sure to support the local food cupboard and those in need by bringing in non-perishable food items. The food drive is taking place as a friendly “competition” with our House Teams. Currently, Stratton is in 1st place with 49 cans, followed by Magic (48), Bromley (47) and Mt. Snow (29). Bring in those cans to help everyone “win!” Our drive ends November 22.

## **China Trip Deadline**

Students and families interested in going on the trip to China MUST finalize their plans with Mr. Houck by December 1. In addition to the airfare going up in cost (currently fares are between \$900-\$1,200), the trip planners are requesting specific numbers of students attending. Thank you.

## **Chorus Singers Needed**

Students interested for chorus are invited to join in on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:15 p.m. YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED! Please sign a Chorus permission (attached) form to stay after school. See Mrs. Clark for more information. Thank you.

## **JISP Forms and Volunteers Wanted**

Do you enjoy skiing or snowboarding? Enjoy working with children? We are in need of JISP volunteers, especially

snowboarders! You must be reliable and able to commit to every JISP session. Please contact the office ASAP if you can be a JISP group leader or assistant.

Please also remember to return your child’s JISP form ASAP if you have not already done so. They were due 11/16. Students need to pay for passes (unless already provided through employees or Refuse to Use) and snack fee. See the office for more details. Thank you!

## **Early Dismissal and Thanksgiving Holiday**

A reminder that there is 12:00 noon dismissal on Tuesday, November 22. There will also be no school Wednesday 11/23-Friday 11/25. We will see you back at school on Monday 11/28!

## **Painter(s) Still Needed**

There is a little touch-up and finishing work to be done...can you help? Please contact the office if you can spend an hour or two to finish up the last bits of painting. Thank you.

## **New Basketball Hoop**

A big thank you Mark Eichhorn for installing our new outdoor break-away basketball hoop. Our students look forward to a spring dunk contest!

## **Christmas in the Country**

Our **Christmas In The Country** fundraising event is

going to be a wonderful, stress-free Holiday shopping event for all. The event is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Not only will we have our vendors in attendance, but our very own **Christmas In The Country Café**, gift wrapping services, face painting, hay rides and a visit from Santa!

Selling their wares and products will be Kobo Candles, Schuyler Sweets, Laura Megroz, Jen Straub Jewelry, Ellen Howard Handmade Scarves, Peek-a-boo Designs, Skin Care Holiday Boutique for Men and Women, Crave Clothing Designs, Handmade Maple Pens, Three Dot Pottery, Gigi Begin Original Art, Equinox Valley Nursery and Birdsong Arts.

Please come in order to beat the shopping crowds, find wonderful locally made items, and support The Mountain School at Winhall.

## **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 more 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 pools at

both Target© and Wal-Mart© stores, as well as many local hardware stores. They use up to 90% less power than traditional lights. Thanks for helping to spread that Winter Cheer *and* save energy costs.

## **Summer Program Memory Book**

Be sure to check out the beautiful memory book created by our sister school in Guanghan, China. The book chronicles their visit for our international summer program. See the office for more details!

## **OPUS Project Presentation**

Mark your calendars! Our Fall OPUS Project Presentation will be Thursday, December 15 at 6:00 p.m. Students from all classrooms will be presenting various forms of work for our community.

What is The OPUS Project? “Opus” is the Latin word for “creative” or “artistic work.” We have chosen this name for our multidisciplinary, thematic learning module used here at the school. For OPUS presentations, students share their work - both

product and process - in creative ways. Most of what occurs at OPUS is completely written, created, and/or performed entirely by students. Come see for yourself!

## **OPUS Fundraising Dinner**

Before the OPUS Project Presentation on December 15, be sure to attend our annual fundraising dinner at 5:00 p.m. More information to follow!

## **OPUS Middle School Dessert Raffle**

The Fall OPUS Dessert Raffle supports the middle school team. All middle school families are asked to donate one dessert item for our dessert auction on December 15. Please bring your desserts (and plenty of cash!) to support the middle school!

## **Trimester I Coming to a Close**

The 1st Trimester ends Friday, December 2. Report cards will go home Thursday, December 8. Please contact your child’s teacher with any questions.

## **Middle School Basketball**

The boys and girls basketball teams have started practice. If your child is interested, please contact Mr. Houck. The next practice will be Monday, November 28. Practices will be held Mondays and Thursdays through through December. Games begin January 9. Be sure to cheer on the Wildcats!

## **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!