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Support MSW at the Peru Fair on September 24!

Don't miss this wonderful Vermont tradition! Visit the Peru Fair between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Stop by the Activities Booth for face painting or sand art or the the Food Booth for delicious corn chowder. All proceeds go to the Parent Advisory Board. We'll see you Saturday!

Fall Apple Picking

Students (and parents) are invited to attend an apple picking experience at Mad Tom's Orchard on Friday. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher for more information or to chaperone.

New Family Breakfast Social

New MSW families are invited to a special breakfast social on Wednesday, October 17 from 8:15-8:45 a.m. New parents will have the opportunity to meet other new parents, ask questions to some school personnel, and grab a quick bite to eat before work. Childcare will be provided if needed. See you 10/17!

Hike for Hunger

The Vermont Campaign to End Childhood (VTCECH) Hunger's annual Hike for Hunger will be completed by The Mountain School on Friday, October 7. MSW has participated in the Hike for 10 years, raising over \$10,000. Students find sponsors and hike to raise awareness and funds. All proceeds go directly to VTCECH, so the donations stay local and are used for both short-term (food cupboard items) and long-term (education for families, including gardening, cooking, and more). Please

look for the Hike packet coming home with your child(ren).

Orientation Night

Please mark your calendars for the Fall Orientation Night. Elementary families will meet on Thursday, September 29 at 6:00 (Grades Pre-K/K), 6:30 (Grades 1/2), and 7:00 (Grades 3/4). The middle school schedule will alter from what was previously announced.

On Thursday, October 6, ALL middle school families are asked to attend at 6:00 and meet in their child's homeroom. Parents will rotate throughout classes until 7:00. *Families interested in the spring China trip are invited to an informational meeting at 7:00 in the Library.*

Spring 2012 China Trip Meeting

Interested families wishing to learn more about the upcoming middle school trip to China in April are invited to an informational meeting. The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 6 after the Middle School Orientation Night. Mr. Houck will review estimated costs, trip preparation requirements, and the itinerary. Please meet in the Library.

Hurricane Irene Relief Distribution

On Saturday September 24, from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., the Stratton Foundation will be providing clothes, bedding, and other donated items to area residents in need at the Sun Bowl. If your family is in need, please come to the Sun Bowl Saturday. Spread the news!

NECAP Tests

MSW will be participating in the 2011 NECAP tests during the month of October. Families are asked to be sensitive to the testing times (check with your child's homeroom teacher) and keep absences to a minimum, if possible. Practice tests will be given the week of September 26, and actual testing the week of October 3. Like every day of school, please send your child well-fed and well-rested so they can work to the best of their ability. Thank you!

Mid-Term Reports

Please note that the first midterm report goes home on Thursday, October 20.

AKP News

Last week was the 2nd Annual Always Keep Pedaling

Tour for Mr. Wilson's foundation. Thanks to those that supported the cause. For interested families, the AKP Foundation will be holding a Scrabble Tournament at the Perfect Wife in Manchester, Vermont on November 18. They will be posting registration info on the website soon.

The mission of the AKP Foundation is to provide young adults in financial need with the means to use adventure sports, athletics, and adaptive sports to energize a comeback from cancer. Please contact Mr. Wilson, (President/Founder) for more information or visit www.akpfoundation.org.

Note: Columbus Day Holiday

Just a reminder that there is NO SCHOOL on Monday, October 10 due to the Columbus Day holiday. School resumes as normal on Tuesday, October 11.

Annual Fall Team-Building Trip

This fall's trip will take place at the Hulbert Center on Lake Morey in Fairleigh, VT. The cost of this year's trip is \$210 per child (\$200 for families of two or more). The first half payment was due September 1, with the second

payment being due October 1. See Mr. Ahlfeld for more information.

Noon Dismissal 10/21

Please mark your calendars that there will be a 12:00 noon dismissal on Friday, October 21 for staff professional development. Thank you.

Soccer Updates

A big thank you to our soccer players, coaches, and parents. All teams have begun practice. Please check the soccer game schedules on our website at www.themountainschool.org for more information.

On Saturday, October 1, the boys and girl's teams will be playing in the Fall Classic at the Long Trail School. Be sure to stop by and support them. Go Wildcats!

Thanks to PAB

A big thank you to the Parent Advisory Board (PAB) for their support in purchasing a new Elmo Presentation Projector for Mr. Wilson's classroom and a gift of \$250 towards the purchase of a new SmartBoard for Mrs. Love's classroom. Thanks for your ongoing support!