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## **MDS MESSAGES – Week of 2/29/2016**

### **Prayer**

*God of infinite love, I thank you for this reminder of your love and your call that we be more patient, gentle and compassionate with others. Here in the middle of Lent, I turn to you to beg for your help. Please soften my heart. Help me to let go of judging others. I ask you this, in Jesus' name. Amen.*

### **School News**

#### **2016-2017 REGISTRATION**

Thank you to the many families who have completed and turned in their registration - Tuition Fees and Agreement – THANK YOU!! Early registration numbers help us to better plan our 2016-2017 school budget!! If you have not completed your forms, please do so by March 10<sup>th</sup>. If your family is not returning to MDS for the 2016-2017 school year, we need your signature on the back of the Tuition and Fees Agreement by March 10<sup>th</sup>. Please return forms and payment for Registration Fee to the school office.

#### **Refer a NEW Student and get a REWARD!**

This year MDS is offering a New Student Referral Bonus! Please see the attached flyer for more information.

#### **MDS WALK-A-THON**

Madonna del Sasso's first ever Walk-A-Thon was a HUGE success!! With the excitement of the students, the dedication of our parents, and the support and encouragement of our faculty and staff, we are proud to announce that OUR STUDENTS raised over \$5,000!!!

The students, from Pre-school to 8<sup>th</sup> grade, enjoyed a day of FUN!! All our students worked together WALKING to enhance the learning environment at MDS!

TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM  
SCIENCE LAB  
OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

We will hold a special assembly to announce the winners for our Limo Lunch, Principal For A Day, Ice Cream Social, and Dress Out Day Passes on Thursday. **Again, a BIG Thank you to all our families!**



### **BOX TOPS Update**

Our school collected 2,170 Box Tops for this spring collection! That's \$217.00 for MDS School! The top collecting class was 3rd grade with a total of 494 (they will win a special class party). The top individual collectors . . . First place goes to Laura H. (3rd grade) with 295 and second place goes to Arianna M. (1st grade) with 291. Since it was such a close race, both Laura and Arianna win a prize! Prizes will be awarded by the end of the week. Great work everyone! Keep collecting and remember it's free money for MDS!

### **Service Hour Statements**

Service Hour Statements are being sent home today, 3/1! Statements have been updated through 2/29/16. Please contact Sylvia Guzman at [sguzman@mdsschool](mailto:sguzman@mdsschool), if you have any questions. Thank you.

### **ROBOTICS – “WIRED: Women In Robotics, Engineering and Design”**

Our middle school girls have the opportunity to join a ROV (Remotely Operated Vehicle) Competition in Saratoga and work along side Notre Dame High School students creating an underwater robot. Breanna Fitzgerald, a MDS alum and Mrs. Fitzgerald's daughter, is the leader of the program.

We are excited to see our young ladies interested in engineering and design and look forward to more activities with WIRED!

### **FINE ARTS**

Our students in grades 2-8 attend Music Appreciation class weekly with Mr. Becker experience classical music through opera. To complement our program, our students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> will be attending Ariel's performance of Pinocchio. We hope you will take the time to speak with your children about their musical experiences.

### **Flat Bed Trailer – Needed for Stations of the Cross**

We are in need of a flat bed trailer from 3/14 – 3/26. The trailer will be kept on our school field and used during the Stations of the Cross. Please email Lynette Fitzgerald in the office at [lfitzgerald@mdsschool.com](mailto:lfitzgerald@mdsschool.com), if you are interested in lending a trailer. You will receive Service Hours. Thank you!!

### **Mixed Bag Fundraiser**

Our school will be hosting a Mixed Bag Fundraiser from March 3<sup>rd</sup> – March 18<sup>th</sup>. The catalogs along with more information will be going home before March 3<sup>rd</sup>, please check with your child.

### **MDS Talent Show – Date Changed to March 17th**

Students will continue practicing each week with Ms. Susie OR Mrs. Terrazas. We apologize for any inconvenience.

### **WCEA Accreditation Update**

Parent surveys will be sent home next week!! Please take time to complete these surveys to assist us with our school improvement plan. Your responses will help us to better understand the needs and concerns as well as the strengths of Madonna del Sasso School. Our WCEA Team will be reviewing these results and asking parents to participate as we work together to enhance our student learning environment here at MDS. Thank you in advance for your support!

**There will not be school this Friday, 3/4.** It is a Professional Growth Day and our faculty and staff will be working on our WCEA Accreditation.

### **St Vincent de Paul**

Each student in **Preschool and Kindergarten** is asked to bring a sack lunch for needy families on March 3rd. In the sack lunch, please provide a piece of fresh fruit, a bottle of water or juice, a bag of chips and a sandwich. Sandwiches can be one of the following: cheese and meat OR just meat (no condiments, lettuce, tomatoes, etc., in the sandwich), peanut butter and jelly, or just peanut butter. You may choose to provide something sweet such as cookies. Please send the food items in a paper lunch sack on Thursday morning, March 3rd. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Book Fair	March 13 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>
Talent Show	March 17 <sup>th</sup> - NEW DATE
Applebee's Pancake Breakfast	April - TBA
Family Night	April 8 <sup>th</sup>
Grandparents Day	April 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Father Daughter Dance	April 29 <sup>th</sup>
Art Show	May 17 <sup>th</sup>

### **Dates to Remember**

March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Minimum Day – 1 <sup>st</sup> through 8 <sup>th</sup> Dismissal at 12:30 p.m. There will be after School Extension
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	St. Vincent de Paul/Sack Lunches – Preschool and Kindergarten
March 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mixed Bag Fundraiser
<b>March 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Professional Growth Day - No School/No Extension</b>
March 13 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	Spring BOOK FAIR
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Minimum Day
March 25 <sup>th</sup> – April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Break

**The possibilities are endless at Madonna del Sasso School!**