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## **MDS MESSAGES – Week of 2/16/2016**

### **Prayer**

Holy Spirit of Love YOU moved the water and gave light and color to our world.  
YOU fill all things with life and beauty and give to our heart the joy of love.  
Full my mind today with YOUR light so that I may rejoice in YOUR creation  
and in my happiness raise my heart to YOU. AMEN

### **MOTIVATE INSTRUCT NUTURE**

Dear Parents,

THANK YOU for an amazing first year here at Madonna del Sasso School and California. Transferring to a new school is always challenging not to mention to a new STATE, but working along side our amazing and dedicated faculty, continuing to grow professionally to enhance the learning environment at MDS promoting student growth and achievement is a rewarding experience.

The students, Preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> grade, are a JOY as well. Always happy, courteous, positive and brightens everyday – even the cold, rainy ones.

I look forward to working together as a Catholic school community encouraging our students to DREAM BIG and as our Superintendent says often “we are here to prepare our students for Heaven and TO BE SMART TOO”!!

As we continue with our accreditation process we invite you to attend our HSA meetings, participate with our Parent Surveys, and provide us with any and all comments or suggestions you have as we work together to make MDS a place where all students can achieve success!!

So again THANK YOU for allowing me the opportunity to inspire your children academically, physically and spiritually.

Mrs. Terrazas

### **School News**

#### **EARLY REGISTRATION BONUS**

Complete your registration Tuition Fees and Agreement form by 3:00 p.m. February 19<sup>th</sup> and earn 10 Service Hours for the 2016-2017 school year.

Regular registration for 2016 -2017 Tuition Fees and Agreement form is due March 10<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure to return your forms to school by that date.

### MDS NEW STUDENT REFERRAL BONUS

This year MDS is offering a \$250.00 tuition credit or 10 volunteer service hours (a \$300 value)\* for the referral AND registration of a new student to MDS. New Families **MUST** indicate the referring family during the application process. There is **NO LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF STUDENT REFERRALS** allowed per family.

\*The credit or service hours will be applied in October of 2016 towards your 2016 - 2017 tuition or service hours of your *Tuition and Fees Agreement*.

### FRIENDSHIP PARTY

Our preschool students enjoyed a special Valentine's Day Friendship party with their 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Prayer Partners. A big THANK YOU to all our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and preschool parents who were able to join the FUN!!

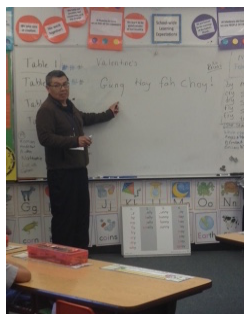
### NATIONAL CARD AND LETTER WRITING MONTH

Ms. Rita's students also celebrated United States Postal Service National Card and Letter Writing Month by learning "hands-on" about the post office.



### SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Ms. Sue's Class learned about the *Chinese New Year* with a special guest, Ms. Sue's DAD!! Mr. Sue has visited our campus for the past 3 years and we thank him for sharing his time and knowledge with our students!



### MDS WALK-A-THON

Walk-A-Thon forms will be sent home today. The students are excited to come together as a school community to help raise funds for our school. **We have set a goal for each child to raise \$100.00 dollars.** We know this is a lot but would like everyone to participate and remember all the monies raised will go towards enhancing technology in the classrooms, our science lab and outdoor classroom experiences. If you are able to join our Walk-A-Thon on

Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> feel free to come and walk with your child. Students' names will be entered into our Walk-A-Thon raffle for every \$10.00 raised to win a "LIMO LUNCH with Faculty" and/or "Principal for the Day"!!

- Students who raise \$25.00 will earn a FREE DRESS DAY.
- Students who raise \$50.00 will earn an ICE CREAM SOCIAL/DANCE.
- Students who raise \$100.00 will earn a "special MDS Walk-A-Thon T-shirt" which students will be allowed to wear every Friday for the rest of the school year.

### **MDS Talent Show**

Students have been practicing very hard with Ms. Susie for our annual MDS Talent Show. Please make sure to mark your calendars for March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00p.m. We look forward to seeing all our families support these students as they share their TALENTS!

### **St Vincent de Paul**

**Each student in Third and Fourth grade is asked to bring a sack lunch for needy families on February 18<sup>th</sup>.** 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, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### **HSA Home School Association - Volunteer Opportunities**

MDS Walk –A –Thon	February 26 <sup>th</sup>
Talent Show	March 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Book Fair	March 13 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup>
Family Night	April 8 <sup>th</sup>
Grandparents Day	April 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Applebee's Pancake Breakfast	April 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Father Daughter Dance	April 29 <sup>th</sup>
Art Show	May 17 <sup>th</sup>

### **Dates to Remember**

<b>February 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Minimum Day (Grades 1-8 dismissal at 12:30)</b>
February 18 <sup>th</sup>	St. Vincent de Paul/Sack Lunches – Grades 3 and 4
February 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Round the World Yo-yo Assembly
February 26 <sup>th</sup>	MDS Walk-a-thon
March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Minimum Day (Grades 1-8 dismissal at 12:30)
March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Talent Show in the SAC at 6:00 p.m.
March 4 <sup>th</sup>	Professional Growth Day - No School/No Extension
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	BOOK FAIR
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Minimum Day (Grades 1-8 dismissal at 12:30)
March 25 <sup>th</sup> – April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Break

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