

PTO UPDATE

MARYVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

A Privilege and a Challenge - Join Us!



Tug of War ... our timeless Field Day event!

THANK YOU FOR THE AWESOME PRIVILEGE OF LEADING PTO! We send our sincere appreciation to all who partnered with us to help make our events possible this year.

Teachers collaborating in a big way included Mrs. Hampton, who explained the school-wide writing program in a Parent Academy, Mrs. Newberry, who partnered to organize the Consignment Sale, and Mrs. Burroughs, who finalized the fun of 200+ kids at Elementary Field Day. We appreciate all the teachers and staff who give our children not only an education, but lead them in the

direction the Lord has planned for their lives. What a blessing they are to us!! It only takes a moment to offer a word of encouragement to the teachers and staff who spend countless hours encouraging our children to do their best, academically and spiritually. Take some time today to say **THANK YOU!!!**

We are extremely grateful to all the parents who volunteered to make Pancakes & PJs, the Consignment Sale, both Field Days and Teacher Appreciation Week possible. Without you, we could not meet our goals of promoting school spirit, communication, learning and fellowship, and supporting our teachers. Parents play such a vital role in making our school successful! Thank you parents!!!

With this privilege came the challenge of following thru on our plans with limited funding.

We take stewardship of your finances very seriously, and assure you that we will continue to do so. (See flip side.) We appreciated your support as we strived to creatively accomplish the goals we set for ourselves.

As we look to next year, we really have a need for a MS/HS parent to come alongside the current officers to help us better serve ALL our families. If the Lord is piercing your heart to be more involved in your child's life, please pray about joining us! The officers always welcome constructive input at any time, and particularly at our quarterly meetings. A big **THANK YOU** to all who have supported PTO this year!



Brooke Moberg relaxes with her girls at Pancakes & PJs.



Teachers are honored during Teacher Appreciation Week for participation in PTO events.

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Email or call Jennifer Shaw to be placed on PTO contact list for future event information.

See our webpage under the MCS family menu.

This Week's Quarterly Meeting Update

Our meeting Wednesday was something old, something new, and lots of borrowing this year too! Next year's events will be similar, but we hope to renew the welcome (back) party in August and add a fall consignment sale. We would love to focus more on sponsoring pro-

grams in reading and science, and distribute a "newcomer packet" to new families. To do that, we need help from parents to step out in faith and take the reins on leading an event. We can help you get started in the event of your choice, and we have lots of info to go by from this

year.

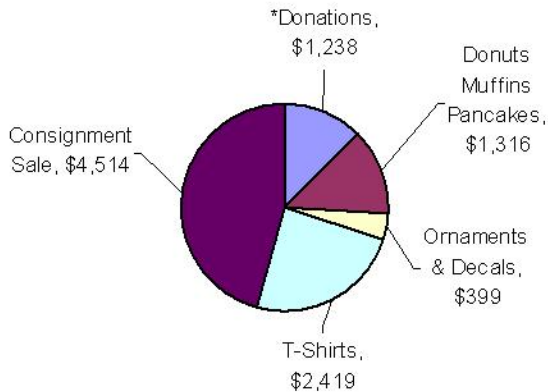
Please consider how you can contribute your talents and skills to MCS today. When we seek to do God's will and commit many hands to working together, then amazing things can be accomplished!

On the flip side:

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A Lot of Bang for the Buck

YTD Income: \$9886 (General Budget)



* Includes \$410 of food and materials.



Courtyard Gardening Project a Success!

Wednesday, 4/28 was a beautiful day at MCS. The weather was picture perfect, sunny and cool. Plus, even better ... students, parents, and teachers worked together to create an outdoor space for our students to explore the science of horticulture in our very own MCS courtyard.

After much creative design and planning in order to use student labor, John Evans and Brian Pietzyk led a team of 8th graders through the project as part of their

Mercy Matters semester service requirement. The kids pitched right in, and filled 6 raised beds (for grades 1-6) with topsoil, dug holes and planted numerous shrubs to hide AC units, and laid down a pea gravel path. If you look toward the preschool, you'll also see our pergola, built by Cornerstone Homes thru the Rodriguez family. When woody vines are planted and trained to the open lattice above, we will be able to enjoy the shade. Large smooth rocks

We like to think that we have been good stewards of your money and met our organizational goals as we carried out our events this year. Let's see how we did.

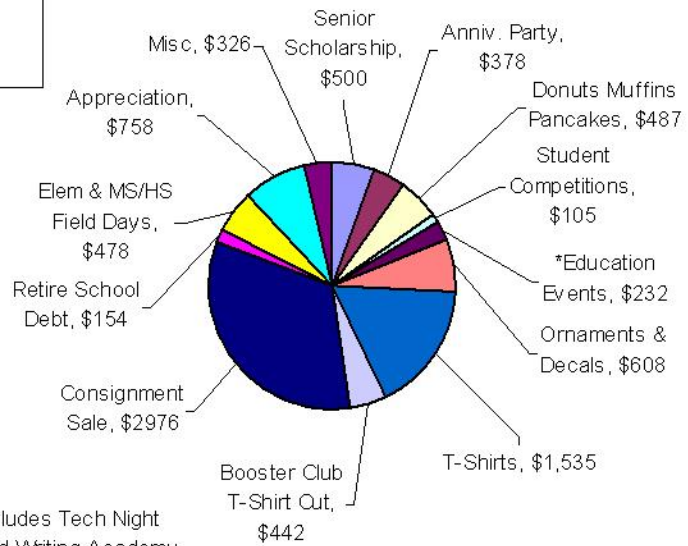
It is true we weren't efficient fundraisers. Especially at this time, we feel strongly about charging only what we need to cover expenses. If you subtract the cost of our fundraisers (\$5606) from the income raised (\$8646), we are only left with \$3042 profit. Yet the fundraisers selected focused on promoting fel-

lowship and school spirit (socials & T-shirts), publicity for MCS (decals), and earning money for parents (consignment sale).

Of the \$4280 we had available to spend (profit + donations), we supported an amazing number of events, and have enough left to cover our \$500 senior scholarship (which hits the books next fiscal year).

We hope you agree that we gave you "a lot of bang for the buck". For more information, contact Treasurer, Sue Morris.

YTD Expense: \$8979 (General Budget)



* Includes Tech Night and Writing Academy

are still needed for kids to sit on around the pergola. We have funds to buy 2 but could use 6 more.

Besides thanking John and Brian, we need to recognize Shannon Keim, former PTO chair, who raised the money in 2007 to make this possible, and Tom Boring, who had the foresight to install a drainage system and provide grading for the courtyard as part of his work on the science lab building in 2008.

John & Brian hope to intro-

duce more courtyard development as additional funding allows. Call John @ 356-9695 if you would like to contribute to this beautiful space.



Hannah Caldwell and Mac Burkhart ham it up after digging numerous tree holes.