

MARION CROSS SCHOOL

PTO **May** NEWS

Upcoming PTO Events

Wednesday, May 4: Bike to School Day — 7:30 a.m. at Huntley Meadow and Norwich Library

Friday, May 6: Children's Book Sale — Collection begins

Monday, May 9: PTO Meeting — 7 p.m. in the MCS Library

Monday, May 16: Staff Appreciation Pie Day — Before school in Multi-purpose Room

Thursday, May 19: Celebration Books — All forms due by 3 p.m.

Friday, May 20 and Saturday May 21: Children's Book Sale at Tracy Hall

Important MCS Event Reminders

Thursday, May 19: May Fest — 12:45 p.m. on the Green

Monday, May 30: Memorial Day — No School

Bike to School Day this Wednesday

This spring's Bike to School Day takes place on Wednesday, May 4. There are two starting points, Huntley Meadow and the Norwich Public Library. Older riders should start at Huntley Meadow while younger riders are encouraged to meet at the library. Children in 1st grade and below must be under the direct supervision of an adult and all riders must wear helmets. Riders should assemble at both sites at 7:30 with a planned departure from Huntley Meadow at 7:40.

Bakers needed for Staff Appreciation Pie Day on Monday, May 16

Every May for the last 13 years, we give pies of all kinds to MCS staff to show our gratitude. This includes teachers, educational assistants, custodians, Mr. Bill, office staff, crossing-guards, and bus drivers. It is quite a sight to walk into the Multi and see rows and rows of beautiful pies displayed in recognition of all our staff members. Please click [here](#) to sign up to bake a pie. We need at least 80 pies! Thank you. Please direct questions to [Corin Benedict](#) or [Tamar Schriebman](#).

PTO needs 150 more Box Tops to meet fundraising goal

What a terrific fundraising challenge! Thanks to all of the work put into the Break-to-Break Challenge, we are a tiny sneeze away from meeting our challenge of 8,000 BTE coupons and dimes. We need 150 more BTE coupons and dimes to surpass our challenge goal by one. We challenge each of you reading this newsletter to put down your electronic devices and proceed quickly (but carefully while holding scissors) into your pantry or storage closet. I bet you will find a couple more BTE coupons that you could immediately clip out and send into school tomorrow to push us past our goal.

Although we will still collect BTE coupons to meet our goal, the class-to-class challenge is officially over. As usual, it was a nail biter with only 76 units separating first and second places and only one unit separating third and fourth. The Box Tops Divas will reveal the class standings to the entire student body at an upcoming REP. Until then, parents will have to wait and wonder...isn't the suspense exhilarating?! Thanks for all that you do to support the students and our school. We hope you find these challenges as fun as the kids do.

Consider a Celebration Book as an end of year teacher gift

It is never too early to think about end of the year teacher gifts and what better way to honor a special teacher than with a Celebration Book or two. To allow Mrs. B. time to process all these year-end gifts, we need all Celebration Book forms turned into the MCS office by 3 p.m. on May 19. The last day to select a book is the following week, most likely on Tuesday, May 24. Download a [Celebration Book form](#) from the PTO website today. Please direct questions to the Celebration Book Team: Cara Liu, Susan Simmers, and Lisa Christie.

Children's Book Sale: collection begins this Friday for sale on May 20 and 21

Exciting times are ahead! It's countdown time for the MCS Library biennial CHILDREN'S BOOK SALE at Tracy Hall! Sale dates are Friday, May 20 from 11:30 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 21 from 9 to noon. This is a used children's book sale in which students, faculty, community members and their extended families are asked to donate gently used books, audio books, CDs and DVDs appropriate for children up to 8th grade. Please do not bring in books that are not in good condition and do not send in magazines, coloring books, or VHS tapes. We would appreciate your help and encouragement in collecting as many children's books as possible to promote a successful fund raising event for the school library.

We will start collecting items this coming Friday, May 6. The classes bringing in the most books the first four days will receive a treat. As with previous years our goal is to collect 7,000 books! Volunteers are a crucial part of this event, so please [consider signing up](#) to work a shift. We really appreciate any time you can give. We also need good book boxes to get the books from the school to Tracy Hall. If you have any boxes, please pass them onto Joy Blongewicz, the School Librarian.

Big Hoot a big success

The Big Hoot was a magical night of music, dancing, comedy, and entertainment. Bravo to all the kids who performed both on stage and off in the Big Hoot—the show is yours! We are so grateful to the amazing and talented Big Hoot Committee: Nicole Butters, Danielle Cohen, Katie Kitchel, Carole Lang, and Jennifer Langhus who dedicated many hours of time and thought into this fun show. Thank you to Mr. Bill for mentoring our MCs, bringing his performance gifts, and for sharing the night with us. Thank you to our parent chaperones: Katie Bucci, Tracey Hayes, Molly Riordan, Kristin Saroyan, Lydia Starosta and Lisa Christie for keeping the kids safe, relaxed, and on time! And thank you to all the families for your support throughout the entire process!

Thank you business partners!

