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From Mr. Baker

December 16, 2016

As we approach the end of our first half of the school year, I want to express my deep appreciation for our McCormick students, families, staff, and faculty.

Our children are incredibly fortunate to attend a school in a community that values their education and wellbeing. This value is evident in our business partnerships, our relationships with local churches and community organizations, township administration, fire and police departments, and with each of you. If you are reading this, you are a part of what makes our learning community so strong. Together, we all create a net of safety and support that enhances learning for every McCormick student.

We recognized and thanked our volunteers this week through voice and spirit at our All School Sing. It is just one more way that our children are learning how giving of themselves is as important as achieving their goals. Through their voices our children provided a living thank you card for all who impact their day. I join them in thanking you.

Whether your contribution is being clerical, completing the menial, chaperoning, donating, hosting, tutoring, volunteering, or reading aloud, you are a part of something invaluable: the educational life of nearly 600 children. No matter the task, your impact is huge. It is my hope that in some way you feel our appreciation today. Thank you.

I wish you the peace of the season and a safe holiday!

Mr. Baker

To report an absence or appointment, or to request homework, please call our 24-hour ATTENDANCE LINE at 575-0190.
Leave child’s name, teacher’s name, and reason for absence.

From Mrs. House - Superintendent

Dear Milford Parents/Guardians:

I know December is a hectic month filled with student performances, activities and the scramble to create a special holiday for your family. The winter break is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings and share in the peace and joy of the holiday season. I hope the break will give you and your family time to rest and regroup for 2017.

Thank you for your generosity in giving back in so many ways to our school community and making this season special for those less fortunate. I am always in awe of the generous spirit of our Milford School Community.

I wish you all the best of the season and a new year filled with peace and happiness. We look forward to welcoming students back on January 3.

Sincerely,

Nancy House
Superintendent
Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Mitten Tree! Milford Miami Ministries appreciates your support!

Need more space in your home? Sign up today to consign your children's outgrown clothes and unwanted toys at McCormick's Feather the Nest Sale! The sale will be held on Saturday, March 18th. We are expecting to have hundreds of shoppers, about 50 consignors selling baby to teen's items, plus a hall full of vendor booths selling specialty products! Registration is first come, first served. The PTO will also accept donations of new or gently used baby & kids' items if you prefer not to consign but would like to participate. Please email info@mccormickpto.com or visit www.facebook.com/McCormickFeatherTheNest for more information and to download the consignor/vendor registration packet.

The library would love to recycle your greeting cards. We turn them into beautiful bookmarks! Send any Christmas, birthday, thank you cards in to Mrs. Jauh and we will make good use of them. Thank you!

McCormick's Yearbook now has an email! If you are at an event or just at McCormick and capture a great moment that you would like to be considered for the Yearbook or possibly posted to McCormick's Facebook page, you can email it to: mccormickyb@gmail.com

Here are some directions about pictures that are submitted.
1) Nothing inappropriate
2) Image needs to be clear and NOT blurry.
3) The Yearbook technology prefers photos taken with actual cameras, but cellphones are not a problem for Facebook
4) ALL images emailed to the Yearbook email MUST be sent in the original size, it CAN'T be compressed or made smaller in any way, or it affects the quality of the photo and might not be able to be used.
5) Please include the event, grade and class (if possible) of those in the picture. We can’t post names.

Thank you very much!
The McCormick Yearbook
Jennifer Naylor and Heidi Simones

The Mother-son dance coming up on Friday, February 10, 2017 at 7:00 pm. More details to come!
Exciting News! We are taking advantage of the Amazon Smile program! McCormick Elementary PTO receives a percentage of everything we buy on the AmazonSmile Website!

How do you shop at AmazonSmile?
To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

It is easy to sign up and easy to support McCormick Elementary PTO! Thank you for your continued support for McCormick Elementary PTO!

McCormick Elementary PTO is partnering with Christian Brothers Automotive, the automotive business next to Walgreens. Even better, McCormick Elementary PTO will receive 5% back! Christian Brothers offers a variety of services, including the following:

- Complete auto repair
- Free local shuttle service
- Free courtesy inspection
- Service on all makes and models
- ASE Certified technicians
- 2 year /24,000 mile warranty
- Locally owned and operated

The PTO is excited to announce that the Cincinnati Children’s Theatre has donated 2 balcony seats to their February production of The Wizard of Oz. As another way to thank those that became members of the PTO, we will be holding an additional drawing December 21st and awarding these balcony seats to one of our valued members. Didn’t join PTO, but want the chance to win the tickets or any of the other drawing we have at the monthly PTO meetings? Any registration turned in by 10:30, December 21st will be eligible.

McCormick McFamily Fun Event-

Join your McCormick friends for a fun morning of bowling!
When- Monday, January 16, 2017, 10AM - Noon

Where- Eastgate Lanes-
1362 State Route 28, Loveland, OH 45140

Cost- $5 a person- covers shoes and unlimited bowling for the two hours
Pizza also available for $8 a pizza. Soft drink pitchers are $4.

Profits benefit McCormick PTO. Thanks for supporting the PTO!
Chess Scholars

Winter 2017

McCormick Elementary

No Experience Needed

Trophy Medals Chess Belts!

GRADES K–6

Develop your child's intellect through the fun game of chess! Current research has shown a strong link between chess and academic performance in a variety of areas, including mathematics and language arts. Also, chess has been proven to enhance motivation, concentration, focus, social skills, and creativity.

No previous knowledge of chess is necessary. Each class will consist of a fun, interactive teaching period and guided practice time. Both new and returning participants are welcome and will get to the next level under the guidance of an experienced Chess Scholars coach. There will also be a chess competition with prizes towards the end of the session! Each child will receive a participation medal and a chess keychain.

Course Time: Thursdays, January 19th - February 23rd, 3:15 PM - 4:15 PM
(6 Classes)

To sign up for Chess Scholars, please visit http://payment.chessscholars.com/signup.
You will need to enter the class code MMC1.19.17 in order to register. Please register by 1/5 for the early bird price of $66.00.

If you have difficulty registering, please contact Chess Scholars at 847-482-9999 or info@chessscholars.com

No refunds will be made, unless there is insufficient enrollment. No make-ups will be scheduled for inclement weather or circumstances beyond our control. It's the parents' responsibility to remind the children about the classes.
Save
These Important Computer Connections!

Students at McCormick may use these wonderful online resources at home but will need these user names and passwords. Please save the information for future reference.
Mrs. Jauch

**Infohio:** An information network provided by the state of Ohio for students K-12.
www.infohio.org Username: *eagles* Password: *milford*

**Tumble Book Library:** A district resource of picture books online with fun activities to aid comprehension.
www.tumblebooklibrary.com Username: *mccormick* Password: *books*

**Tumblebook Cloud:** Provided for older readers this resource has higher level readers.
www.tumblebooks.com Username: *milfordjrhhigh* Password: *login*

**Ebooks** from the McCormick catalog: Click on the Link symbol. Username: *eagles* Password: *eagles*

**TYPING AGENT PROGRAM:** Our new keyboarding tutorial!
https://milford.typingagent.com
Once on the site, student will be asked to login with school email.
The format is: *firstname.lastname@mevsd.net*.
The password is: FIRSTINITIALLASTINITIAL Student ID (aka lunch number”)

*Please note,* at school, the student can just click on the red login with Google link. This doesn’t work from home.

**School Wide Bee Practice and Information**
These take place later in the year, but it is never too soon to start practicing.

National Geographic Bee (Grads 4-6) Scripps Howard Spelling Bee (grades 4-6)

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Are you new to the McCormick Community? Please check this box if you want to be contacted by one of our New Family Welcoming Representatives. ☐

☐ Yes, I would like the above contact information published in the Student Directory.

☐ No, I do not want my contact information published in the Student Directory.

☐ Yes, add me to the SignUpGenius email distribution list to receive notifications about volunteer opportunities in the future.

☐ No, do not add me to the distribution list at this time.

☐ Yes, I would like to become a member of the PTO at McCormick. I have enclosed $10.

☐ No, I do not want to become a member of the PTO at this time.

**Membership Dues -- $10 Per Family**

Please send this form with your $10 dues in an envelope marked:

Mc Cormick PTO Membership

Cash or Checks payable to McCormick PTO gladly accepted

Questions? Please contact Alicia Neal at mccormickelemnewsletter@gmail.com or
Bobbi Ducheny at bobohagab@aol.com

This form will also serve as your ticket for the Membership Raffle.