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Safety Concerns at Car Pick-Up, Still

We are still having parents turn into Capri in the wrong lane, as well as entering the MPA parking lot through the exit. Please follow proper driving rules and MPA signage when picking up your children. Neighbors have threatened to call the Sheriff's Department to monitor our carpool, which might result in tickets for some parents (not good!). Thanks to all who follow the rules and cooperate with our "traffic personnel".

Greetings from the MPA Board of Directors!

TWO BIG ANNOUNCEMENTS

New School Addition!

Thanks to Char Weaver and Donna Kane, MPA has been able to refinance our old high rate school bonds at a much lower rate. Because of this, MPA was able to secure an additional \$1,000,000 in bonds without increasing the monthly payment. This \$1,000,000 along with an additional \$1,000,000 from the 3B Bonds (passed by the tax payers of Jefferson County - THANK YOU), will allow the expansion of MPA. Ground breaking is expected in late February. The new addition will have a gymnasium, stage/music room, creative enrichment and home school room and the old commons room will be remodeled to become a library with computers, storage and office space.

The MPA Board of Directors is looking for a new Board Director.

The Board has an opening due to the resignation of a director because of health concerns. This position will fill the remainder of the term till April 2008. We are looking for parents, grandparents or supporters of MPA with a background in any of the following areas: business, accounting, legal, education, small business owner or dedicated parent.

Briefly, this position will require the director to meet at least once a month (3rd Tuesday) from 6:00 pm till 9:45 pm. There is additional work to be done which may require approximately up to 6 hours of work outside of the board meeting. This work may be able to be completed at your home.

The focus of the Board is to follow the Mission Statement of MPA, ensure that the administration is successfully managing the school and facilities, manage legal issues, and work with administration on projects to provide an excellent school.

If you are interested in this position or would like more information, please email questions to:

RACHELSHAWKINS@hotmail.com .

Observation Days for Parents of Students Changing Levels Next Year

Parents of kindergarteners going to first grade and third graders going to fourth grade for the 2007-08 school year are invited to visit the classes at their child's next level. Only students moving to a new level change classrooms—all other remain in the same classroom with the same teacher. Students moving to a new level of the school are placed in new classes by the present teacher. Class placement is based on returning students to the class and takes into consideration balance of ages, gender, and special needs. Parents may discuss any preferences for class placement with the child's present teacher. Parent requests do not guarantee students' placement in a particular class; the school must balance individual requests with the greater needs of the classrooms.

Dates for observations are Thursday, February 1st, 8th, and 22nd from 9-10:30 for kindergarten parents and from 9-10:00 for third grade parents. Please reserve a spot with Veronica; we must limit the group to 20 families per observation day. Further days can be scheduled if necessary.

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Kindergarten parents: please have your children bring tennis shoes on Fridays; it is very difficult to run in heavy snow boots. Thanks.

The Silent Auction Needs YOU and your STUFF

Once again we are counting on this year's silent auction to be a huge success so we can keep up with the growth of our school. This year we will be adding a wine tasting in April with a separate silent auction. We will get you the time and place of this event as soon as it is finalized. The annual Spring Festival and Silent Auction will be held on May 20, 2007 at the school.

We are looking for donations and volunteers to help with the Auction. In particular, we are looking for big-ticket items such as:

- ◆ Time at timeshares, condos, mountain and vacation homes
- ◆ Sporting event tickets
- ◆ Airline tickets (use those miles!)
- ◆ Golf Games, Public and Private Clubs
- ◆ Jewelry (one school we know of has a separate raffle for a piece of jewelry each year)

Anything you can think of we would appreciate. To make a donation, share ideas for the auction or to volunteer some time, please call Cindy LoCricchio 303-986-9708 or Kate Simpson at 303-797-0977.

Please mark your calendars for these events and come to one or both. The Wine Tasting is for adult family members and friends, Spring Festival is for geared for everyone of all ages. We really do appreciate you and your support so come one, come all and lets have fun while raising lots of money for a great place for your kids to develop their education.!