

January Newsletter

Prayer for 2017

Dear God,

Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you for all that you've allowed into our lives this past year, the good along with the hard things, which have reminded us how much we need you and rely on your presence filling us every single day.

We pray for your Spirit to lead us each step of this New Year. We ask that you will guide our decisions and turn our hearts to deeply desire you above all else. We ask that you will open doors needing to be opened and close the ones needing to be shut tight. We ask for help to pursue you first, above every dream and desire you've put within our hearts.

We ask for your wisdom, for your strength and power to be constantly present within us. We pray you would make us strong and courageous for the road ahead.

We pray that you'd keep us far from the snares and traps of temptations. That you would whisper in our ear when we need to run, and whisper in our heart when we need to stand our ground.

We pray for your protection over our families and friends. We ask for your hand to cover us and keep us distanced from the evil intent of the enemy; that you would be a barrier to surround us, that we'd be safe in your hands. We pray that you would give us discernment and insight beyond our years, to understand your will, hear your voice, and know your ways.

We ask that you would keep our footsteps firm, on solid ground, helping us to be consistent and faithful. Give us supernatural endurance to stay the course, not swerving to the right or to the left, or being too easily distracted by other things that would seek to call us away from a close walk with you.

We confess our need for you...fresh...new...again. We ask that you make all things new, in our hearts, in our minds, in our lives, for this coming year. We pray for your refreshing over us.

Keep your words of truth planted firm within us, help us to keep focused on what is pure and right, give us the power to be obedient to your word. May we be lovers of truth, may the fruits of your spirit be evident in our lives - your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Shine your light in us, through us, over us. May we make a difference in this world, for your glory and purposes.

To you be glory and honor, in this New Year, and forever.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

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Calendar of Events

Fundraiser -Pennies for Leukemia - January 9-31.

Goal: \$200

Everyday starting January 9, students will have the opportunity to bring pennies to their classrooms.

Pounds of Pennies - Collect pennies in classroom. Weekly weigh ins. The heaviest donations wins and earns a trophy for the week.

Make the word - Leukemia Disappear. When reaching our weekly goals, 2 letters will be taken down from the word Leukemia.

Week of January 9, 2017

- Be a Hero Hat Week - Any day during this week, students may donate \$1.00 to wear a hat during school. \$1.00 = one day, \$2.00=two days, etc.

Week of January 16, 2017

- Team up Against Leukemia - Any day during this week, students may donate \$1.00 to wear a jersey of their favorite team to school. \$1.00 = one day, \$2.00=two days, etc.

Week of January 23, 2017

- Mr. Seller's Day: Marshmallow Chocolate Whip. For \$1.00, see if you can whip a marshmallow dipped in chocolate syrup and tied to a rod into Mr. Seller's mouth.
- Dr. Gerbo's Day: The student who brings the most money will have lunch with Dr. Gerbo at the restaurant of their choice.
- Ms. Robyn's Day: For \$1.00 you will get a piece of duct tape to try to duct tape Ms. Robyn to her office chair.
- Teacher's Day: The student/s who brings in the most money may have an ice cream challenge with a teacher. The student may pick the teacher. One person will have their hands tied behind their back, wearing an additional shirt so the other person will slip their arms through and feed ice cream to the person with hands tied behind their back.

Week of January 30, 2017

- All school Relays
- Movie hour: no cost. Celebrating the fundraiser.

School Choice Week

January 23-27

Open House: Friday, January 27 from 2:00-4:00

Come read the essays students write about School Choice, visit with the teachers, enjoy a snack, visit the classrooms and see what the students are learning.

School Dismisses at 11:30 pm - January 13

No hot lunch

Reminders

1. Zero and above temperatures: We go outside for recesses. Warm clothing is important for all students to have. Snow-pants are suggested when it is so cold.
2. Registration for the 2017/2018 school year is fast approaching. APRIL 1 will be the cut-off date for early registration and discount on the registration fee. Look for more information in the February Newsletter.
3. STO tuition assistance applications: The applications are on the MCS website and may be turned in at any-time for next year. **Note: They must be turned in by June 1, 2017.**

Needs

1. The kindergarten class needs packages of 5 oz. Dixie cups.
2. Large paper plates to serve lunch on. At least 10 inches and grease resistant.

Director Candidates - Job Opening

Mr. Sellers and Dr. Gerbo will be retiring in June. Applications for the Director's position are on the MCS website. For more information regarding qualifications, please contact the school office or the Board President, Marilyn Downs. If you know someone who is passionate about Christian Education, has the vision for the future of MCS, has an educational background and is a spiritual leader, let them know about this job opening. Thank you.