

Dear MCE families,

It is hard to believe that it is already May. This school year truly has flown by. We were greeted this morning with amazing treats from our PTA and beautifully decorated classroom doors.

Teacher Appreciation Week is always fun, and we wanted to tell you this school year would not have gone as smoothly as it did without your support. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Last Saturday was the annual Float Your Boat for the Food Bank event at Bass Pro. Our fourth grade students built boats from cardboard and raced them at the lake. Coach Allen's Celtics and the principals (along with Mrs. Terry Baker) and the fourth grade teachers also entered boats. Several of our boats sank in spectacular fashion and lots of laughs were had. The big news is that Mill Creek raised over \$3800 for the Food Bank, and that does not include donations made at the event! Thank you for your incredible generosity.

We have big news to share with you regarding some of our teachers. Kim Harl will be retiring in May after 30 years of teaching at Mill Creek! What an amazing career she has had. She is excited to spend more time with her family and flowers. Abby Wurdack will be leaving us to move closer to home. She has accepted a teaching position in Wentzville. Meredith Cockrell will assume the full-time learning specialist position. Holly Larson has accepted a fourth grade teaching position at Grant Elementary. Liz Facio has accepted a full-time learning specialist position at Fairview Elementary. Megan Kinkade will be moving from fourth grade to second grade, Ashlee Bennett will be moving from first grade to second grade, and Jessica Cole will be moving from fifth grade to first grade. We are excited for all of our teachers!

Please remember to send your students to school in tennis shoes on PE days. As the weather warms up, it is fun to wear flip-flops and sandals to school, however those are not safe options for PE.

Our Media Center staff will be starting their inventory at the end of the month. The last day for students to check out books is Friday, May 13. All books must be returned to the Media Center no later than Friday, May 20.

We have lots of fun activities and field trips planned as we wind down the school year. Field Day is coming up at the end of the month. If you have some time to give on Wednesday, May 25, our teachers and Coach Allen would appreciate your support. Please email your child's teacher if you are interested in manning one of the many fun stations Coach has set up.

We look forward to seeing many of you in the coming days. We hope everyone has a fun and safe summer break!

-Tabetha Rawlings & Amy Rogers

### Important Dates

5/2-5/6 - Teacher Appreciation Week

5/6 - Color Run directly after dismissal

5/10 - Final PTA Meeting of the year - 6 pm in the Media Center

5/11 - Early Dismissal at 12:50 pm

5/19 - Final Cougar Choir performance - 6 pm in the Cafeteria

5/20 - First Grade Program - 2:30 pm

5/23 - Kindergarten Program - 2:20 pm in the Cafeteria

5/25 - Field Day

5/26 - Last Day of School - Early Dismissal at 12:50

5/26 - Fifth Grade Graduation - 8:30 at Woodcrest

5/31 - Summer School Open House - 4:30-6:00 pm

6/2 - First Day of Summer School

6/29 - Last Day of Summer School