

## MMS Shared Vision

MMS is a place where we are Responsible, Respectful, Fun, Fair, and we use Honesty, Humor, Teamwork, and Treat others the way we want to be treated.



## **Tuesday Newsletter December 6, 2011**

### **MMS “Stuff the Bus” Food Drive**

We have completed our Stuff the Bus food drive! Monmouth Middle School students collected over 3000 food items and \$185.00 in cash. Thanks to all students and staff. Special thanks to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class and their teachers for taking this project and making it so successful. Thanks to Mrs. Howker for coordinating these activities and thanks to Mr. Canning for obtaining our banner from Seltzer and Rydholm Inc.

### **Appropriate Dress**

It is that time of year when days can be warm or extremely cold. Please try and make sure that your son/ daughter is appropriately dressed for school and the outside.

### **Absenteeism and Athletic Participation**

Just a reminder to all parents and students participating in winter school sports activities: Students are not allowed to participate in sports activities if they are absent from school on that day unless there is a valid excuse and they received permission from the Athletic Director or Principal to participate. This policy is clearly stated in the Parent/Student Co-curricular Handbook that student athletes receive at the start of their seasons.

### **6th Grade Fund Raising Activity**

Grade 6 will be selling scented pencils (Smencils) with a personal message. Orders need to be turned in by Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Pencils will be delivered on Dec. 22.

### **Standards Based Learning**

There have been a number of questions asked about our direction in educating our students K-12 in RSU #2. We have tried to answer many of those questions through our weekly newsletters and web site. Our superintendent has made it a point to try and address these questions through parent forums, Q&A sessions, etc. There still seem to be some questions. I would be more than willing to take some time in the morning before school or after school to sit and discuss questions around SBL. Please give me a call and I will arrange a time.

### **Snowmobiles**

While we may not have snow yet, it is the season when students inquire about bringing snowmobiles to school. Past practice has been to allow snowmobiles to be ridden directly to school and parked outside the building. Students must let the office know of

their intent to bring their sled. All school guideline must be adhered to and we request that students please do not ride on any athletic field. Failure to comply with safety and school guideline will result in revoking the privilege to bring a sled to school.

### **Hannaford Helps Schools Certificates**

If anyone has been saving “Hannaford Helps Schools Certificates” please send them into the main office by Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> so they can be redeemed by Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. Thanks.

### **Water Available at Lunch**

Note to all parents: Water is now available in the cafeteria at lunch. Students may fill their water bottles or bring a cup from home.

If you struggle helping your son/daughter with their math you may be interested in the following sites.

- <http://mah.quantiles.com/>
- <http://www.khanacademy.org/#browse>

This second site will take you to over 2100 short videos/100 self paced exercises and assessments from basic arithmetic to college calculus. If we really want to accelerate our student learning then this web site is a great place for students (and parents). It can be used by students as an intervention to help them understand concepts that they may be struggling with.

### **MMS Upcoming Events:**

- Wreaths delivered Tues, Dec 6 from 4-5:30 **CHANGE**
- Progress Reports go home (mailed) Wed, Dec 7
- Last day for gifts/stars to be brought in Thurs, Dec 9
- Band Concert - Beginner, Middle - December 13 at 6:30, MMS Gym
- Chorus Concert - grades 4-8 - December 14 at 6:30, MMS Gym
- First Girls' Basketball Game Dec 12, (B) 3:30 (A) 4:30 home vs Suggs
- First Boys' Basketball Game Dec 15, (B) 3:30 (B) 4:30 away vs Suggs (Lisbon HS)

### **MMS Code of Cooperation**

Respectful, Responsible, Safe, Helpful, Appropriate Behaviors & Actions