

September 8, 2011

**Calendar:**

Saturday, September 10, MdTL Family BBQ at McNear's Beach in San Rafael, 11AM-2PM

Monday, September 12, Green Committee Meeting, 8:45AM, Room 8

Tuesday, September 13, Session I Afterschool Classes begin

Wednesday, September 21, International Peace Day

Friday, September 30, Picture Day (individual and class portraits)

Monday, October 3, Make-up Picture Day

Wednesday, October 5, Parent Ed Night, 5:30PM

**Friday, October 7, Emergency Preparedness Drill / Minimum Day, Noon Dismissal, no childcare**

**MdTL Family BBQ: This Saturday!**

It looks like we will have a stellar turnout at our Annual MdTL Family BBQ this Saturday, September 10, from 11AM – 2PM at McNear's Beach in San Rafael! We will provide organic chicken hot dogs, organic hamburgers and veggie burgers; also buns, condiments and water. We invite you to bring a dish to share, and if you would rather grill something other than hot dogs or hamburgers or enjoy a beverage other than water, please feel free to bring it. In the spirit of keeping green, **we ask that families bring their own reusable plates, cups and silverware to minimize waste.** Please note that there is an \$8 parking fee per vehicle and that we will be located in a new picnic area this year - Beachside #7. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Green Committee Meeting: Monday, September 12**

Calling all eccentric parents who are passionate about sustainability--or who simply like the dirt: This Monday, September 12, the Green Committee will be holding our first meeting of the school year and we'd love for you to join us in Room 8 at 8:45AM. Kindly email [mdtlblog@gmail.com](mailto:mdtlblog@gmail.com) to let us know that you'll be in attendance, otherwise we may just be short on organic spelt and chia seed wild blueberry muffins!!

**Afterschool Programs: Begin Next Tuesday, September 13**

Session I of our Afterschool Programs begins next week. Elementary Art with Julie begins on Tuesday, and we have only a few spots left. Primary Science with Len, which begins Thursday, is now full. Fliers were distributed to all eligible children last week. If you would like to register your child for Elementary Art, please return the registration form with payment to Kate in the front office.

**2010-2011 Yearbooks: Last chance to get yours!**

Have you been kicking yourself all summer for not ordering your very own spectacular 2010-2011 MdTL Yearbook, or wish you had purchased a copy for a sibling? Well this may just be your lucky day! We have a handful of yearbooks available for \$35 each. Please see Kate in the front office if you would like to purchase one. Hurry, because once these sell out, they're gone!

### **Clothing Swap:**

MdTL's Back to School Clothing Swap is just around the corner. Please save the slightly too small shoes, the outgrown swimsuits and the "I just can't look at it again" t-shirts for this one of a kind, fun for all, Free Clothing Swap extravaganza! All ages and sizes are welcome. Donations can be left under the Primary sign-in table. Kindly bag the items and write their size (ie. Boys 4-6) on the outside. More details to follow.

### **MdTL Logo Wear available at Land's End: Show your School Spirit!**

We can now place the MdTL logo on hundreds of high-quality Land's End Items! Go to [www.landsend.com/school](http://www.landsend.com/school) to order fleece, backpacks, t-shirts, bathing suits and much more with our logo (in adult and kid's sizes). After you choose your size (if applicable) and color preference, click on Preferred School Program and enter our School Code **9001074158**. A "Logo Preference" drop-down menu will appear, and click on School Name w/Graphic \$5.50. It's just that easy!

### **eScrip:**

If you have not done so already, please sign up with eScrip by visiting [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). eScrip is a very easy way to raise funds for our school simply by registering your grocery, debit and credit cards. Merchants partnered with eScrip contribute a portion of purchases you make using your registered cards back to your chosen school (be sure to choose MdTL!). Our group ID is **136556140**. Each family can earn one volunteer hour for signing up with eScrip. If you have already signed up, thank you! Current eScrip members - don't forget to renew your Safeway Club Card, and make sure your registered cards are up to date on the eScrip site. If you have any questions about this program, please contact Julia Myers at [juliaannmyers@gmail.com](mailto:juliaannmyers@gmail.com).

### **Halloween Festival: Gently Used Books Needed**

We are beginning to plan for our annual Halloween Festival, which will be held from on Saturday, October 29, 10AM-12PM. This year's theme, Ancient Civilizations, will take us on an exciting journey back through time! We are continuing in the tradition begun last year and will be offering books as prizes at the festival. Therefore, we are asking for the donation of any slightly used books that you may have at home. We are hoping to acquire books for all ages, Primary through Upper Elementary. Please drop off any book donations in the designated boxes located outside both the Upper or Lower Elementary classrooms. Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you at this year's festival!

### **Needed:**

- The Sequoia Room is in need of washed and dried egg shells for our egg crushing work.

### **Annual Fund:**

The MdTL Annual Fund is our once-a-school-year voluntary donation program designed to raise the additional financial support needed to offset the difference between annual expenses and tuition dollars. We are very excited to have already made progress towards our goal of 100% family participation. Thank you to the following people/organizations for their generous tax-deductible donations!

- Baird Foundation (Matching for the Schlesinger Family)
- Kaiser (Matching for the Murthy Family)
- Zach Jagoda (Alumni Student)
- Tanihara Family

### **Thank you!:**

- Yamini Family for taking care of Coco during the Summer Break.
- Alex Bottmeyer for installing lattice on the Bungalow and Willow House ramps.
- Parent Association for a great coffee social!
- Heidi Phan Peterson for CSA promotion.
- Eagle-eyed lice checkers!