



Community Consolidated School District No. 160



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**JANUARY**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**Tuesday, January 16, 2023**

**7:00 PM**

**School Board Meeting Location:**

**MCS Band Room**

**211 West Mill Street**

**Millstadt, IL 62260**

### Weather Alert/School Closing

In case of inclement weather that would make holding school impossible, a message will be sent to the phone number you provided to school as soon as a decision has been made. You may also follow these guidelines:

#### TV

*Fox Channel 2  
KMOV Channel 4  
KSDK Channel 5*

#### Radio

*KMOX/1120 AM*



Every attempt will be made to make school closing decisions by 5:00 a.m. When weather worsens, during the school day, we **WILL NOT** dismiss early unless the road commissioners will not be able to have the roads passable by 3:15 p.m.

***Also, please DO NOT CALL the school number if the weather worsens during the school day.*** This ties up phone lines needed to provide notice of the school closing and to alert necessary personnel such as bus drivers.

great  
job 😊

Congratulations to our  
January  
Panther Promise winners

PreK/ECC – Tessa Pellmann  
Kindergarten – Zella Reichert  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade – Jolee Fults  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Olivia Crockett  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Finley Baltz

4<sup>th</sup> Grade – Madison Hofsetter  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade – Beckam Rohr  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Tess Belosi  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade – Josie Rist  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Tess Kaemmerer

**Congratulations to our January Student of the  
Month,  
Carter Jones!!**

Carter is the son of Travis and Jackie Jones. Carter participates in baseball, basketball and Beta Club. Outside of school he enjoys playing baseball and basketball on select teams, hunting, fishing, video games and playing cards. Carter's plans for the future include playing track, baseball and basketball in high school. He also hopes to play baseball in college and try out for the major league draft. He would like to be a carpenter and an architect in his family business someday.

**Congratulations Carter!**



I just wanted to take a moment to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I can't believe we are halfway through this school year already. As always, it is my honor to care for and encourage every child that comes into my office. MCS students are simply the best!! It hopefully comes as no surprise what a gift they all are to me on a daily basis. They definitely keep me busy and make me laugh. My wish is they know they will always have a friend in me and I am here for them from handing out club crackers or a mint to the ever requested ice packs and bandaids!! I love taking care of them and watching them grow throughout the years!! 😊 All I want for Christmas is the 6th grade dental exams handed in, so if your sixth grader has not handed theirs in yet... please do so. I will be reaching out to you in January if your student is still missing their required 6th grade dental exam.

Health and Happiness,  
~Nurse Heather



Kids' backpacks and coats go through a lot. They are dropped on dirty floors and dragged across playgrounds, picking up germs and bacteria along the way.

Here is the dirty truth: Your child's school backpack has 31 times the number of germs as your cell phone and their coat has 28 times the amount found on a toilet seat!!! (Clorox, 2022)

Don't barf just yet. Before you take a blowtorch to anything, you can kill any germs they may have picked up on school floors and playgrounds by washing their backpack and coat in your washing machine! Use a sanitizing laundry soap if you have it and run them on the gentle cycle. We recommend doing this at each extended school break, especially over Christmas Break. In between washings you can sanitize your kids' backpacks and coats with a simple disinfectant spray or wet wipe.

Happy washings in the New Year,

Nurse Kate at MPC





## Community Consolidated School District No. 160

January 2024

Millstadt K-8  
MCS January and February Lunch Menu

<b>01</b> Christmas Break	<b>02</b> Christmas Break	<b>03</b> <b>Lunch Entree</b> Chicken Patty WowButter and Jelly Sandwich <b>Vegetables</b> Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots <b>Fruit</b> Fresh Fruit Chilled Fruit	<b>04</b> <b>Lunch Entree</b> Cheeseburger WowButter and Jelly Sandwich <b>Vegetables</b> Fresh Garden Salad Tater Tots Honey Baked Beans <b>Fruit</b> Fresh Fruit Chilled Fruit	<b>05</b> <b>Lunch Entree</b> Cheese Pizza WowButter and Jelly Sandwich <b>Vegetables</b> Fresh Garden Salad Fresh Broccoli <b>Fruit</b> Fresh Fruit Chilled Fruit
<b>08</b> <b>Lunch Entree</b> Corn Dog WowButter and Jelly Sandwich <b>Vegetables</b> Fresh Garden Salad Cheesy Broccoli <b>Fruit</b> Fresh Fruit Chilled Fruit	<b>09</b> <b>Lunch Entree</b> Super Nachos WowButter and Jelly Sandwich <b>Vegetables</b> Fresh Garden Salad Texas Pintos <b>Fruit</b> Fresh Fruit Chilled Fruit	<b>10</b> <b>Lunch Entree</b> Chicken Patty Sandwich WowButter and Jelly Sandwich <b>Vegetables</b> French Fries Corn <b>Fruit</b> Fresh Fruit Chilled Fruit	<b>11</b> <b>Lunch Entree</b> Scrambled Eggs w. French Toast Sticks WowButter and Jelly Sandwich <b>Vegetables</b> Tater Tots Fresh Garden Salad <b>Fruit</b> Fresh Fruit Chilled Fruit	<b>12</b> <b>Lunch Entree</b> Pepperoni Pizza WowButter and Jelly Sandwich <b>Vegetables</b> Fresh Garden Salad Baby Carrots <b>Fruit</b> Fresh Fruit Chilled Fruit
<b>15</b> Martin Luther King Day	<b>16</b> <b>Lunch Entree</b> Meatball Sub WowButter and Jelly Sandwich <b>Vegetables</b> Fresh Garden Salad Baked Beans French Fries <b>Fruit</b> Fresh Fruit Chilled Fruit	<b>17</b> <b>Lunch Entree</b> Chicken Patty WowButter and Jelly Sandwich <b>Vegetables</b> Green Beans Mashed Potatoes <b>Fruit</b> Fresh Fruit Chilled Fruit	<b>18</b> <b>Lunch Entree</b> Chili WowButter and Jelly Sandwich <b>Vegetables</b> Fresh Garden Salad Corn <b>Fruit</b> Fresh Fruit Chilled Fruit	<b>19</b> <b>Lunch Entree</b> Nardone's Pizza WowButter and Jelly Sandwich <b>Vegetables</b> Fresh Garden Salad Baby Carrots Fresh Broccoli <b>Fruit</b> Fresh Fruit Chilled Fruit
<b>22</b> <b>Lunch Entree</b> Chicken and Waffles WowButter and Jelly Sandwich <b>Vegetables</b> Fresh Garden Salad Tater Tots <b>Fruit</b> Chilled Fruit Fresh Fruit	<b>23</b> <b>Lunch Entree</b> Cheeseburger WowButter and Jelly Sandwich <b>Vegetables</b> Fresh Garden Salad Texas Pintos <b>Fruit</b> Fresh Fruit Chilled Fruit	<b>24</b> <b>Lunch Entree</b> Chicken Patty Sandwich WowButter and Jelly Sandwich <b>Vegetables</b> French Fries Glazed Carrots <b>Fruit</b> Fresh Fruit Chilled Fruit	<b>25</b> <b>Lunch Entree</b> Chicken Pot Pie Soup w. Biscuit WowButter and Jelly Sandwich <b>Vegetables</b> Fresh Garden Salad Peas <b>Fruit</b> Fresh Fruit Chilled Fruit	<b>26</b> <b>Lunch Entree</b> Cheese Pizza WowButter and Jelly Sandwich <b>Vegetables</b> Fresh Broccoli Fresh Garden Salad <b>Fruit</b> Fresh Fruit Chilled Fruit
<b>29</b> <b>Lunch Entree</b> Hot Dog WowButter and Jelly Sandwich <b>Vegetables</b> Fresh Garden Salad French Fries <b>Fruit</b> Chilled Fruit Fresh Fruit	<b>30</b> <b>Lunch Entree</b> Chicken Nachos w. White Queso WowButter and Jelly Sandwich <b>Vegetables</b> Fresh Garden Salad Texas Pintos <b>Fruit</b> Fresh Fruit Chilled Fruit	<b>31</b> <b>Lunch Entree</b> Chicken Patty WowButter and Jelly Sandwich <b>Vegetables</b> Mashed Potatoes Corn <b>Fruit</b> Fresh Fruit Chilled Fruit		

# January

# MPC Roller Skating

Roller Skating for all K - 2 classes will begin on January 3, 2024. Students will be roller skating during PE and Computer classes until January 23, 2024.



## Reminders from Mr. Belosi for skating

- Students may wear slip on boots, shoes etc
- Tall socks in good shape are the best (ankle socks don't work well with skates)
- Wrist guards are provided if required
- Remind students to try their best, kindergarten students will fall, but will be awesome skaters after a few days
- Any questions please email Mr. Belosi - [mbelosi@mccsd160.com](mailto:mbelosi@mccsd160.com)

### Avoiding January Blues...

Research shows that not only adults but children (even little kids), who are grateful, are happier and have higher rates of optimism. It increases your dopamine and serotonin!



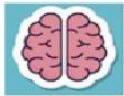
Research suggests there are four parts to the experience of gratitude, but we rarely teach all of them to our kids. For full article:

[https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/what\\_parents\\_neglect\\_to\\_teach\\_about\\_gratitude](https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/what_parents_neglect_to_teach_about_gratitude)

#### FOUR PARTS OF GRATITUDE



**NOTICE:** What have you been given or what do you already have in your life for which you are grateful? Are there gifts behind the material gifts for which you are grateful, like someone thinking about you or caring about you enough to give you the gift?



**THINK:** Why do you think you received this gift? Do you think you owe the giver something in return? Do you think you earned the gift because of something you did yourself? Do you think the gift was something the giver had to give you? If you answered no to these questions, then you may be more likely to be grateful.



**FEEL:** Does it make you feel happy to get this gift? What does that feel like inside? What about the gift makes you feel happy? These questions help the child connect their positive feeling to the gifts that they receive in their lives.



**DO:** Is there a way you want to show how you feel about this gift? Does the feeling you have about this gift make you want to share that feeling by giving something to someone else? Prompting children after experiences of gratitude in order to motivate acts of gratitude, whether they be acts of appreciation or paying it forward, may help children connect their experiences and actions in the world.

How do you teach your kiddos about gratitude? (check out this video)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4dBk-3SmoJ0>

For more questions, email your school psychologist  
-cmitchellendsley@mccsd160.com





# **HOMEWORK CLUB**



**TUESDAYS &  
THURSDAYS**

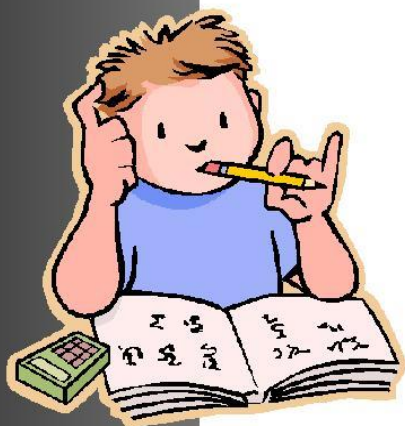
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**AFTER SCHOOL  
UNTIL 4:20 PM**

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**MCS  
ROOM 509**

**HOMEWORK CLUB IS AN AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENTS TO COMPLETE HOMEWORK. A TEACHER WILL BE PRESENT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE.**



**BEGINNING  
NOVEMBER 7**

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**STUDENTS ARE  
RESPONSIBLE FOR  
TRANSPORTATION HOME**



# REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE MCS ART CONTEST

4TH-6TH GRADE

Offered by St. Clair County Garden Club  
& MCS Art

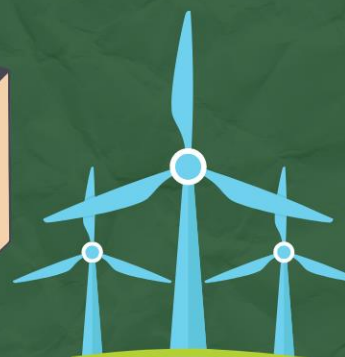
## ENCOURAGING YOUTH TO KEEP OUR PLANET GREEN

- This contest encourages students to keep our planet green and to get involved with making an artwork to encourage and promote ways to reduce, reuse and recycle.
- Students in grades 4 through 6 are eligible to create a sculpture of recyclable, reused and reduced materials.



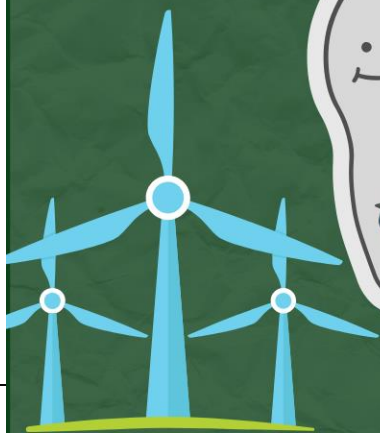
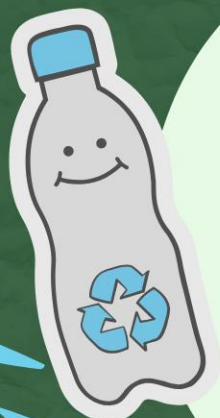
## CONTEST RULES

- Sculptures must consist of recyclable, reused and reduced materials
- The width of the sculpture can be no more than 8 1/2 x 11 inches (The size of copy paper). The height should be in proportion to width.
- Students need to list the materials used.
- Students need to write an artist statement to describe the sculpture in 3-5 sentences.



## WHEN WILL THE CONTEST BE JUDGED?

- St. Clair County Garden Club Members will judge the sculptures on **Thursday January 25th** (bring entries to Mrs. Fischer)
- Three monetary prizes will be offered- \$25, \$15 & \$10, plus multiple honorary mention certificates.
- Winning sculptures will be photographed and sent on to the Illinois State Garden Club contest
- Judging Criteria
  - Creative use of materials and self expression: 60%
  - Description of sculpture and materials used: 30%
  - Craftsmanship and technique: 10%



**FUNDrive® Coordinator**

Becky Rasmussen  
(618) 363-2034  
brasmussen@mccsd160.com

**Our Goal:** \$1000

385 Tall Kitchen Bags (avg. 13 lbs.)

75 Medium boxes (household goods)

**Fundraiser Dates:**

01/02/2024 - 02/02/2024

Bring your donations to Mrs. Rasmussen's room before or after school any time during the collection window!

To arrange a large donation, contact Mrs. Rasmussen at brasmussen@mccsd160.com

All proceeds fund the trip to World Finals in May!

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## Clean out your closets for Millstadt Cons. School 160 - Odyssey of the Mind!

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What: Clothes, blankets, sheets, any soft goods! Small household items.

Where: Collection baskets at MCS

When: January 2 - February 2, 2024

## We Are Collecting

### Clothes

men's, women's, & children's clothes, coats, shoes, scarves, handbags, wallets, fashion accessories, belts, backpacks, etc.

### Household Textiles

bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

### Small Household Goods

kitchen items (such as pots/pans, dishes, silverware, glasses, serving pieces and hand-held appliances), home decorative items, knick-knacks, toys, games, and small electronics

### Books

paperback, hard cover - all genres

*\*no encyclopedias or text books*

Please use bags for clothes and textiles and tightly pack boxes of small household goods. Separate books from household goods and media. All items must be clean and in sellable condition.



*FUNDrive® is an eco-friendly fundraiser for nonprofit organizations. Collect gently-used items in your community and FUNDrive® will buy them.*

Visit <https://FUNDrive.savers.com> to learn more.







NO JANUARY PTA MEETING!!!!!!

# **FEBRUARY**

## **PTA MEETING**

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**Wednesday, Feb 7, 2024**

**7:00 p.m. ~ MPC Library**

Childcare provided by Beta Club members

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*SAVE THE DATE*

# Sweetheart Dance

Sponsored by PTA

2/17/24

MCCSD STUDENTS  
PRE-K/EC - 5TH GRADE  
ARE INVITED TO BRING  
A SPECIAL ADULT

More Info Coming Soon!



# Designer PURSE BINGO

## MILLSTADT PTA

St James Parish Center  
412 W. Washington St, Millstadt, IL

**Sunday, Feb 18, 2024**

Doors @ 12pm

Bingo @ 1pm

TICKET SALES:

GLO-BINGO.COM/EVENTS  
(\$2/TICKET NON-REUNDABLE FEE)  
OR BROOKE 618-444-0809



\$35 In Advance \$40 At The Door  
MUST BE 18 OR OLDER TO ATTEND

Includes 6 bingo cards for 10 games and Dauber  
(\$5 per additional 6 cards)

BYO DRINKS (ALCOHOL ALLOWED) - BYO SNACKS  
50/50 - RAFFLE ITEMS - CASH ONLY



SAVE THE DATE

MCCSD #160

BOOTS & BLING  
*Dinner Auction*

hosted by Millstadt PTA

SATURDAY | MARCH 2 | 2024

Online Silent Auction 2/26 - 3/2  
(need not be present to win)

In-person Dinner/Live Auction/Dancing 3/2  
(ticketed event)

**Karban's Knotty Pines**  
**4569 Buss Branch Rd**  
**Waterloo, IL 62298**

*rsup info coming soon*



volunteers  
needed





# SAVE THE DATE

## READ ALOUD DAY

DATE OF EVENT :

**March 27, 2024**

EVENT PLACE :

**MPC & MCS**

**Read Aloud Day  
sign-up  
coming soon!**

SPONSORED BY:



It's a great day  
to join PTA!

