

SMART BOARD CHANGES MCS CLASSROOM

A whole new level of interactive teaching and learning



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"SMART Boards rock!"

This spirited remark sums up the opinion of MCS students (and teachers!) on the new SMART Board technology. When peeking in any classroom window, you will undoubtedly find junior kindergarten students finding their names on the board and popping a virtual balloon, second graders manipulating interactive dice to reinforce math concepts, or middle school teachers giving a pop quiz with the "texters" to check student comprehension. Creatively speaking, the possibilities are endless when using the new technology to support the curriculum.

A second big benefit to teachers across the board is increased efficiency. "No more running back and forth to my computer, or time wasted trying to pass out papers or set up a visual. Everything is there right at my finger tips – I can't even count the minutes I save each day because of the SMART board," said fifth grade teacher Mr. Jones.

Without direct contributions from parents, grandparents, and other friends, this technological transformation would not have taken place. Once again, thank you to those individuals who made this advancement possible.



"I notice that my students are enthusiastic about learning a new concept, knowing that there will be an activity on the SMART board afterwards that reinforces the lesson."

-Ann Moe, First Grade Teacher





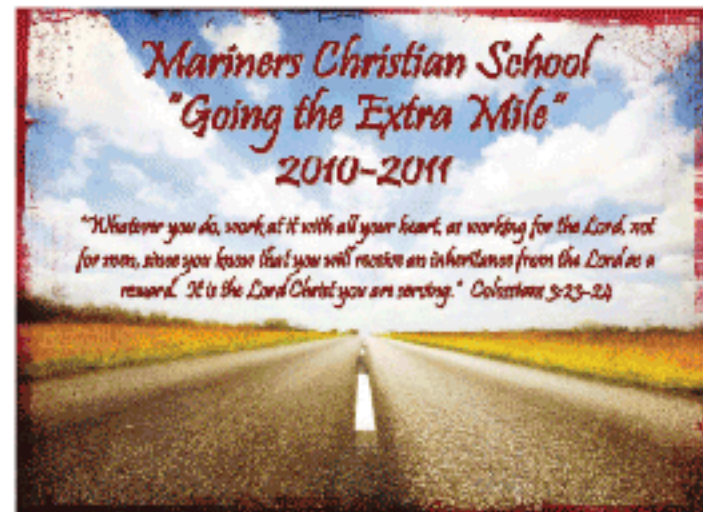
MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPANDS

For the first time, MCS Middle School is growing by adding a fourth class of sixth grade students. Studies show that the middle school years are critical in terms of influencing young people to make a life-long commitment to follow Jesus Christ. It is an awesome privilege for MCS's middle school faculty to engage in more mature conversations about faith and life choices, preparing these young adults for high school and college. According to Middle School Principal Jeff Williamson, "There is no more important relationship at a school than the one between teacher and student, especially in the middle school years."

Our teachers help build confidence in this challenging time by facilitating the process of helping students discover who they are in Christ."

Join MCS Faculty and Staff in prayer to see how God may lead Mariners Christian School in expanding the middle school further to meet the needs of students in our community.

GOING THE EXTRA MILE



In chapels, classrooms, parent meetings...the message of "Going the Extra Mile" is being presented to all ages as MCS's theme for the year. Teachers are committed to encouraging students to do their best, whether in schoolwork, relationships, home responsibilities, etc. For example, in second grade, Ms. Benson's students wrote short essays on how they demonstrated an act of kindness – how they "went the extra mile" in compassion towards another person. Verbally and in projects, teachers are reinforcing this important theme.

Whatever the role – volunteer, staff, grandparent, donor – individuals can help Mariners Christian School continue as a school that is "going the extra mile" at every level. Look for ways you can partner with MCS this year.



MCS PROUDLY ANNOUNCES NEW HEAD OF SCHOOL

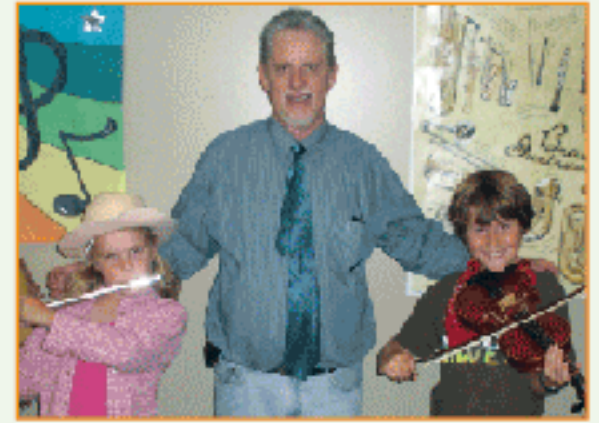


Mr. Sladek celebrates his birthday with Mrs. Walsvig's fifth grade students.

After a nationwide search, Mariners Christian School proudly announces new Head of School, Bob Sladek! Bob comes to MCS directly from Mission Hills Christian School where he spent the last fifteen years serving in various roles from football coach to Bible teacher, as well as vice principal and principal. Mr. Sladek's passion is training young people and families in the ways of God, having pastored children, youth, and young adults. He has worked routinely in the field of accreditation, especially throughout Asia where he has been an ambassador for Christian education.

"I am excited to see what God has in store for this tremendous ministry. With twenty-three years under its belt, Mariners Christian School is poised to become a model in Christian education unlike ever before -- a strong leader and mentor to other Christian schools throughout the country. MCS has been given much, and we have much to offer not only our own students and families, but also schools that desire to advance but lack resources to do so."

- Bob Sladek



BAND PROGRAM SHINES

Program Thrives Under New Leadership

Beginning in kindergarten, MCS students are fortunate to experience a full-fledge performing arts program, with opportunities to dabble in the disciplines of instrumental music (both band and strings), vocal music, worship music, dramatic arts, and musical theater.

One testimony to the quality training students receive is the positive feedback from graduates who continue on with the arts in high school and beyond -- one recently wrote back, "The lead roles my son had in high school were well done, and the shows were memorable, but probably the best performing experiences he ever had were at MCS."

Len Wicks, the newest member of the music department, comes to MCS with over 30 years experience teaching and directing bands. He believes that music education enhances the learning skills of the students and builds confidence through the music development and performance.

"In music, we lead in worship and serve others by using our talents for God."

-Mr. Wicks, MCS Band Teacher

WELCOME NEW FACULTY!

For 2010-11, MCS students are blessed with the talent and dedication of an amazing faculty and staff. Several are familiar or are returning in new roles:

Karri MEYER

2nd grade teacher

Marie WILSON

5th grade teacher

Kelly BECK

Daycare Director

Lisa BROWN & Leslie STUART

Health office

Cindy KIRK

Kindergarten classroom aide

Jennifer CROWELL

1st grade classroom aide

Tracy VAN MIL

Yearbook Advisor

Len WICKS

Band teacher

Stacey HOUSTON

JK-2nd grade P.E. teacher

We asked several of MCS's brand new full-time teachers to describe their passion as educators:



Paulette SEAMAN

3rd-8th grade PE and girls' afterschool sports

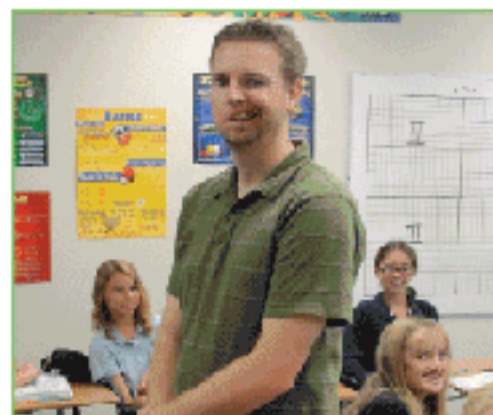
"My passion as a teacher at Mariners is to use athletics to further God's Kingdom. In sports, the opportunities are endless to put biblical principles into action. My prayer is that each student not only understands how to be a Christian athlete, but also exemplifies one."



Kate COUCH

JK - 8th grade Art

"As the new art teacher at Mariners, my goal is for students to begin or continue to recognize God's creation as a masterpiece and gift."



Chris SPURGIN

Middle School Math and History

"I desire to help students grow and mature spiritually, socially, and academically, so that they are prepared to successfully meet the challenges of high school. I believe there is no greater joy than making a positive impact in the life of a child."

2nd ANNUAL MCS FALL GOLF CLASSIC

November 15, 2010

Newport Beach Country Club
1600 East Coast Hwy., N.B.

To Register:
www.MarinersChristianSchool.org

Sponsorship Opportunities
Available



WELCOME NEW MCS FAMILIES!

MCS classrooms are filled with new faces, from junior kindergarten all the way through middle school. Each of these students was hand-picked by God to be a part of Mariners Christian School!

Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Accardy - Camden and Jocelyn
Mr. & Mrs. Marc Allmeroth - Kirsten
Mr. & Mrs. David Bahnsen - Mitchell
Mr. & Mrs. Al Baran-Maguire - Ryan
Ms. Michelle Bedell - Rebecca
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Binford - Kyle and Ryan
Mr. and Mrs. Trey Bonner - Jett
Mr. & Mrs. Nicholas Caine - Catie and Sophia
Mr. & Mrs. Chris Champion - Madelyn
Mr. & Mrs. Adam Chez - Luke
Mr. & Mrs. Jason Corcoran - Damien
Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Couch - Emily and Karis
Mr. & Mrs. Kent Crawford - Ben
Mr. & Mrs. Brad Daniel - Cole
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Dessel - Katherine
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Gonzales - Noah
Mr. & Mrs. Vu Ha - Cadence
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hachigian - Alex and Grace
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hausam - Jack
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hernandez - Maya Bella
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Houston - Makena
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Hsieh - Amanda and Sarah
Mr. & Mrs. Vu Ha - Cadence
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Hachigian - Alex and Grace
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hausam - Jack
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hernandez - Maya Bella
Mr. & Mrs. Gene Houston - Makena
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Hsieh - Amanda and Sarah
Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Huang - Faith
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Rudenstein - David
Mr. & Mrs. William Kaley - Grace and Sarah
Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kannwischer - Ashby and Danica

Mr. & Mrs. Gary Kim - Annabelle, Justin, and Nathan
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Krum - Evan and Olivia
Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Lucia - Victoria
Mr. & Mrs. Matthew McGuire - Barrett
Mr. & Mrs. Jon Muller - Alicia
Mr. & Mrs. Marty O'Hea - Katie
Mr. Papapetropoulos and Ms. Mitsi - Evamaria
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Rieke - Aidan and Payton
Mr. & Mrs. Brett Rubbico - Bianca
Ms. Noel Schrierer - Emily
Mr. & Mrs. Shelly Singhal - Nicky and Ryan
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Sladek - Noah
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Solaas - Lauren and Paige
Mr. & Mrs. John Somers - Annie and Jack
Mr. and Mrs. A Stameson - Spiro
Mr. & Mrs. Dave Sugden - Charlotte
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Szulga - Rebecca
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Tapfer - Mandy
Mr. & Mrs. Cassady Taylor - Dylan
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas - Parker and Reagan
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Tharp - Lindsey
Mr. Wade Tift - Owen
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Tisherman - Nate and Zach
Mr. & Mrs. Darrick Walker - Abigail and William
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Wang - Erin
Mr. & Mrs. Todd White - Alexis
Mr. & Mrs. Troy Wooton - Hudson



Mrs. Koenig welcomes two new students to MCS.

Thank You!

Thank you PTF for making the Harvest Festival a smashing success! Special acknowledgement goes to these fabulous volunteer leaders:

Mitchelle Thayer, Nicole Morgan,
Julie Brennan, Lorna Laskey
Susan Morehouse

We appreciate you!

VETERANS' DAY ASSEMBLY



Mariners Christian School
presents
A Salute to Veterans

Friday, November 12, 2010
MCS grandparents please join us for
this tremendous event.

Special guest speaker: Sergeant Major
Mike D. "Iron Mike" Mervosh - Combat
Marine

Breakfast begins at 9:00am
Program begins at 10:00am

Save the Date!

All School Veterans' Day Assembly
Friday, November 12

2nd Annual MCS Fall Golf Classic
Monday, November 15

Elementary Christmas Choral Program
Thursday, December 9

Middle School Grandparents' Day
Thursday, February 8

Spring Benefit & Auction
Friday, April 8

EAST COAST CHAPTER OF MCS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LAUNCHES

Mariners Alumni on the East Coast now have an opportunity to reconnect



From the inspiration of Jon Langford (Class of '00), along with Amber Wynkoop ('96), Jordan Winder ('96), and former student Jake Mehl, plus former teacher and beloved MCS friend Diane Williams, graduates are reconnecting in the D.C. area. Many Alums have headed East for college and/or career; it is a real benefit to have an "MCS family" for support and friendship.

If you are interested in finding out about get-togethers in the area, contact Jon at jonathan.langford@mail.house.gov.

Side note on Mr. Langford: Jon is currently Congressman Dan Lundgren's military and national defense advisor in Washington, D.C. For several years now, Jon meets with our eighth grade students as they visit the Capitol and answers their questions about government.



Jon Langford visits with Mr. Hellriegel, Mr. Bahadoor and Mrs. Thurston on the 2010 Washington, D.C., trip.



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The eighth grade class recently experienced a rich and meaningful trip to Washington, D.C.