

MICS

PARENT PAGE

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THE NEW *PAW PRINT* IS READY FOR VIEWING! LOG ONTO WWW.MICSCOUGARS.COM AND CLICK ON "PAW PRINT" LOCATED ON THE LEFT HAND COLUMN OF THE HOME PAGE! THE NEW *PAW PRINT* COVERS EVENTS FROM DECEMBER AND JANUARY AND YOU'LL DEFINITELY WANT TO CHECK OUT THE NEW "WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?" ALUMNI SECTION!!

MICS TALENT SHOW LEARNING LAB FUNDRAISER!

You WILL NOT want to miss the SCHOOL WIDE MICS Talent Show on Saturday, February 20th at 6 p.m. in the Atrium! Come on out and SPONSOR a Talent Show act of your choice. The act with the MOST sponsorships will be named the TOP SPONSOR of the night! ALL proceeds will go toward the MICS Learning Lab project. For detailed information on the MICS Learning Lab and how it will benefit YOUR children log onto www.micscougars.com and click on the Talent Show flyer which has a hyper link to the last edition of the Paw Print. Read the article called "MICS Looks to the Future" for details on the Learning Lab!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO AUDITION FOR THE TALENT SHOW PLEASE PICK UP AN APPLICATION IN THE ELEMENTARY OFFICE NOW! Don't miss this night of food, fun and talent!



ATTENTION THIRD GRADE PARENTS!!

Just a reminder that the third grade classes will have their class picture re-takes on **Friday, February 12th**. Picture order envelopes have been sent home. Students should return payment and envelopes on or before picture day. Checks should be made payable to Skip Combs Photography.



HELP FOR HAITI

If you would like to see how you can help the country of Haiti after the earthquake devastation please log on to the school website at www.micscougars.com for important information and a link to the ministry MICS will utilize to get donations to this devastated country.

PTF BUSINESS DIRECTORY HAS ARRIVED!

The first PTF (Parent Teacher Fellowship) Business Directory has arrived! All proceeds from this project have gone toward purchasing playground equipment that our students are already enjoying on the Athletic Field. Please pick up your copy at the Front Office or the Preschool Office.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM MRS. DETTRA!!

The Leadership of Merritt Island Christian School is taking a proactive approach in the decision to pull the Perfect Attendance Award for the 2009 - 2010 school year. This is due to the emergence in our state of a strain of influenza, known as H1N1 Swine Flu. This decision will hopefully help parents in keeping their sick children at home, without the pressure of trying to make perfect attendance. Our goal is to ensure that our students are safe.

CONTINUED ILLNESS PREVENTION... EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

In order to adhere to our continuing efforts to be proactive against flu and other illnesses, students are NOT allowed to wear gloves, fingerless gloves or “sleeves” while at school. There is no effective way that those students can wash their hands or use hand sanitizer on a regular basis. Thank you for helping us in this matter.

ATTENTION PARENTS! SWINE FLU UPDATE AND HOW YOU CAN HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THIS FLU

Dear Parent,

As you may know, flu can be easily spread from person to person. Therefore, we are taking steps to reduce the spread of flu in Merritt Island Christian School. We want to keep the school open to students and functioning in a normal manner during this flu season. **But, we need your help to do this.**

We are working closely with the Florida Department of Health to monitor flu conditions and make decisions about the best steps to take concerning schools. We will keep you updated with new information as it becomes available.

If the flu becomes more severe, we may take additional steps to prevent the spread such as:

- conducting active fever and flu symptom screening of students and staff as they arrive at school,
- making changes to increase the space between people such as moving desks farther apart and postponing class trips, and
- dismissing students from school for at least 7 days if they become sick.

For now we are doing everything we can to keep our school functioning as usual. Here are a few things you can do to help.

- **Teach your children to wash their hands** often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub. You can set a good example by doing this yourself.
- **Teach your children not to share personal items** like drinks, food or unwashed utensils, and to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues. Covering up their coughs or sneezes using the elbow, arm or sleeve instead of the hand when a tissue is unavailable.
- **Know the signs and symptoms of the flu.** Symptoms of the flu include fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit, 37.8 degrees Celsius or greater), cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired. Some people may also vomit or have diarrhea.
- **Keep sick children at home** for at least 24 hours *after* they no longer have fever or do not have signs of fever, **without using fever-reducing drugs**. Keeping children with a fever at home will reduce the number of people who may get infected.
- **Do not send children to school if they are sick.** Any children who are determined to be sick while at school *will be sent home*.
- **Get plenty of rest.** Make sure your student is getting plenty of sleep. The young body requires rest to maintain a high level of resistance.

For more information, visit the school website at www.micscougars.com and click on "H1N1 Swine Flu Questions and Answers from the Florida Health Department." This will be the best source to answer any questions you may have about the flu.

EDLINE!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK EDLINE FOR IMPORTANT SCHOOL NEWS, EVENTS, CALENDAR INFORMATION, STUDENT GRADES (UPPER SCHOOL ONLY), AND MORE!
RETURNING FAMILIES MAY STILL USE YOUR EXISTING ACCOUNTS...**NEW FAMILIES SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED YOUR ACTIVATION CODES IN YOUR BACK TO SCHOOL PACKETS.** IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR CODE, OR IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL INGRID HALL AT 453-2710 EXT. 322. **YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE SCHOOL EMAIL INFORMATION THROUGH EDLINE UNLESS YOU ACTIVATE YOUR ACCOUNT!!**

HAVE YOU UPDATED YOUR 24/7 ACCOUNT YET?

How does 24/7 differ from Edline? With Edline, MICS is keeping you current on school information. With 24/7, you are keeping MICS current on your family information.

24/7 is used on a daily basis by MICS staff to access student and family information such as phone numbers, emergency contacts, medical information, email addresses and other school related information. After September 1st, the only source MICS will use for your family's school related information is the 24/7 online program. It is very important you complete this profile and keep it updated as changes occur during the school year.

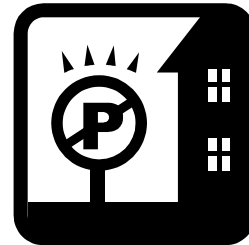
If you have any questions or need help with 24/7, please contact Margaret Davis at 453-2710 ext. 401.

LUNCH ORDERS

Please remember that all lunch orders are due on Wednesday's by 10:00 a.m... **REMEMBER...LUNCH ORDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON EDLINE!** Just log onto your Edline account click on "Lunch Forms" located under "Contents" in the right hand column of the Edline home page.

IMPORTANT DROP-OFF/PICK UP REMINDERS

Please remember for the safety of our students and to help make the traffic flow smoothly during the drop off and pick up times.



THERE SHOULD BE NO PARKING IN THE DROP OFF LANE IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:30-8:30 A.M. ON MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY...AND 8:15-9:15 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY'S.

ALSO...NO PARKING PLEASE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 2:30-3:30 MONDAY-FRIDAY.

REMINDER PROCEDURE WHEN CHECKING YOUR CHILD OUT OF SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL TIME

Please remember if you are checking your child out of school during the school day to please SEND A NOTE WITH THEM so they may be dismissed from class at the appropriate time. The note should state the

DATE and TIME you wish to check them out. Students MUST be signed out through the main office before leaving campus.

FINGERPRINTING REQUIRED!

For our children's safety all parents need to be fingerprinted if: assisting teachers in the classroom, volunteering at MICS, attending field trips.

The cost of fingerprinting is \$50 (charged by Fla.

Department of Law Enforcement). Fingerprints are good

for five years. **If you would like to be fingerprinted you**

will need to fill out a fingerprint application, and turn it into the front office. Deanna Runyan will contact you for an appointment.

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE MAIN SCHOOL OFFICE.

If you have any questions please feel free to call Deanna Runyan at 453-2710 ext. 344.



REMINDER FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE!

Please remember that students should not be sent to school with medications or be carrying them around. If ANY medication cannot be taken at home it must be checked in and held in the clinic for dispensing. Thank you!

IMPORTANT EMAIL INFORMATION

Please be aware that for the protection of our network MICS has a "Spam" blocker on our computer system. If you email the school and/or a teacher and you get a report back saying your email did not go through, then your mail was probably blocked. THIS DOES NOT MEAN WE CANNOT SEE YOUR EMAIL, however, it may be delayed a day. All MICS email users receive a "Spam Report" and can "white list" your email. This will allow your email to come through. Thank you for your patience.

HELP MICS BY TURNING IN YOUR COCA COLA REWARDS POINTS

Do you use Coke Products?

*Coke Zero, Coke Classic, Diet Coke, Sprite, POWERade,
Dasani, Barq's, Fresca, Pibb Extra, Vault, Minute Maid
Lemonade, Minute Maid Orange Juice*



**Help earn money for your school by
donating your Coke Rewards Points!!**

Every Coca Cola product has a code on it that is redeemable for My Coke Rewards Points. You can donate points to our school to help MICS get

FREE products from playground equipment, to books, art supplies and physical education tools as well!!!

How to help:

- If you all ready have an account at www.mycokerewards.com, just log in, search for our school, and select “Donate to School.” You can donate as many or as few points as you wish.

- If you want to create an account, log into www.mycokerewards.com and set up an account. It’s free!! Adding points to your account is as easy as saving codes from the products and plugging them into the website.

If you do not have an account and do not wish to create one, please send your codes in to the school. (Please drop them off instead of turning them in to the teacher.) There will be boxes placed in the main school office and in the preschool lobby. We can only input 10 codes per day, so the more “parent” accounts we have that donate, the more points our school can earn each year!

Where to find codes:

Fridge pack = inside pull away cardboard

Case packs = inside pull away cardboard

Plastic wrapped Multi-packs = on bottom of plastic wrap (under shaded section)

Individual bottles (all sizes not sold in packs) = underneath the lid

If you have any questions regarding this program, email
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