



Dear MLCS Families,

**Jubilee Victory!** Drum roll, please.... As of today, we have grossed \$100,377.42 from last weekend's Jubilee fundraiser. That amount adds about \$500.00 in our school budget for each student, allowing us to keep tuition costs as low as possible as we enter the next school year. We thank each of you for all of the time, energy, and resources you invested in helping it to be a successful event. Here are just a few of the memorable moments:



*The children loved the magic show!*



**We sold \$16,123.00 worth of pies!**



**Team Jesus in the kitchen!**



**Balloon-O-Grams!:** They say a picture is worth a thousand words. How about 1,600 balloons? That's close to the number of red, pink, and white floating gestures of love we had at dismissal time on Valentine's Day. Not only were the children blessed, but we were able to raise almost \$100.00 for each student in the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades attending outdoor science camp next month. Thank you to Mrs. AnnaMarie Cover for her leadership over this event along with the eighteen adults who showed up to put it all together that morning. What fun! Go, Team Jesus, go!



**Sneak Peek at Grandparents' Day!:**

After enjoying a lovely brunch served by our 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders, the grandparents will be invited to watch a series of student performances. It will begin with the K-4 musical production titled "Donkey Tales," and continue with a demonstration of ballroom dancing, choir and instrumental performances, as well as a few special features. We are expecting as many as 300 grandparents in attendance beginning at 9:00am in the gym. Many thanks to our PTF for hosting this event. Let the show begin!







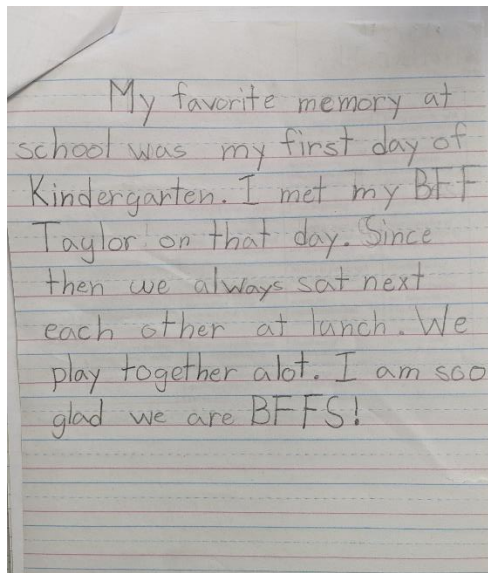
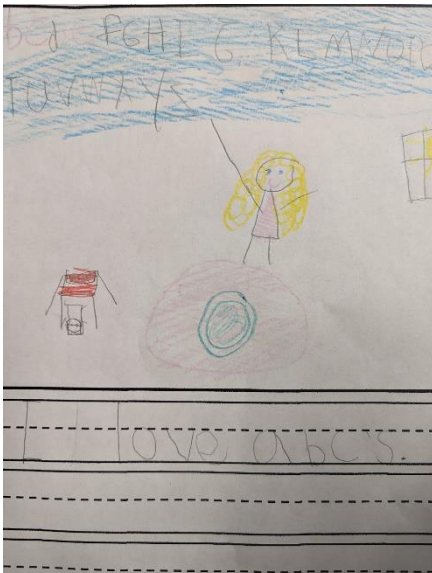
### The Book Fair is Back!

Thanks to an incredible team of parent volunteers headed up by Kali Callahan, the book fair will be open all of next week. Children and teachers can visit the book fair to make wish lists throughout the week, and cashiers will be on hand before and after school for any purchases. The book fair will remain open after the Grandparents' Day celebration for any grandparents and children that want an opportunity to secure last minute items. Many thanks to our Parent Teacher Fellowship for sponsoring this event!

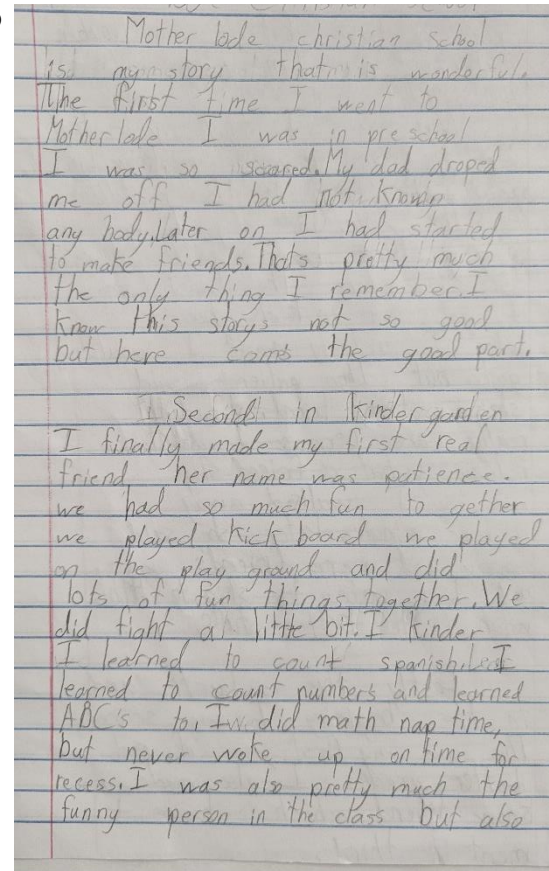
**Schoolwide Write Reflections:** At MLCS we know that one of the key ors of a strong education program is the writing component. We are committed to ensuring that all children develop both the ideation of their writing as well as the mechanical skills needed to express the written word with organization, passion, and accuracy. In February, all students K-8 participated in a schoolwide writing assessment where they were asked to write about their school memories. During our teacher inservice day, the teachers shared the results of their students' work and made goals for how to adjust the teaching for the remainder of the year to help students meet the writing objectives. I thought you might enjoy reading a few of the student samples across the grades. Bear in mind that these are first draft assessments, written independently.

#### Kindergarten

#### 2nd Grade



#### 4th Grade (First Page Only)





I wish I had enough space to include full samples from every grade, but I'll end with one from a student in 7<sup>th</sup> grade who captured her memories at MLCS through a personal testimony of growth. Enjoy!

School has taught me many things throughout the years. I mean that's literally the definition. However when people are questioned about the "learning" aspect of school, most people would say that it's sitting down at a desk for 6 1/2 hours doing nothing but writing on thin pieces of paper while struggling to not fall asleep every 5 minutes. Don't get me wrong, that is one of the clear ways to define school, but there's more to learn than just english, math, and grammar, trust me, you'll be surprised.

When I was younger (probably in 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade) I couldn't except losing to the extent where I would argue against the fact whenever I was given the chance. I would almost never except defeat, even if it was because of a stupid and meaningless game of prison ball that I wasn't the victor of. I remember always quarreling with my teachers about how I couldn't have possibly been defeated even though deep down, I knew it was the case. I remember once we had a substitute in P.E. and we were assigned "dodgeball" as the activity for that class. I was hit in the ankle and tried to cover it up instead of admitting defeat and casually stepping off the court. I tried to reason with the sub for about a minute and finally, she let me go in so I would stop talking and get my way. The older I get the more I realize how stupid I sounded.

Another time I was enjoying a game of "Four square" with my companions at break. The line was quite lengthy so if you happened to fail at any point you were guaranteed a long, boring wait at the very end of the ongoing line. Of course after a couple rounds I ended up becoming the victim and missing the ball clearly ending my rein in my present square. I started a dispute for justice and all I accomplished was my very own spot in the line of doom. I stood at the ~~front~~ ~~back~~ frustrated when the whistle blew, I stomped back to class with steam coming out of my head.

That day my mom picked me up from school and I poured out everything that had happened during the "four square" match. At the end

of my story, I looked up at my mom as she took in the information. 5<sup>th</sup> grade me believed that she would take my side and agree about how I shouldn't have been out and how it was unfair but she did quite the opposite. With her eyes still gazing upon the road she said that I was being overly dramatic and shouldn't argue with my friends. At first I didn't understand, my mom almost always took my side but that day was different. She went on explaining to me that the games I play at school are pointless and when I argue I look pointless and annoying. The only thing quarreling would do for me is break my solid bonds between my friends.

So yeah, school does teach you math, and history, and ways to stay awake while being given a lecture, but school also builds character. It teaches you social skills you'll need when you're older, and how to overall deal with yourself and other people. Through "stupid" games and fun experiences I've learned that being a poor sport only makes things worse for you in the long run. Sometimes I feel that when someone makes an unfair call I find my insides asking me: "In five years from now, am I really gonna remember this one call?" probably not. Don't get me wrong, if your a competitive person that's wonderful! Be competitive! But don't argue when you lose cause all your gonna end up doing is making yourself look bad. Plus, no one and I mean NO ONE wants to be known as a poor sport. Moral of the story: life is too short to make little problems 20 times bigger than they really are, especially if those little problems could change your reputation to something no one will enjoy.

**"Girls of Beauty" Bible Study Luncheon:** I managed to snag a few pictures at the luncheon for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls who completed the "Girl of Beauty" Bible study. It was a lovely outing! May God continue to bless these girls with deep friendships and reminders of His call upon their lives.



How We Love Team Jesus, *Stephanie Torck*

March 12<sup>th</sup>: Board Mtg., 4:30 in the Chapel  
 March 15<sup>th</sup>: Grandparents' Day! Dismissal at 11:30am  
 March 20<sup>th</sup>: 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington D.C. Mtg. (3:30pm)  
 March 25<sup>th</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup>: Spring Break; School Resumes April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 April 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor Science Camp  
 April 21<sup>st</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>: 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington D.C. Trip  
 \*\*All Mondays 8:00 am: Moms in Prayer in the Chapel\*\*

\*\*\*For sports & field trip events go to the "Interactive Calendar" on our website\*\*\*