



MOTHER LODE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS

Dear MLCS Families,

February Newsletter 2025

We've now passed the 100th day of school for this year, but who's counting? THE KIDS ARE! It is a right of passage for our youngest cougars to dress up like old folks to celebrate the passage of time as they conquer the 100th day of school. Of course, it's hard to tell who has more fun with the dressing up – the kids or the teachers. We congratulate all of them on their many accomplishments. May the learning and victories remain with them for a lifetime.

MLCS Kindergarten Class (with Mrs. Smith at top left and Mrs. Atkins at top right)





Making Learning Fun: Our first graders celebrated the 100th day with many activities reinforcing the 100 number concept. After making ten rows of ten fruit loops, they strung the cereal on strings for edible necklaces.

Gotta love the smiles on Annalise Greenblatt and Andrew Niven in the forefront of the photo.

Testing the Laws of Motion: The 4th grade students in Mr. Higgin's class enjoyed testing the laws of motion using two objects of different mass. They made predictions as to which object would roll farther down the same ramp. They performed the experiments and recorded their data, drawing conclusions accordingly. Isaac Newton would be proud! ($\text{Force} = \text{Mass} \times \text{Acceleration}$)



Sportsmanship Nominations: As we continue with our theme of “welcoming others,” cougars big and small are taking home awards and cashing in their Betty Bucks. Staff members secretly nominate students for these awards which are given out during Chapel time each week.

Here are a few of the recipients who were recently honored for demonstrating excellent sportsmanship and godly character both in the classroom and on the playground. The staff comments included descriptors such as:

“He was the only football player who picked up the opponents’ flags and handed them back to them instead of throwing them on the ground.”

“She always has a smile to share and makes everyone feel included and cared for.”



At the left: Nevaeh Semsen, Alice Battle, & Nacho Abarca



Down Below: LilliAnna Quarle, Hanna Semsen, Reider Shade, & Anthony Rich

Way to go, cougars! Keep shining your lights.



MLCS School Board Corner News!

We want to thank everyone for the schoolwide survey that went out before the end of Winter break. The Board is reviewing the feedback, and we look forward to sharing the areas of both success and where we can implement improvement.

Did you know we have two Board candidates? Jason Podesta and Megan Lee are looking to join the board soon as they finish up their 60 days of formal candidacy. It has been great to have them involved more as they desire to serve the school in a leadership position.

If you can't make the board meetings but are interested in reviewing the meeting minutes, remember they can easily be found on our website at: <https://motherlodechristian.com>. Look for the "About" heading, then click on "MLCS Board."

Justin Myers
MLCS Board President

Big Valley Grace Visitation: While the students get a day of respite from school on Monday, March 3rd, the teachers will be visiting Big Valley Grace campus. BVG has graciously agreed to let us invade their space so that we can spend time observing others who stand in our shoes. May the Lord open our eyes to any procedural or instructional details that would be a blessing to incorporate at our school.

Basketball Season is Under Way!: If you haven't yet had a chance to catch one of our boys' basketball games, we encourage you to do so. Our coaches not only teach the skills, they teach our boys to be good sports at all times. Visit our website "Calendar" section and click on the tab for "Interactive Calendar" to see the game schedules.



Rainy Day Fun: With one hand we praise God for the rain, and with the other hand we pull out the sports equipment in the gym to allow the students to get their energy out during break times. The yard duty are careful to watch out for flying balls!



May the LORD bless you and your loved ones as you celebrate Valentine's Day today. He is not only "all in" when it comes to our love relationships, he is the best role model ever.

VICTORY ONE RELATIONSHIP AT A TIME,
Stephanie Torck



Feb. 17: Presidents' Day – No School
Feb. 24: K-8 Ski Day (Campus Closed)
Feb. 28-March 1: Jubilee Event at Fairgrounds
March 3rd: Teacher Inservice Day – No School
March 14th: Report Cards Sent Home
March 14th: Grandparents' Day – Early Release
March 31-April 4: Spring Break

Moms in prayer each Monday at 8:15 in the Chapel.

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