



November
Newsletter
2025

Dear MLCS Families,

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Jog-a-Thon event, not the least of whom is our Lord who blessed us with clear skies and a lovely high of 72 degrees. The children ran with all their might, most of them exceeding their personal goals. The total funds received were...drum roll, please... \$34,813 in student pledges and \$22,850 in business sponsorships. Those are FANTASTIC numbers, and we look forward to using the sponsorship funds for the new obstacle course to keep our cougars in great physical shape!



MLCS Mathletes Earn Honors at County Competition: Our team of mixed 7th & 8th graders were faithful to practice advanced math problems each day, often during their lunch periods. One student, Declan Lucich, willingly attended each session to serve as an alternate in case he was needed to complete the team. They headed to the county competition knowing that they would be competing against some teams of solid 8th graders. Six schools participated in the event, several of them bringing multiple teams. When all scores were tallied, the following awards were given:

From left to right: Zachary Finlay, a 7th grader, took 2nd place overall in the individual math competition among the 58 students present. Abram Niven (7th grade) and Ethan Evans (8th grade) tied with a group of others for 3rd place in individual math competition.

Below: Our team took third place overall among the eleven teams. Back row: Ethan & Nacho. Front row: Abram, Zachary, Cayla. At the left, our mighty alternate: Declan



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SHARP MINDS, PROTECTED HEARTS: Despite the trend of the world to provide most instruction via technology, Mother Lode Christian has held fast to face-to-face, direct instruction, with pencils, books, and papers in hand. Our students still have to listen, hold discussions, take notes, read textbooks, and study, study, study to gain skills and retain knowledge. The stronger their minds, the more equipped our students will be to recognize both wisdom and deception in our world and to maneuver through it successfully. Keep it up, cougar students, staff, and families!



Visiting Missionary: Jenny Marcelene-Wassermann blessed the 4th grade class with a personal visit to share her experience of being a missionary in Afghanistan. The children ate food, practiced games, learned customs of the culture, and listened to Jenny read from her book which is geared to help children 6-10 years old grow stronger in their faith and develop a love for the nations. The book, titled “The Dreamer,” is available for purchase on Amazon.





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CASH CUBE GRABBERS! (left to right) Maddy, Jessalyn, & Emily each had a turn in the cash cube for being the top three fundraising cougars. They snagged Betty Bucks, real dollars, & even a ski lift pass.



The fastest boy & girl in grades K-8 received personalized trophies and some Betty Bucks for their incredible endurance. Go, cougars, go!





Girls Basketball Team 2025! Our combined group of 6/7/8th grade girls worked hard this season to compete against 8th grade teams. Their smiles are a testimony to their perseverance and the friendships gained as they worked together as a team to represent MLCS under the wise tutelage of Mitch Heldstab and AnnaMarie Cover.

Cross Country Cougars 2025: It is a delight to see both students and parents running together after school each day, building endurance together to strengthen our cougars for competitive running events. Many students took top awards throughout the season for their accomplishments. Thank you to Mike & Kali Callahan for coaching our team.





Ministry Opportunities! As a parent of adult children, I can testify that the most significant, life changing memories for my own children are of times when we went on mission trips, stopped to help a homeless person, or assisted in any other way in the community. Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are due by Friday, and an opportunity to serve and/or bring food to the community Thanksgiving meal at the Memorial Hall is available. See the flyer below for more info.

**COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING
DINNER**



As Thanksgiving draws near, the MLCS Board wishes to express our sincere gratitude to our students, families, teachers, and staff. Your support, commitment, and partnership make our MLCS community a special place. We are grateful for the privilege to serve you. All glory to God for the blessings we share.

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 ESV

Grateful, MLCS Board

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***We Give Thanks:** As we prepare for our whole school Thanksgiving feast and then a week of respite, let us praise our God and King for His everlasting love and goodness. He has blessed us with a beautiful school facility, a gifted and devoted staff, and the provisions to maintain instruction, comfort, and safety each day. May He be gloried among us in a mighty way this Thanksgiving holiday season.*

Blessed Be Our God and King Forever,
Stephanie Torok

- Nov. 18th: Board Meeting at 4:30 in the Chapel
- Nov. 19th: K-3 Chapel with Pillar awards following worship
- Nov. 20th: 4-8 Chapel with Honor Rollar & Pillar Awards
- Nov. 21st: Thanksgiving Luncheon – Early Dismissal at 1:00
- Nov. 21st: Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due
- Nov. 24th-28th: Thanksgiving Break – No School
- Dec. 18th: Christmas Program 6:00 pm
- Dec. 19th: 11:30 Early Dismissal

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

*****Moms in Prayer*****
Every Friday morning at 8:10 in the Chapel. See Deborah Lucich for more information.