MORNING CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PTA NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2021

MESSAGE FROM PTA PRESIDENT

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

Please join the PTA in supporting the Adopt-A-Family program this holiday season (December 3—13). The links to the Wish Lists of each family are here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fY4LqvZOozhh5W6Vd-XxHygqumIUI07qT3ihP4096NE/edit?usp=sharing

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https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ghzGFrJ2jjWTe1jz3Hlt3q6owb0wei1Hg0FSy1iEhek/edit?usp=sharing

Grocery and Amazon gift cards are also appreciated.
Our Chair is Alyssa Giovacchini, profiled on the right.

Thank you for your generosity!

~*Chris Goldsmith* *morningcreekpta@gmail.com*

FOUNDATION CANDY CANE SALES
DECEMBER 13—17

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+VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT+

ALYSSA GIOVACCHINI
BOOK FAIR
AND
ADOPT-A-FAMILY
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Alyssa is a familiar volunteer to the staff, teachers and parents of Morning Creek. Although her very active son is now in middle school, she has generously continued to chair our Book Fair and Adopt-A-Family programs. She was a Room Parent for 6 years, its coordinator, and frequent assistant to the Foundation's yearly auction. If there was a volunteer need anywhere at Morning Creek, Alyssa was there! She coordinated the very successful drive-through Fifth Grade Promotion last June. In short, Alyssa represents the best of the Colt Spirit!

Alyssa will chair our Spring Book Fair, but will then turn her attention to middle school volunteer opportunities. If you are interested in coordinating the PTA Book Fair or Adopt-A-Family program, please email us at morningcreekpta@gmail.com or contact Alyssa with questions.

Thank you, Alyssa, for all you have done for MCES!

BUY A

A Special Thank You to our Donors

Through your generosity, PTA has been able to provide many enhanced programs and events for our MCES community. We thank each of you for your commitment.

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STEM UPDATE

NOETIC MATH, NOEMS AND AMERICAN COMPUTER SCIENCE LEAGUE ARE UNDERWAY. GIS IS COMING SOON!
MCESTEM@GMAIL.COM

Zoom Meetings are underway to plan for the implementation of our National PTA Grant. We hope to be able to announce a date for this activity (hopefully in person) in the January Newsletter.

RUNNING CLUB UPDATE!

mcesrunningclub@gmail.com

Tokens for miles run are being handed out to students completing their milestones at Friday Flag. We have several students now above 50 miles! Thank you to the volunteer parents for your consistent participation!

STEM COMMITTEE
https://sites.google.com/view/stem-mces
mcestem@gmail.com
Chair: Rajdeep Singh
Raj is past PTA president who is employed as a data scientist. He is the father of 2. Raj designed and handled many of the online STEM activities during the pandemic. Check above website.

Gitanjali Shinde
mcescoltsgis@gmail.com
Gitanjali has coordinated GIS Club for the last 2 years. GIS is the mapping of data points. She is mother of 2 daughters, a civil engineer by trade, and the Treasurer of the PTA. GIS will be conducted by Zoom and is most appropriate for grades 3 and up.

Nakaba Emtesali
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Nakaba is coordinating the Math Enrichment Programs (MOEMS and NOETIC Math), which are funded by the MC Foundation this year. These competitive math programs are by teacher invitation only. She is mother of a son.

Andrew Bankston
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Andrew is the father of 3 and a regular Running Club volunteer, both on the field and in the handling of the data management. He is the co-chair of the National PTA STEM grant recently awarded to MCES PTA.

Brett Goldsmith
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Brett is a physicist, father of 2, and current PTA VP of Programs. He also maintains the PTA website. He is the co-chair of the National PTA STEM grant recently awarded to MCES PTA.

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IMPORTANT DATES

12/3—13		Adopt-A-Family
12/7	6:15 PM	PTA Board Meeting
12/13—17		Foundation Candy Cane Sale
12/16	6:00 PM	PUSD Meeting
12/20—1/2		School Closed Winter Break
1/11	6:15 PM	PTA Board Meeting Zoom
1/17		School Closed MLK Day
1/25	6:15 PM	PTA General Association Mtg

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