



Dear Friend and Neighbor,

Thank you for being a part of Mosier Community School! As we kick-off our annual giving campaign, I want to take a few moments to share some of the ways your support is making an impact on our school community:

- At MCS, students learn in uncommonly small classes for a public school, and are supported by a teaching assistant in every K-5 classroom. Our average adult to student ratio is 11 to 1, well below the Oregon elementary average of 25 to 1.
- Our teachers use a Place-Based Education model that encourages students to draw connections between school and the real world, taking their learning from, and into, the local community.
- We are implementing innovative strategies to help students build social and emotional competencies. These include morning meetings, closing circles and all-school assemblies, as well as calming techniques and learner-centric classrooms.
- Students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of after-school clubs, ranging from art to gardening, cross-country to homework support. Our drama club puts on two school-wide drama performances each year and every student who wants to participate is given a role in these one-of-a-kind musicals.
- Mosier's historic, nearly 100-year-old school building functions as a community event hub that connects folks from all over the area. A dedicated and tireless group of parents and volunteers make many wonderful events, like Oktoberfest and the Holiday Fair, happen here.

These examples illustrate what "community" looks like at our school: It's coming together and being a part of something. It's students being known, by each other and by the adults around them. **It's about connection.** And research shows that **students who form meaningful connections at school perform better academically and are at less risk for behavior problems.**

The work we are doing at MCS is unique and exciting. But it is also difficult work that requires **resources, training and supplies.** As a charter school in Oregon, MCS receives only 83% of the funding that neighborhood schools receive. That means we are operating at a lower funding level than most schools in the state. On top of that, Oregon's education funding in general is 9% below the national average. It's a challenging time for a small, rural school like ours, and that means we must rely on the support of our community.

Will you help us continue the vibrant and vital work we're doing at MCS?

This #GivingTuesday, please consider supporting our school with a financial contribution, at whatever level fits your budget.

Here are just a few of the ways your generous gift will impact our students:

- ❑ \$1,000 - Our 5th graders participate in the Columbia Gorge Ecology Institute's SECRETS program - a nine-week long ecology curriculum that helps students learn science through studying the ecosystem outside their front door.
- ❑ \$750 - A staff member engages in a four-day training in Social / Emotional Learning techniques through The Responsive Classroom.
- ❑ \$500 - We host special guests like the Portland Opera, Traveling Lantern Theater or Chinese Acrobats at a special school-wide assembly.
- ❑ \$250 - Our Spanish speaking families stay connected with professionally-translated handbooks and other communications.
- ❑ \$125 - A 6th grader has a full book set to compete in the Oregon Battle of the Books.
- ❑ \$100 - Our new structured playground activities are supported with refreshed sports equipment.
- ❑ \$50 - Our kindergarten classroom adds a wobble stool to help an energetic 5-year-old stay on task.
- ❑ \$20 - An underprivileged child participates in an after-school club.

Again, thank you for being a part of our school community. We wouldn't be here without you!

With gratitude,

Kieran Connolly
Executive Director

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