



# Midnight Sun Family Learning Center Newsletter

Where the Sun Never Sets on Learning

March 2, 2017

## Dates to Remember

Mar. 7 MSUN Dessert Auction  
Mar. 10-19 Spring Break  
Mar. 22 Early Release 2:30  
Mar. 23 6:00 APC  
Apr. 3-7 PEAKS Testing Grades 3-8  
Apr. 27 6:00 Orientation

## Phone Numbers:

Mrs. Allen -376 -6772  
Ms. Foster- 357-6455  
Ms. Moses – 357-6462  
Mr. Sidelinger – 376-6776  
Mrs. Darnell – 357-4844  
Mrs. MacDonald – 373-6774  
Mrs. Olsen – 357-6772  
Mrs. Tro. – 357-3733  
Mrs. James – 357-6458  
Mrs. Ingram -357-6784

## Midnight Sun Orientation 2017

This year's Orientation will be held Thursday, April 27 at 6:00 P.M. If people want to get their children's names on our wait list they must attend the Orientation.

## March APC Meeting

The March APC Meeting is Thursday, March 23 at 6:00 P.M.

## All School Dessert Live Dessert Auction and Silent Auction

The deadline for turning in items for the Silent Auction is 9A.M. on Monday morning. We are almost at the saturation stage.

The primary classes will be selling chili at the auction.

We hope to see lots of you for a fun evening on Tuesday at 6:00. Thanks for your support of our school!

## Newsletter Drawing

*If you have more than one child you can just fill out the information on a piece of the newsletter and return it: Name, Date, Teacher, and parent signature.*

One ticket-per week- per child.

## Newsletter Drawing Ticket 3/2/17

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

## Help Needed

The gardening season is almost here! We are looking for a volunteer with some scrap lumber to build a simple trellis archway for the entrance to our school garden. If you can help, please contact Jamie Woodside at: 907.841.2343, (call or text) or [Jamie.woodside@matsuk12.us](mailto:Jamie.woodside@matsuk12.us)

## Spring Break and Report Cards

Spring Break begins next Friday, March 10. We hope everyone has a restful break!

Report Cards will be mailed home during Spring Break. If your mailing address has changed, please send a note with your new mailing address to your child's teacher. The teacher will forward the address to the office.



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### Teachers

\*Lara Allen\* Pam Darnell \*Jackie Foster \*Hilary MacDonald\*Maude Moses\* Sue Olsen\* Shawn Sidelinger \*Jeanne Troshynski

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Dear Parents,

This year has presented some interesting budget challenges for us as a school. With a surprise 25% increase in insurance costs this fall, of which the school pays 12.5%, the funds we would normally use to support the purchase of classroom materials and field trips was severely slashed.

Next year's budget picture is even more grim. With the state of the state's economics, we are looking at 0 increase to our funds next year. In fact we have received a directive from the District that we will be charged next year for Special Education Itinerant services (Speech, OT, PT, School Psychologist, Diagnosticians). As a school we have never had to pay for these services. Next year we will pay \$104,000 for those services. In the past we have always assumed that those services were included in the 4% indirect fees we pay to the District. We are really scrambling trying to figure out how we continue to provide an amazing education for your children with less money. Of course our costs continue to rise. Insurance costs have a huge impact on our budget. And, just like your home budgets the cost of providing energy to the building and keeping it maintained continue to rise.

The APC is working diligently to find cost savings and efficiencies. The staff is working hard to work together to save funds wherever possible. You may have noticed we are trying to not hire subs if an aide is out of the building.

Mr. Andrew Ford has acquired a full time job and his last day with us will be on Friday. While we will greatly miss him, we see this as an opportunity to try out a couple of changes. Mrs. Courtney is taking over Mr. Ford's job to assure our students with IEP's and on RTI are supported. Mrs. Barker is now working half time in Ms. Foster's and Mrs. Allen's classrooms. While this is not ideal, it is a great example of the team work our staff exhibits. Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Foster offered to try this out so we can save some money for this year! Thanks to them and to Mrs. Courtney and Mrs. Barker for stepping up to the plate to take on the challenge at this time of the year!

The School District is in a huge budget deficit and as a part of the entire system we too come under the cuts. The District is looking at a variety of savings. We understand the impact these cuts will have on all our schools.

You can help out by supporting our super fundraisers! Also, please consider contacting your borough assembly representatives and legislators to let them know how important it is to fully fund education! Finally, please check in with your classroom teachers and see if you can help with anything from Kleenex to pencils. EVERYthing you see in the school costs money! Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Also, donations of \$10.00 count as a parent volunteer hour.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Troshynski  
Teaching-Principal