



Mary Collins School @ Cherry Valley, A Charter School
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Where Every Child is an Honored Student

There are always flowers for those who want to see them. ~Henri Matisse



Piet Mondrian inspired art/math

Mary Collins School Earthday Celebration May 7, 2011 11-3

Donate your toy collections, dress ups and funky purses for the ticket/toy swap! Items can be brought to Mrs. Eichert's class any time before the day of the carnival. If you have ideas, time or questions please contact Deanna Ford or Liza Eichert.

Marketplace/Crafter/Artisan's
Booth Request Form available in office

Library News

A gentle reminder to parents - Please help your child get their library books back to school. It seems that many students have been "forgetting" their library books and now have several overdue books. The end of this school year is just around the corner, and library circulation is being hampered by favorite titles being kept at home for many weeks at a time. Please either return or renew your books each week and keep those books circulating!

Adopt-a-Book Program - Thank you for helping us build a strong and interesting library for our kids. The following families have recently adopted books for our library:

Amelia Richardson - "Tell us We're Home" ...
Happy 11th Birthday Amelia!

Zeeshan Deura - "ZooBorns!" and "Fancy Nancy and the Delectable Cupcakes" ...thank you Zeeshan!

Feel free to purchase a favorite book at Copperfield's, Costco, visit our Wish List on [www](http://www.amazon.com).

Amazon.com under "Friends of the Cherry Valley Library," or come visit Mrs. Derby in the library and browse through the books still waiting to be adopted. A brand new box of books just arrived this week! ☺

Book Swap - Our annual Book Swap will be held on Friday, May 6. Book levels K-8 plus adult books will be "swapped." Please bring your gently used books to the Lodge beginning at 8:00am on Monday, May 2. We will continue collecting books before and after school until the morning of May 6. Students will attend the Book Swap in the morning with their class. Adults are invited to swap until noon. Remember our Book Swap motto: recycle, reuse and "relove!"

Upcoming Literary Events

April 29 at 7pm - John Flanagan, Author of "The Ranger's Apprentice" series, at Copperfield's

May 2 at 6:30pm - FCVL Meeting at Dempsey's

May 4 at 10am - Author, Neal Shusterman, at MCCV (6th-8th grades)

May 6 from 8:30-noon - Book Swap at MCCV

Happy Spring Reading!

Mrs. Derby

Absences must be called in each & every day a student is absent from school (unless on Independent Study)

School attendance phone number:

778-4741



NEWSLETTER

Submissions to:

kevstar@pacbell.net
Last deadline is Monday
May 16th, 6 p.m.

*Herold Mahoney
Family 52nd Annual
Community
Achievement Awards*

Petaluma High School Senior and Mary Collins alum **Noelle Daly** was honored April 19th as one of the top 10 in her class. She received a \$500 scholarship from the Robert McDonald Family. Other top ten honored (MCS alumni) underclassmen included Sierra Downey, and Shannon Ferguson, (both Casa Grande High School) and Isabella Lemos and Sophia Payne (both Petaluma High School).
Congratulations, Scholars!

Would you believe the Variety Show is already gearing up for next year!

- Wow, that would even make Rip Van Winkle exhausted! But it's true. There has been some brainstorming about a show theme, the transition to student run facets of the show, and maybe an audition process reintroduced. Yet, prior to any details about these future components we must reminisce and send a heartfelt thank you to the community for the fantastic support of this year's show. Please believe me when I say that our Variety Show has elements that are far more challenging to stage than a 'professional' show...and that the performance of our talent was certainly exceptional (both the crew and onstage)! Students, you are an inspiration! Did you really hear that? You inspired, and brought joy to the audience...sold out crowds both performances!! You worked so hard to develop new skills in running the show, in honing your acts, in listening and being open to creative input. Thank you for being the driving force behind this 'coming together of our community' to raise funds for your class rooms, projects, and field trips!

Check this out! The Variety Show 2011 pictures are available online! Go peek and know that our amazing Cindi is donating 50% of the print orders to MCCV! <http://cindidechannes.com/031111/>

Now, to those other wonderful people! First a special thanks to two special folks because they were so dedicated. They rehearsed, rehearsed, and rehearsed, yet due to illness, they had to step down for the last couple rehearsals and both performances! Thank you Corey Riddle and Kathy DeBel, I know that was tough on you both! And how about the absolutely amazing way the show comes together through the effort and dedicated focus...especially in the last 48 hours!? Thank you huge to Dave McCullough and also to Deanna Ford, Kathy McGill & ticket booth masters, Terese Danielle & concessionaires, Kirsten Smith & Green Room chaperones, Mary Dooley, Cindi De Channes, Jay Daniel, Laura Scott, Meloni Courtway, Dave Royall, Jamie Campana, and Ms. McGahey, Cookie & Kathleen!! You all rock!

When you have a need, please remember the vendors that supported/donated to our Variety Show & fund raising success:

The Community's REALTOR - Barton Smith 799-0843

Contractor - Dave McCullough 696-3137

Massage Therapy - Deanna Ford 695-7779

Reading Mentor - Terese Danielle 773-1298

Bookkeeping - Kathy McGill 364-7858

Photography - Cindi de Channes 527-2486 www.CindiDeChannes.com

Architecture - Mary Dooley & Chris Lynch 765-9222 www.madarc.com

Studio Art/Graphics - Jan Daniel 415) 459-1495 www.BlackCatStudio.com

Videography - Laura Scott call Barton for contact info

Video Post Production - Jamie Campana 415) 640-0449

Ace Shirt & Cap Printing, Velasco's, Clover Stornetta

For more info on some of our business sponsors, see the back pages of the MCSCV school directory. If a thank you to you was missed, please see Barton for a personal thanks!

Until next year's Variety Show...Plan, Rehearse, Play!

My Best,

Barton Smith