

# Mason County Central Schools District Newsletter

September, 2011

## School District Numbers

MCC High School 757-4748  
 MCC Middle School 757-3724  
 MCC Upper Elementary  
 757-5720  
 Scottville Elementary 757-4701  
 Victory Early Childhood Center  
 843-2410  
 Adult Education 757-3713  
 Journey High School & Junior High  
 757-5700  
 Central Business Office  
 757-3713  
 MCC Transportation 757-3711  
 MCC Foodservice 757-5721  
 Leisure & Enrichment, Driver's Ed  
 & Homeless Services 757-3471

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Dear Mason County Central Parents, Students and Community:

I certainly hope this newsletter finds you well and looking forward to another great school year. I know I sure am. As in the past, there is a lot of information shared in this newsletter. Please take the time to look it over and use the contact information to the left to give us a call if you should have any questions.

As I am sure you are well aware, funding for education in Michigan has certainly taken center stage lately. In fact, if you were to ask me how I planned to title this welcome back letter in June I would have used a quote from the Wizard of Oz. In the movie Dorothy proclaimed to her little dog: "We're not in Kansas anymore Toto." I thought this at the time because I was worried that school at Mason County Central might not look the same anymore. My worries came from the significant drop in funding and increased costs school districts across the state have had to endure in recent years and significantly more so this year. However, I do not feel this way anymore. This is because of the team effort of our school staff making cost saving sacrifices and stepping up to take on more responsibility in order to meet the needs of our students.

To our students, Mason County Central will look and feel the way it has in the past. They will not feel as if they are living in Oz but rather in the comforts of what Mason County Central has become known for... they will continue to experience the quality educational programming that meets their academic and social/emotional needs. This is true because, we were able to balance the budget without making a single cut to our educational programming or services for children.

Having said that, status quo is not an option in a world that continues its frantic pace toward globalization... a pace which requires each of us and our children to run faster just to stay in place. Education today is not and cannot be what it was for earlier generations. Our kids would be shortchanged if we allow ourselves to fall behind the pace. Our District's Vision is to provide an educational system that will develop graduates with the required skills to successfully compete in their global environment. We will take full advantage of the minutes, hours and days we have with our students, your children to inspire and equip them with the skills necessary to excel. We will continue to hone our educational delivery methods and prioritize our resources to keep pace.

That's a promise.

Looking Forward to a Great School Year ~ Superintendent Jeff Mount

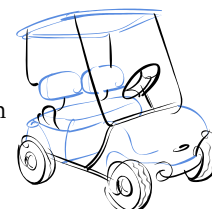


## 22nd Annual Golf Outing September 10th, 2011

Lakeside Links Golf Course

Cost \$75 per person, \$300 per foursome

Register by calling Carla at 757-3713 or print form at [www.mccschools.com](http://www.mccschools.com) and fax to 757-5716



**PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE**

**MCC EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

Those Interested In Donating A Door Prize For The Event Please Call

Recipients of Mini Grants Funded Partially From This Event Inside Newsletter

# Healthy Communities Grant



## Blue Cross Blue Shield Healthy Communities Grant Received

### MCC Board of Education

Randy Saxton, President  
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Carl Geers, Trustee  
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Jeff Mount, Superintendent

### DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

In compliance with the Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age of Discrimination Act of 1975, and the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, it is the policy of the Mason County Central School District that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability, be excluded from participation, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination during any program or activity or in employment.

Compliance/Grievance  
Officer  
Superintendent Designee  
300 West Broadway  
Scottville, Michigan 49454  
(231) 757-3713

Both the upper elementary and lower elementary were chosen for the upcoming school year's BC/BS Healthy Communities grant. There were 83 schools that applied and 23 were awarded this grant opportunity. This is a wonderful opportunity for our elementary students to facilitate their health and wellness.

Brooks Johnson, elementary PE teacher, discovered this grant opportunity at the state Michigan Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance conference in Grand

Rapids in November of 2010. Bringing this information back to school and then applying when the application window opened was then up to her. This grant has 5 required elements that the funding purchases for use with our elementary students. They are as follows:

**Healthy School Action Tools,**  
**Feelin' Good Mileage Club,**  
**Celebratory 5k run or walk,**  
**The Organ Wise Guys and**  
**HOPSports.**

We will be using these programs throughout the school

year in our classrooms, but we will also be opening it up to our Scottville community as well. As staff is trained in the programs mentioned above, it will become more clear as to how we can do this so that it's not just our students who benefit, but our families too.

If you have any further questions or would like more information on the eight areas please contact Brooks Johnson at 757-4701 or 757-5720.

## MCC Educational Foundation Mini Grant Awards

The MCC Educational Foundation was founded in 1989 for the purpose of providing enhancement opportunities for the students of Mason County Central Schools. Support for the organization's fundraising events are the Spring Community Auction, co sponsored by the Ludington-Scottville Chamber of Commerce, and the Annual Golf Outing. It should also be noted that the board is working on a new fundraising opportunity. Details to come soon. A large portion of these funds support annual teacher mini grants, as well as the scholarship program. This year the foundation awarded

\$11,920.00 in requests. This year's mini grant recipients are **Kay Stakenas** (Upper Elementary Science Microscopes \$156), **Shannon Payne** (District Wide Art Show \$1,000), **Sherryl Martin** (Middle School Science Balances \$730), **Colette Walker** (VECC Literacy Sets \$495), **Roger Bailey** (Middle School ELA Research Texts \$774), **Angie Hood** (VECC iPad 2 Mobile Lab \$1,736), **Karl Shafer** (HS Industrial Arts Lathes \$1,124), **Tom Richert** (Forensics Team Supplies \$400), **Linnea Miller** (High School ELA Classic Novels \$450), **Rachel Brook** High School Art Photography Equip-

ment \$759), **Roxanne Chye** (High School CPR/First Aid Supplies \$266), **Brad Jacobs** (High School Freshman T-Shirts \$1,000), **Vanessa Skeneske** (Middle School Special Education Life Skills Supplies \$450), **Mary Scheffler** (Upper Elementary Trait Crates \$528), **Bonnie Brown** (Elementary Art Elmo \$509), **Deb Petersen** (Upper Elementary ELMO \$509), **Mary Scheffler** (Upper Elementary ELMO \$509), **Beth Stenzel** (Lower Elementary Guided Reading Books \$375), **Cheri Stibitz** (Lower Elementary Leveled Readers \$150).

**Mason County Central Website**  
**Fall District Wide Sports Schedules, Notification of**  
**Availability of Annual Water Quality Report,**  
**and Pesticide Advisory**  
**Please Go To [www.mccschools.com](http://www.mccschools.com)**

## Free and Reduced Meal Applications

Families who have experienced a change in income, increase in family size, or a change in other benefits are encouraged and reminded to apply for the upcoming school year to determine eligibility as soon as possible. Applications are available on line at [www.mccschools.com](http://www.mccschools.com) or by stopping at any school building office or the central business office. If you have any questions please call 757-3713 and ask for Kris Willick.

## Mason Lake Adult Education

Is currently registering new students, If you know an adult (20 years and older) who would like to earn their high school diploma or GED please have them call us at 757-3713 ext 133 (Liz Stark) for information and an appointment time to register. Out program will offer evening class times at Mason County Central Schools, and Baldwin Community Schools. Daytime classes will be offered at Scottville United Methodist Church and in Baldwin.

Our program offers classes for GED preparation, High School diploma and in Reading and Math improvement. With the assistance of Michigan Works and West Shore Community College we are offering additional programs for employment and post secondary schooling.

*Small Enough to Care  
Large Enough to Compete*

## Spartan Homecoming—Save The Date Bringing Community & School Pride Together

A group of individuals from the Scottville Main Street Committee and members of the Mason County Central School Family wanted to put forward some additional effort in showcasing our athletes, but also the wonderful community businesses and local supporters we have. On **Friday, October 14th** we will be hosting our Homecoming football game at Spartan Community Field against the Hart Pirates. We would like to take this opportunity to invite your family to join us for this evening of Spartan Pride and Community Fun! We will kick this week off with **spirit week** in our high school along with a special downtown **business spirit week**. Our high school students will also **decorate the**

**downtown business windows**. Then Friday evening our freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes will participate in a **parade through downtown Scottville** at 6:00pm. Each float has been sponsored by a business or two in its theme and supplies to create their float. We have encouraged the students and their sponsor to work collaboratively in their creations. We will also be sponsoring at Spartan Field Pavilion our **Chili Cook Off**, with businesses competing from both the Scottville and Hart areas for the traveling trophy and monies for their athletic departments. This event will begin at 5:30 and end with votes being tallied at 7:30pm. An additional event planned at

Spartan Field will be the addition of a dunk tank. That's right, come to Spartan field from 6:00-8:00pm and have the opportunity to **"Dunk a Spartan or Dunk a Pirate"**. Flyers and additional information will be coming home soon.



Adult Education  
757-3713  
ext 133

### New Student Management System

Mason-Lake and Oceana County schools have made a change in their student management software. PowerSchool will replace the Infinite Campus system. All parents of MCC students will receive information how to access their student's information, grades, attendance, teacher emails and much more. This is a collaborative venture of all the public schools within the Mason-Lake and Oceana Intermediate School Districts. PowerSchool was purchased with a 21st Century Learning Environments grant. The grant, awarded by the State of Michigan, is paid from federal funds which supports data and technology in K-12 education.