

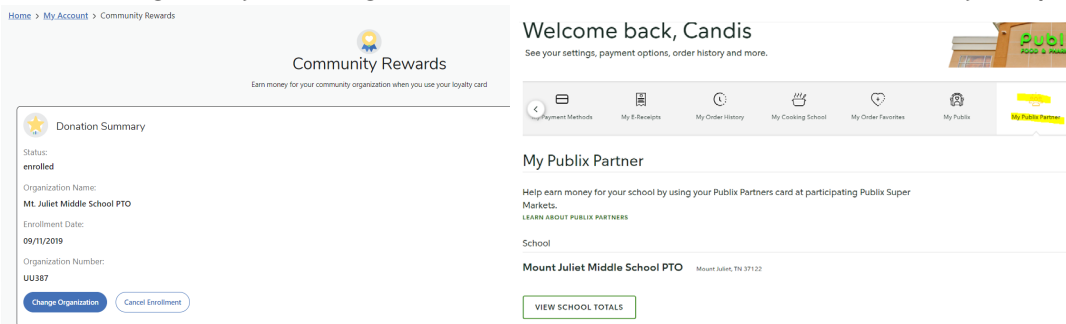
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Dear MJMS Families,

Another week is winding down, which means we are finishing up our first 4-5 week grading period next week. That's hard to believe! The days are flying by, and we have a LOT going on at school. If your student is not already involved in some school activity, next week is a chance so sign up! Below are some updates, and forgive me for being long winded. There is so much, so please read to the bitter end!

- **Kroger/Publix Rewards:** Please check your Publix and Kroger accounts to see if they are linked to a group. If not, please consider linking them to Mt. Juliet Middle School's PTO so that our school benefits from your purchases. It costs you nothing, you still get your discounts, and once you set it up, you don't have to do anything at all. At today's PTO meeting, someone mentioned a great idea. They go to Kroger (or Publix) and purchase gift cards to Target, Amazon, and other places they intend to shop. Then, they get rewards on that purchase. Claim the MJMS PTO at Amazon Smiles, use your gift card purchased at Kroger, and we get rewarded twice!

You can log into your Kroger and Publix accounts online and check your partnership.



- **Cookie Dough Sale:** Our Otis Spunkmeyer kickoff was this week. If your student did not bring home a brochure, please email one of his/her teachers or any administrator, and we'll make sure one is sent home. **Also, did you know you can make a donation instead of, or in addition to, selling cookie dough? For each \$10 donation, your student gets credit for selling one box of cookies.** Students were most excited about the limo trip to Cici's Pizza for selling 20 boxes of cookies. There is no limit on how many students can win this prize!
- **School Purchases:** Do you ever wonder where the school's money is spent? If so, the overarching theme is that the list of needs is endless. Three big items we purchased last year were the sign lettering on our building, the trophy case for all our swag, and a poster maker for all teachers and club/sports sponsors to use. Those three items alone ate up most of our cookie dough profits last year, but there are SO many things we'd like to do! We recently had extensive tree work done on campus and replaced some 20-year-old carpet with flooring. We are replacing our sawhorses and bought more cones to keep our campus safe. I'd like to improve our indoor cameras (updates and added locations); get a tarp to protect our gym floor during dances and events; purchase items to improve our two concession stands (in progress); teachers always need more copies and copy paper; I recently purchased podiums for teachers to use with their smart boards; we bought pop up signs and

other branding items to enhance our 8<sup>th</sup> grade hallway and our main campus (BOLO for pole flags coming soon!); we are in the processing replacing missing baseboards; we are always painting something; we are purchasing calculators so all teachers have a class set; I'd really love to get the parking lot resurfaced and lined; two teachers are in dire need of kidney tables; and of course we make sure ALL students who have personal needs (feminine items, deodorant, paper, backpacks, etc.) have what they need; etc. **I think you get the picture.** EVERY penny earned from the cookie dough sale helps our general budget fund some of these things (and more). Oh, and please forgive the grammar in this long list. ☺

- **Homecoming Week:** Next week is our homecoming, and we have lots of activities planned. Here is the rundown on dress up days:
  - Monday is PJ Day
  - Tuesday is Toon Day (cartoons, Disney, anime)
  - Wednesday is Twinsies Day
  - Thursday is Black and Gold Day
  - Friday is 80's Day (I think this might be my entire wardrobe)
- **More Homecoming Week Fun:**
  - Kona Ice will be at the football game.
  - We have reward day, and we will be selling these concession items: Airhead Extremes, Sour Patch Kids, Skittles, Ring Pops, Hershey Bars, Reese's, Kit Kats, Twix, and M & M's, various chips; soft drinks, water, and Gatorade.
- **Homecoming Glow Dance:** The dance will be Friday, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 6-8 in the gym. Tickets can be purchased through the following link <https://gofan.co/app/events/673862?schoolId=TN73672>, or we will be selling them starting Monday during lunch. They will be \$5.00 per student. We will also have concessions available. We will be selling popcorn, pizza, candy, and drinks. We will also have face painting for \$1.00, and we will be selling glow items such as glow sticks and sunglasses. The students should be dropped off at the gym doors and picked up there as well. We will not be allowing students to leave the dance early unless we make contact with a parent. This is for safety reasons. If you have any questions please contact [putmanserbina@wcschools.com](mailto:putmanserbina@wcschools.com). Remember, this dance is for current MJMS students only.
- **Nurse Needs:** The two nurses at the MJMS campus saw over 40 students one day this week. Many of those students leave with a peppermint, bottle of water, or other snack. We need to replenish the closet (and of course we will share with our nurse at the GHHS campus as well). If you can donate any items, please send them with your student or drop them off in the main office at either campus:
  - Individually packaged snacks, such as Cheez Its, Ritz Bits, granola bars, crackers, pretzels, etc. Remember, we cannot use items with peanuts or peanut butter.
  - Bottled water and juice boxes
  - Lifesaver mints, individually wrapped

- New underwear - we will take all sizes for boys/girls and men/women, but we are in desperate need of male underwear the most
  - Sweat pants for all sizes, male and female
  - Leggings - all sizes
  - T-shirts - all sizes
  - Athletic shorts - all sizes
  - Pencil sharpener for nurses to use
  - Nurse sustenance is always welcome - Coke Zero and chocolate are their favorites. ☺
- **Holiday Program Auditions:** The Holiday Revue has 70 students signed up to audition, but there are still about ten openings, if anyone is still interested. A detailed flyer was in last week's newsletter, but here is the link to sign up:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f48abaf2eabfcc25-auditions1>

Did I say a LOT is going on? Thank you for partnering with us as we build our Bear Cave!

**Bear Pride in the Middle** and **on the Hill,**

Candis Angle

Looking Forward:

- Sports dates are available on our school website. Too many to list!
- Happening Now: Yearbooks are on sale. **Special price ends on Labor Day.**
- August 25: Cookie dough sale kickoff (please sell this weekend!)
- August 26: School pictures (that was today, and proofs will come in the mail)
- August 26: First PTO meeting (great first meeting; thanks to all who came)
- August 29-September 1: Dress-up Days for Homecoming
- September 1: Homecoming game
- September 1: Progress reports
- September 2: Homecoming dance
- September 2: First cookie dough turn in
- September 2: Celebration for students with no work missing on August 31, no ISS, no OSS - we will sell concessions and give students some free time during Focus
- September 2: Club rush (please encourage your student to get involved)
- September 5: Labor Day, no school
- September 9: Second cookie dough turn in
- September 13: Parent/Teacher conferences from 4:00 - 7:00 (BOLO for a chance to help with food for teachers)
- September 16: Third cookie dough turn in
- TBD: 9-week celebration for students with all A, B, C on report cards - concessions and free time during Focus, special events during Exploratory
- October 28: Halloween Dance