

A Love Note from the PTF President

In the midst of many changes this year, God has remained faithful. He brings Peace. He brings calm. All the different changes in life surrounding me have given me a chance to “dig in”. “Dig in” and listen to how God wants His world to love each other. God gave me a leadership picture when I stepped onto the PTF Board in the Fall of 2018: “Eyes up. Smiles first. Hello's to all. Open circles. Intentionally care for others.” When reflecting on the events that we have planned for those of you who have taken part in them, I hope that you have felt seen, included, accepted and loved.

In the book of Mark, one of the teachers of the law asks Jesus which commandments are the most important. He explains in Mark 12: 29-31 that the most important commandment is to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.” As we come in contact with family, neighbors, teachers, people in our communities, and again with our MCS family in the fall, I pray that our hearts desire to love the Lord our God fully and then love others with the love He has given us.

I have had the privilege of walking alongside so many wonderful people while in my role on PTF. Thank you to Anna Jeffers, Jill Bangert, Molly DeFrancisco, Dana Fiori, Billy Morris, and Adam and Jane Ah You who have gone over and beyond the call of duty to love our school well while on the PTF Board. What an eclectic group of talents to form a spectacular PTF team! Thank you, Valerie Riener, for serving as the Middle School Room Mom Coordinator. Your computer graphics skills, detailed lists, and creative ideas helped to care for our teachers well. Thank you, Michelle Vail and Kristen Derbyshire, for caring for our staff through Parents in Prayer, and also figuring out how to do that remotely via Zoom! The Holy Spirit speaks anywhere! Thank you, Trisha Nabal and Cassie Sherbanee, for your servant's hearts and the beautiful ways that you have gifted people with your Wear and Share ministry. We appreciate all of the years that you have committed to making this ministry happen. Thank you, Krista Boone and Rona Reyes, for jumping in and helping to organize the last Spirit Wear on-line sales this year. Your teamwork will make Spirit Wear a well-oiled machine next year. Thank you, Room Moms, for adjusting to a new norm for the second part of the year with online learning and making everyone feel comfortable and connected. Thank you to each person who has volunteered during an event this year and has radiated God's love to our guests. And a big thank you to Sue Celek, for being a mentor, encourager and kindred spirit in the midst of all the changes, challenges and celebrations that we have shared while working on PTF together.

Our MCS Staff is just remarkable!!! Thank you first to Heather Harrison. She has valued and trusted our PTF Board, and it is our joy to support her leadership. We love our teachers and staff, each and every one of you, for pouring your heart and soul into making the learning environment for our kids extraordinary. You have shown patience, perseverance, and knowledge in new teaching strategies and intense dedication to your work. Rick, thank you for your wonderful partnership with us to set us up so well for PTF events. Thank You!!!

Have a great summer, and I look forward to seeing you all in the fall!

Love,

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PTF President