



McMinnville Housing Authority

The Children's Activity Centers

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*Thank you for your love and support. You share, we see, we share...
as we continue to encourage and promote respectful living. ♡ Mrs. Lady*

This school year has been a busy one, with students back in classes every weekday for the first time since 2020. Our **HOMEWORK CLUB** meets every afternoon from 3:00-5:00. Children who attend get help with their homework, followed by a healthy, warm dinner. We are blessed with wonderful teachers and volunteers (more are always welcome!) who are there to help with spelling, math, reading, and even the occasional 4-H project! Hard work is rewarded at report card time with \$3 for every A and \$1 for every B! Each school year we typically give out around \$1,000. (+-) in A and B rewards!



Every Friday is "Happy Friday"! We "celebrate" with dinner, crafts, prayer request time, and games. The kids especially enjoy trivia and Bingo.



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A presentation by George Whiles, U.S. Naval officer and recruiter was attended by the high schoolers...the taco bar made for a nice evening.

An Easter egg hunt is scheduled for Good Friday at 1:00 p.m. All ages of McMinnville Housing children are invited. With almost 3,000 eggs and free Easter Bunny photos given, we are expecting a happy Easter!

We have three children attending practices for their roles in "The Jungle Book" play. The show is in May at the Warren Arts Theatre. (watch for King Louie, a wolf, and Shere Khan!)

The 28 Ballerinas of Hamilton Street Spring Recital is scheduled for Sunday, May 15 at 2:00. It will be in the empty lot (weather permitting) next to the MHA office (301 Hardaway Street). YOU are invited!! Bring a lawn chair and enjoy special musical talents from the children as well as Steve Harvey's Band, and a violinist!

SPRING BREAK FUN included:

An afternoon spent painting at *The Doodle Fish Studio* in downtown McMinnville.

Approximately 75 children enjoyed skating at Hot Wheels Skating Rink...pizza, cookies, and drinks included. The kids had a blast!

Sidewalk Chalk ART contests and talent shows

Free haircuts (thanks to Hilda McNees)

Attended the musical, "Matilda" at the Park Theatre.



The Warren County High School Prom is approaching soon. We have our tickets and are working on our attire! Seven of our residents will be graduating in May for the Warren County School System. Way to go guys!!

Upcoming plans and needs:

Bible Study/Bible story-time.....We are in search of a church family willing to provide once weekly or once monthly Bible study or Bible story readings to the children at the Morrison AND/OR Cope Street Activity centers. Many (lots) of the children do not have the opportunity to enjoy a Sunday service at a church and especially need to share their prayer requests.

All Boys' Fishing trip...Just a short fishing trip at one of McMinnville's many choices of ponds, rivers, or fishing holes. (WE ARE LOOKING FOR HOSTS FOR THIS TRIP)

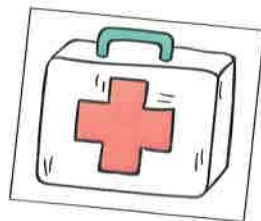
Basketball goal in a small concrete area...this is a wish of the Morrison Activity Center kids. (concrete/finishing is expensive...but we are about 1/2 way there on funds!!)

Summer swim lessons...The kids love learning to swim at the Gilley Pool! Classes are offered by the city in June and July. With the absence of lessons through the Red Cross, these classes are no longer free. Sponsors for the class fees are welcomed. (Gilley Pool passes are a wish for our summer also.)

Caroline's Garden...cleaning the beds will start soon. Sewing flower seeds and vegetable plants will begin toward the end of April.



Several of our older attendees are currently studying to receive their **Certified Patient Care Technician (CPCT)** designation. Classes are offered at our center every Monday afternoon, and students will receive their certification in September. Once certified, they will be qualified to work at a nursing home or doctor's office performing basic patient care, such as serving meals, changing bedding, and monitoring vital signs.



With healthy habits, we will continue to encourage, tutor, nourish, and entertain.

Thank you for supporting our efforts.