

December, 2009

Dear MCST Families,

This year, the MCST PTA will hold a Tricky Tray on Friday, April 9, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria. Last year, we held a combined Basket Bingo/Tricky Tray and it became such a big event that, this year, we decided to hold them individually. Last year, we received many contributions from our families, which made the event a great success. We're looking forward to your participation again this year.

"How can I help?" There are several ways:

- Donate a complete basket – there are great "theme" ideas on the back of this letter
- Donate any new items to be included in a basket that we will assemble for you
- Ask for donations for our event—does your company provide a service or item they can donate? Would they be willing to purchase an ad for our program for that night (ads start at \$20)?
- Drop a donation request letter where you go: favorite restaurant, hair salon, doctor's office. Please contact us if you would like a copy of a donation letter and we will email it to you.
- We would also be happy to accept cash donations and do the shopping for you!

Whatever way fits your family's situation right now will be an added benefit to our event.

Donations can be mailed (attn: PTA Tricky Tray) or dropped off at the school, or we can make arrangements to pick them up. Please contact Tina Vatrano at 973-476-1228 or [tina4bean@optonline.net](mailto:tina4bean@optonline.net), or Mary Franchini at 973-402-7462 or [jmit01@optonline.net](mailto:jmit01@optonline.net) to make arrangements.

Thank you again for your support of our PTA. Please check our webpage often at [www.mcvts.org/pta](http://www.mcvts.org/pta) for upcoming meetings, fundraisers and events. We look forward to seeing you in April!

Sincerely,

Laura G. Pise  
PTA President

## Sample Ideas for Tricky Tray Baskets

**Fun in the Sun** – sand toys, beach towels, suntan lotion, sunglasses, swimming pool toys, beach chairs, books, magazines

**Tools & More** – hammer, nails, screwdrivers, screws, electric drill, bits, lawn care supplies, fix-it books, gift certificate to Home Depot, car care supplies, other tools

**Let's BBQ** – mitts, utensils, serving pieces, barbeque sauces, outdoor games, condiments, citronella candles

**Computer Wiz** – discs & holder, compact discs & holder, joystick, computer programs, computer paper, accessories, Comp USA gift card

**Comfort Zone** – electric blanket, velour robes (his/hers), foot massager, assorted pillows, gift card for Bed, Bath & Beyond

**Baby Items** – diapers, pacifiers, toys, rattles, bottles, wipes, shampoo, clothing, blankets, towels, washcloths

**Baking Needs** – cookie/cake mixes, frosting, spatula, baking/muffin pans, cookbook, measuring cups

**Breakfast & Snacks** – assorted cereals, pancake mix, syrup, cookies, nuts, Jell-O, coffee & tea items

**That's Italian** – pasta, sauces, pizza pan, spices, Italian cookbook, salad fixings, olive oil, cheese shaker

**Picnic Basket** – blanket, Frisbee, napkins, bug spray, plates, glasses, handheld games, cooler

**Ladies' Necessities** – gloves, hat, scarf, wallet, pocketbook, portable umbrella, cosmetics, make-up brushes, hair care products, jewelry

**School/Office Supplies** – envelopes, pencils, pens, markers, calculator, labels, stationery, address book, rolodex, Staples gift card

**First Aid** – aspirin, Tylenol, Ace bandage, heating pad, Neosporin, first-aid book, Band-Aids, other first-aid products

**Men's Accessories** – cologne, after-shave, razor, blades, shaving cream, shoe care kit, brush, comb, wallet, ties, nail-care kit

**Photo Center** – camera, film, photography books, picture frames, photo album, pre-paid developing

**It's a Wrap** – wrapping paper, ribbons, bows, greeting cards, gift bags, tissue paper, Party City gift card

**Health & Beauty Aids** – facial/body soaps, moisturizing cream, toothpaste, brushes, mouthwash, shampoo, conditioner, hair dryer

**Clean Machine** – sponges, mop, gloves, detergent, Brillo, furniture polish, Windex, bucket, paper towels, Dust Buster

**Miscellaneous** – pet products, gardening supplies, paint supplies, light bulbs, flashlights....let your imagination be your guide!