

October 2011

The McKinley Monthly

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**Wednesday, October 5, 2011
Student Photo Make-Up Day**

October 2011

6 - PTA Meeting, 7:00pm
11-14 – Scholastic Book Fair
12 – Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:30-8:00 pm
13 – Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:30-8:00 pm
14 – Parent /Teacher Conferences, No Classes
17 – JK Only Conferences, No JK Classes
24 – JK Only Conferences, No JK Classes
18 – Faculty Meeting, 3:30 pm
27 – Costume Parade, 2:15 pm
28 – Staff Development Day, No Student Attendance

November 2011

1 – Keepsake Plates, 6:30-8:00 pm
11 – Early Release, 11:30 am Dismissal
15 – Faculty Meeting, 3:30pm
23-25 – Thanksgiving Break, No Classes
30 – Trimester Ends

December 2011

15 – Gr K-3 Winter Sing, 2:00 pm
16 – Gr 4 & 5 Winter Concert, 2:00 pm
20 – Faculty Meeting, 3:30pm
23-30 – Winter Break

January 2012

2 – Classes Resume
12 – PTA Meeting, 7:00pm
16 – No Classes, K-12
19 – Open House & Art Show, 6:00-7:30 pm
23 – Inservice Day, No Classes
27 – Family Game Night 6:30-8:30pm

February 2012

6 – Kindergarten Registration 8:00 am – 3:30 pm
9 – Principal's Advisory Council, 4:00pm
15 – Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:30-8:00 pm
16 – Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:30-8:00 pm
17 – Parent /Teacher Conferences, No Classes
PTA Family Fun Night, 5:30-8:30pm
20 – JK Only Conferences, No JK Classes
21 – Faculty Meeting, 3:30 pm

March 2012

2 – Early Release, 11:30am Dismissal
5 – Trimester 2 Ends
8 – PTA Meeting 7:00 pm
13 – Hoops for Heart, 3:15-5:00 pm
20 – Faculty Meeting, 3:30pm
23 – High Interest Day

Dear McKinley Families,

We are off to a great start here at McKinley. Our 432 students are focused and working hard each and every day. The staff here at McKinley is excited about the opportunities that this year holds for the academic success of our students.

This year in our district we will be making some changes to our fall elementary parent/teacher conferences which will be held on the evenings of October 12th, 13th and all day on the 14th for all grades. Junior Kindergarten will have two additional conference days on Monday, October 17th and Monday, October 24th. Student grade reports will not be sent home with students before conferences as has been the practice in the past, but will instead go home in early December at the end of our 1st grading period. Earlier conferences will enable us to provide you with more timely feedback on your child's initial grade level learning strengths and areas targeted for improvement. Below you will find a list of areas that your child's teacher may discuss with you. Please note that teachers will not be able to discuss all of these areas with you but will highlight those that will paint the best picture of your child's current strengths and areas in need of improvement.

- Discussion of student's attendance if any specifics are warranted.
- Discussion of your child's social-emotional growth.
- Discussion on samples of your child's school work.
- Discussion on your child's MAP scores for fall 2011.
- Share and discuss your child's fall common writing assessment.
- Share and discuss your child's reading and math assessment progress.
- Discuss of how you can help at home to support the growth and learning of your child.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our PTA for helping with our beginning of the year activities and a special thank you to Mrs. Fuhman and her family for organizing our McKinley Mile for the past 15 years. Sadly this is Mrs. Fuhman's last year with us, but she has placed the McKinley mile in very capable hands.

Mark Carter

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Principal

THANK YOU FROM TOSA CARES

"McKinley families 'went the extra mile' and helped us when we had a very great need...we could not fulfill our mission without the generous spirit shown by our friends throughout the community. "

About 20 bags of groceries were collected, and almost all of it has been distributed already. Please remember that we are collecting for Tosa Cares through Monday, October 3rd.

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Dear Families,

I am happy to introduce myself to the Wauwatosa community as the Elementary Library Media Services Coordinator. I am an educator and library media specialist dedicated to student acquirement of 21st century skills. Today's learner is growing up in a time of unprecedented change and technological advances. The ability to use technology, and to access, interpret, and utilize information is as crucial to their future success as reading, writing and math. I am providing training for staff and will collaborate with teachers to integrate technology, research skills, and literature into the general curricular subjects providing knowledge and tools as they are needed.

Our print libraries are also thriving under the day to day guidance of the new library assistant, Susan Trojan. Susan is a teacher-certified professional who has been working in the district for a few years now. Students will continue to visit the library weekly with their classes, and are welcome to visit every day at the discretion of their teacher to exchange books.

In order to keep our libraries in good order and offer the very best to our students and staff, we are looking for parent volunteers in every school. If you are interested and willing, please contact Susan at 414-773-1546. I know she would be happy to hear from you!

If you have any questions or would like more information regarding the elementary library services, please contact me or visit the [Elementary Libraries web page](#) on our district's web site.

Thank you for your support and interest in our program!

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SECOND STEP PROGRAM

Second Step is a bullying prevention program developed by the National Committee for Children. This is a teacher-led program that we continue to use at McKinley in all classrooms from 5K through 5th grade. It teaches skills that can help all children get along with others and do better in school. Its main purpose is to increase the student's level of social competence by helping to develop empathy, problem-solving skills, and an understanding of their own feelings. These concepts are taught throughout the school year by using: songs, puppets, role play and other activities. *Each year the concepts and skill-building remain consistent but is adjusted per grade level.

SECOND STEP is divided into 3 main areas:

EMPATHY- Children learn about feelings and ways to show understanding towards others.

IMPULSE CONTROL- Children learn new ways to solve problems and practice skills such as apologizing, interrupting politely, and making new friends.

ANGER MANAGEMENT- Children learn to manage their anger in ways that do not hurt themselves or others.

To learn more about SECOND STEP, go to www.cfchildren.org

IT'S A "BRAIN FOOD" DRIVE! OCTOBER 3RD-OCTOBER 14TH, 2011



As economic times tighten up, schools are seeing unprecedented numbers of families struggling to meet the basic needs of their children. As we all know, attempting to work, learn or focus on an empty stomach can be difficult. Therefore, the Wauwatosa

School Social Workers are hosting a community-wide snack drive. The proceeds of this drive will be used throughout the entire school year to ensure that every child who comes to school without breakfast or adequate snack, gets something to tide them over to lunch.

Due to an increasing number of individuals with peanut/nut tree allergies, please choose nut-free items such as the following:

- Goldfish crackers
- Raisins
- Pretzels
- NutriGrain cereal bars
- Teddy Grahams
- Wheat Thins
- Cheezits
- Fruit Snacks
- non-refrigerated pudding cups/applesauce
- Vanilla wafers
- Flavored Graham Crackers
- Boxes/Bags of cereal that can be eaten dry (no nuts)

Small packages are preferred, but regular bags and boxes will be accepted.

THE McKinley GYM REPORT

Your Monthly Guide to McKinley "Mountie" Physical Education

September

Welcome Back! I know that the students and the teachers here at McKinley are excited to begin the school year. I am really excited to be back at McKinley along with Mr. Haar. I will be teaching all of the classes for grades K-4, and Mr. Haar will be teaching all of the 5th grade classes.

The schedule for each grade level is printed on the right hand side of the page. Please keep these things in mind when your child comes to PE class:

1. Proper footwear. Please make sure your child has tennis shoes for their designated days in PE. Some children keep a pair of shoes at school, others make sure to wear or pack them for class.
2. Clothing/Accessories. For the safety of the students, we ask that loose jewelry (rings, necklaces, dangly/large earrings) not be worn to class. Some students choose to leave these items in their desks/lockers during PE class. Many girls choose to wear shorts under their dresses or skirts.

We will do some fitness testing for the upper grades at the beginning of the year and have the students discuss how to set their own personal fitness goals. The lower grade levels will begin to work on movement in space and physical manipulative skills.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us by phone at 773-1551, or by e-mail at roloffje@wauwatosak12.wi.us or haarmi@wauwatosak12.wi.us.

Best wishes on a great start to the school year!

Mr. Roloff and Coach Haar



What did the pencil sharpener say to the pencil?

Stop going in circles and get to the point!

October

Hello again. It has been a great start to the school year. We would like to officially welcome all of the new students and families at McKinley this year. They have proven to be great additions to our classes and we look forward to getting to know all of them as the school year continue.

Along with numerous games and activities, the students in grades Sk-2 have been working very hard on their manipulative skills, using items such as hula hoops, deck rings, scarves, and bean bags. The students in grades 3-5 have taken part in team building challenges and have learned how to use communication and cooperation when playing games or simply problem solving in and out of school. We have seen some future leaders in our classes here at McKinley.

On October 3rd, McKinley kicked off its campaign for walking and biking to school. We would like to encourage every student if at all possible to walk or ride a bike to school to help maintain or improve their physical fitness.

We would also like to congratulate everyone who took part in this years McKinley mile. It was a great turnout and we were very proud of all of the student's mile times written on the gym wall.

Once again, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us by phone at 773-1551 for Mr. Roloff, 773-1552 for Mr. Haar, or by e-mail at roloffje@wauwatosak12.wi.us or haarmi@wauwatosak12.wi.us.

Have a great fall season!

Mr. Roloff and Coach Haar

P.E Schedule

Senior Kindergarten

Thiel - Tu, Th, F

Simek - Tu, W, F

Domena - Tu, W, F

First Grade

M, W, F

Second Grade

Staples - M, Tu, F

Meyer - M, Tu, Th

Wendland - M, W, F

Third Grade

M, W, Th

Fourth Grade

Osman - Tu, Th

Brown - Tu, Th

Potterton - Tu, F

Fifth Grade

Glaser/Sgarlata - M, Th

Provan - Tu, F

Schaffner - Th, F

"Movement is a medicine for creating change in a person's physical, emotional, and mental states"

Carol Welch

"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver."

Mohandas Gandhi

What does a clock do when it's hungry?

Goes back 4 seconds.