

November 2011

# The McKinley Monthly

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## November 2011

- 1 – Keepsake Plates, 6:30-8:00 pm
- 9 – Market Day Pickup 2:15-3:15 pm
- 11 – Early Release, 11:30 am Dismissal
- 15 – Faculty Meeting, 3:30pm
- 22 – Follow a Friday Schedule
- 23-25 – Thanksgiving Break, No Classes
- 30 – Trimester Ends

## December 2011

- 7 – Market Day Pickup 2:15-3:15 pm
- 15 – Gr K-3 Winter Sing, 2:00 pm
- 16 – Gr 4 & 5 Winter Concert, 2:00 pm
- 20 – Faculty Meeting, 3:30pm
- 22 – Follow a Friday Schedule
- 23-30 – Winter Break

## January 2012

- 2 – Classes Resume
- 12 – PTA Meeting, 7:00pm
- 16 – No Classes, K-12
- 18 – Market Day Pickup 2:15-3:15 pm
- 19 – Open House & Art Show, 6:00-7:30 pm
- 23 – Inservice Day, No Classes
- 26 – Follow a Friday Schedule
- 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
- 10 – PTA Family Fun Night, 5:30-8:30pm
- 15 – Market Day Pickup 2:15-3:15 pm
- 15 – Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:30-8:00 pm
- 16 – Parent/Teacher Conferences, 4:30-8:00 pm
- 17 – Parent /Teacher Conferences, No Classes
- 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
- 14 – Market Day Pickup 2:15-3:15 pm
- 20 – Faculty Meeting, 3:30pm
- 23 – High Interest Day

## April 2012

- 5 – Follow a Friday Schedule
- 6-13 – Spring Break
- 16 – Classes Resume
- 17 – Faculty Meeting, 3:30pm
- 18 – Market Day Pickup 2:15-3:15 pm
- 19 – Math Night 6:00-8:00 pm

## Dear McKinley Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our PTA for all the great things they do for McKinley Elementary School. Without our PTA we would not be able to offer our students wide variety of learning experiences. Our PTA is a valuable part of the McKinley learning community. They organize our parents to help with things like High Interest Day, Family Fun Night, Market Day, McKinley Mile, room volunteers, our new Art for Youth Program, the McKinley Book Fair and many other student centered activities. Please help support our PTA by becoming a member. You can find a membership form inside this month's newsletter. Complete the form and return to the main office along with your membership dues.

A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Thuli and the large numbers of parent volunteers for organizing a very successful McKinley Book Fair. The book fair helps us get books into the hands of our students, which is an excellent way of helping them become better readers. The book fair also helps us build our classroom libraries so that our students always have access to a wide genre of books.

During the months of October and November we will be administering the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination (WKCE) to our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Please refer to the WKCE testing schedule that was sent home via Alertnow in October for specific grade level testing dates. Parents, you can help us prepare your child(ren) for the WKCE by making sure they get a good night's sleep, have a healthy breakfast, and arrive at school on time. You can also help us by not scheduling doctor's appointments on testing days if at all possible. These suggestions may seem minor, but they really do contribute to helping the children focus on doing their best on this extremely important test.

Thank you and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions or concerns regarding the WKCE test.

*Mark Carter*

Mark Carter  
Principal

## May 2012

- 3 – Principal's Advisory Council, 4:00 pm
- 10 – PTA Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 15 – Faculty Meeting, 3:30pm
  - Band/Orchestra/Chorus Concert, 7:00 pm
- 16 – Market Day Pickup 2:15-3:15 pm
- 17 – Spring Book Fair
- 25 – Inclement Weather Make-up, or No School
- 28 – Memorial Day, No School
- 31 – Field Day

## June 2012

- 7 – Last Day of School
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration



## Tips and Reminders from the Office

- Please have your child dress for the weather. Except for times of extreme weather conditions, the students will go outside for recess.
- If your child needs to take any type of medication at school, a parent must complete an authorization form in the office. The medication must be delivered by a parent/guardian and be in its original container.
- It is imperative that any changes to your contact information (phone, address, email, etc) be communicated immediately with the school office. We want to be able to reach you if necessary.

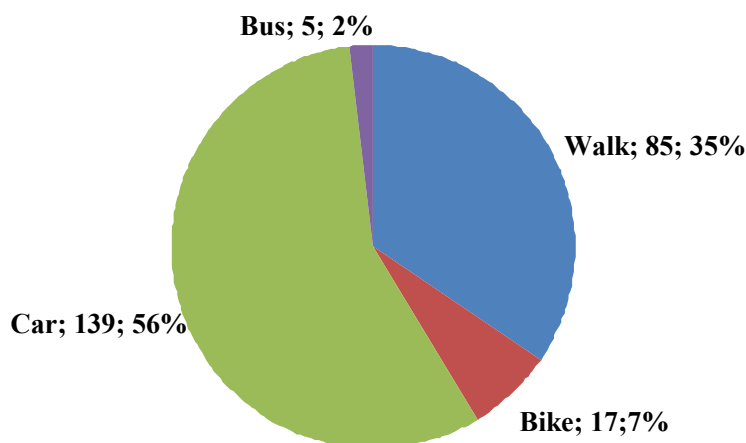
McKinley Elementary School  
2435 N 89 Street  
Wauwatosa, WI 53226

**24 Hour  
Attendance Line  
414-773-1502**

## PTA Safe Routes to School Committee Updates

- **Walk to School Day-** Thank you to everyone for participating in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual McKinley Walk to School day event. Special thanks to Alderman Jeff Roznowski, Wauwatosa West Marching Band, Wauwatosa Health Department, Anytime Fitness, Fair Trade for All, North Shore Bank, Locker's Florist, Copenhaver Photography, and Sendik's Market, Girl Scout Troop 3216, and the McKinley teachers and staff for supporting the event. Links to event coverage listed on the PTA website.
- **Walking School Bus update-** Five walking school buses were started in October. Look for more information on PTA website if interested in joining. We will be working on recruiting community volunteers over the next several months. Please contact Sarah Lerand if you know of someone who may be interested in volunteering to lead a bus.
- **Crossing Guard Ambassador program-** Crossing guard ambassador contacts are listed on the PTA website. Please contact them to report any feedback on the crossing guard company.
- **Safety updates-** Two in- road pedestrian crossing signs have been purchased (one for North Avenue and one for Swan Boulevard). Thank you to McKinley Elementary School, Parkway Estates and Swan Park Neighborhood Associations, and many McKinley families who donated money to make this happen. Donations from businesses and individuals are continuing to be accepted for purchase of more in- road signs and safety equipment for the crossing guards.

Results of October "Hands Up" Tally



**Over 50% of the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
grade class walked or  
biked to school!**

**Keep up the good work.**

**Reminder: Stay alert! Do not talk on cell phones or text while driving.**  
**SRTS Fact: Half of kids who are hit near schools are hit by cars driven by parents of other students.**



# Connections

McKinley Elementary      *October/November*  
[www.wauwatosapta.org/mckinleypta](http://www.wauwatosapta.org/mckinleypta)

## Letter from Your Co-Presidents

Dear McKinley Families—

On behalf of the McKinley PTA, we would like to extend a warm welcome to our new and returning McKinley families! We hope that everyone has had a wonderful start of the 2011-12 school year.

We would like to thank the many volunteers and the McKinley faculty/staff for making Meet-the-Teacher, Popsicle Social, McKinley Mile, Scholastic Book Fair, and Walk to School Day such great successes. A special thank you to Gregg and Sue Fuhrman for their 15 years of volunteering to make the McKinley Mile such a uniquely special event!

Our annual donation drive has begun. Your financial support is needed to fund such PTA sponsored activities as Family Fun Night, High Interest Day, First Stage Children's Theater, Math Night and Field Day. Please consider giving to the McKinley PTA Donation Drive as the success of these programs is dependent upon you!

Look for many more opportunities to support McKinley and the PTA with your time and talents in the upcoming months.

Sincerely,

Amy Standal and Sue Soczka  
PTA Co-Presidents



## City Tins- Fundraiser Starting in November

The PTA will be selling City Tins as a PTA fundraiser. The City Tins contain \$10.00 coaster coupons from 20 local restaurants in the Milwaukee area. The City Tins will sell for \$25.00. The PTA will profit \$10.00 from each City Tin sold. These make wonderful holiday gifts! If you have any questions regarding the City Tins, please contact Jen Biank. Additional information will be coming home in the Tuesday Folders and on our PTA website. Also learn more about City Tins by checking them out at [Citytins.com](http://Citytins.com)



## Box Tops for Education



Thank you to all the families who spent their precious time looking for box tops while shopping for food for their families! This is a wonderful way for McKinley to earn some extra cash to support additional programs for our school. Another Box Top contest will run later in the school year. Keep clipping away! Each box top makes McKinley school \$0.10.

Mr. Carter will announce the classroom that collected the most box tops. This classroom will earn a pizza party sponsored by the PTA.

**\*Look For additional ways to earn money for McKinley School by also collecting "Caps for Cash" and Campbell Soup labels.**



### Scholastic Book Fair Success

Thank you to Beth Thuli and all the volunteers for helping to make this year's Scholastic Book Fair such a success. **Congratulations to Lorenzo Palazzari for winning the Packers Football in the ONE for Books raffle!** Through the ONE for Books and some Scholastic bonuses, we were able to put nearly \$1,000 worth of books and supplies into our classrooms and the school library. Thank you, Beth, for ALL your hard work!

### Keepsake Plates

**Keepsake Plates is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1, 2011 from 6:30-8:00 pm. This is a fun night for all ages. These make wonderful gifts for Grandparents!!! Get your creative juices flowing and create one-of-a-kind gifts for loved ones.**

### Secret Holiday Workshop

The McKinley Holiday Workshop will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2011. The Workshop is designed for students to purchase gifts for their relatives for the holidays. All items are \$10 and under. In addition to the workshop, the Brownies and Girl Scouts will be having a bake sale to raise money for families in need. If you are interested in selling crafts at the McKinley Secret Holiday Workshop, please contact Margaret Stockbauer at [mstockbauer@cox.net](mailto:mstockbauer@cox.net).



### Upcoming Events:

**Keepsake Plates - November 1, 2011**  
**Secret Holiday Workshop - December 3, 2011**  
**Family Game Night - January 27, 2012**  
**Family Fun Night - DATE CHANGE -**  
**Will now be held on February 10, 2012**  
**High Interest Day - March 23, 2012**  
**Math Night - April 19, 2012**  
**McKinley Adult Social - April 28, 2012**

### Upcoming PTA Meetings

**Thursday, January 12, 2012**  
**Thursday, March 8, 2012**  
**Thursday, May 10, 2012**



# McKinley PTA Membership

Please help us reach our goal! We would like to have every family join the McKinley PTA so if you haven't yet, please help us meet our goal and become a member today. Your membership supports many programs such as: The McKinley Mile, High Interest Day, Family Fun Night, Scholastic Book Fair, First Stage Field Trips, Author's visits, and Junior Achievement.

It just takes a minute to become a member. Simply complete this form and attach a small payment of \$7.00 for each household member.

Student Name	Teacher	Grade
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Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zipcode \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

PTA Memberships: \_\_\_\_ x \$7.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Total Paid: \_\_\_\_\_