

December 2011

# The McKinley Monthly

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## Dear McKinley Families,

Our performing arts department would like to invite all McKinley families to attend our upcoming Winter Concerts. We will begin our winter concerts on December 15<sup>th</sup> with our SK through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade sing beginning at 2:00 PM (doors will open at 1:15 PM). This will be followed by our 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade sing/concert on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM in the large gym (doors will open at 1:15 PM). Our students and teachers have been working tirelessly in order to prepare for your arrival. I am sure they are going to put on an excellent performance.

This year as a staff we are focusing our instructional efforts on helping our students meet their individual growth goals in reading and math. One way we have done this is by scheduling our day differently so that we can include an individualized (or small group) learning time for every student. This time is called PIE (Practice, Intervention and Enrichment) time. PIE time will be part of our student schedules 3 to 4 times a week during the school year. During PIE time our students are working on their individual learning needs in reading and math. Our teachers are using MAP data and weekly assessments to help each student focus their learning on areas of individual academic need (practice, intervention and enrichment).

The Wauwatosa school district has helped us with this endeavor by purchasing Compass Learning Odyssey, which is an online learning tool that allows for differentiation to meet each student's individual needs. It is a student-centered program designed to increase student achievement. Compass Learning takes each student's MAP testing results and assigns activities based on MAP test scores in the areas of math, reading and language arts. Students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> may spend time working on Compass Learning during their reading/math instructional time or PIE times. This online tool will not replace teacher's instructional interactions with students, but will be used to supplement those times when teachers are working with other students.

Please contact me or your child's teacher if you have questions regarding PIE time or Compass Learning. I hope you and your family can attend one of our winter concerts. Thank you.



Principal

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## Secret Holiday Workshop

THIS 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.

## 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

## 2012 - 2013 JK , New SK and 6th Grade Registration

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

#### MCKINLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, February 6, 2012  
8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

(JK students currently attending McKinley DO NOT need to be registered again for SK.)

Questions can be directed to the McKinley Office: 773-1500

### 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ORIENTATION & INFORMATION SESSIONS

#### LONGFELLOW MIDDLE SCHOOL

Tuesday, February 7, 2012  
5:00PM-6:30 PM OR 7:00 PM-8:30 PM  
Longfellow Auditorium  
(414)773-2400

#### WHITMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, February 1, 2012  
6:00 PM  
(414)773-2600

**Mark Your  
Calendars!**

Look for more information as these dates draw near. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Winters or the Middle Schools with any questions.

## **Tips and Reminders**



- 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.

## **Calendar At A Glance** \*Subject to Change

### 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

### 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

Each Friday is

**McKinley Spirit Day!!**

You can show your school spirit by wearing red & black or McKinley Spirit Wear!

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



# THE McKinley GYM REPORT

Your Monthly Guide to McKinley "Mountie" Physical Education

Hello McKinley families. We hope everyone has fully recovered from their Thanksgiving meal and break. We as a physical education staff know we have many things to be thankful for including the opportunity to work with the wonderful students here at McKinley.

With the colder weather and soon to follow snow, we would like to give a quick reminder for your child to come to school with the proper shoes for days your child has gym class. Wet shoes or boots can cause a big problem with our gym floor, so please be sure to check the P.E. schedule at the right for the days your child's class as P.E.

We are also coming to the close of our first trimester. With that we have been working hard on the student's progress reports. The grading has changed slightly for the physical education portion of the report card. We are now grading students based on the state and national Physical Education Standards. We will not always post a grade for each standard of each trimester. If there is an "X" or "NA" posted in a standard for that trimester, it simply means we did not assess that standard at that time. If you have any questions or concerns with your son or daughters progress report, please contact us by phone or e-mail.

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@wauwatosa.k12.wi.us](mailto:roloffje@wauwatosa.k12.wi.us) or [haarmi@wauwatosa.k12.wi.us](mailto:haarmi@wauwatosa.k12.wi.us).

Have a great fall season!  
**Mr. Roloff and Coach Haar**

*"Life expectancy would grow by leaps and bounds if green vegetables smelled as good as bacon."*

**Doug Larson**

## 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

What do you call a pig who plays basketball?

**A Ball Hog!!**

DO YOU HAVE OLD, WORN OUT ATHLETIC SHOES LAYING AROUND THE HOUSE?

DON'T GIVE THEM THE BOOT!!

WHY NOT...



SKIP ON OVER TO MCKINLEY AND KICK THEM INTO THE ...

**Nike  
Reuse-a-Shoe**

...collection bin outside the lunchroom. Old athletic shoes are recycled into materials used for the creation of new athletic surface materials



## Elementary Library Media Services Coordinator Jenny Odau



November 2011

Do you ever struggle to find your next great book to read? There are many great resources available to us on the internet to inspire and guide our future book selections. One of my favorites is NovelList K-8 and Nov-eList, both available to us from Wisconsin's Badger Link site, <http://www.badgerlink.net/>. Here, students can choose their age, preferred reading genres, keywords, etc, and they receive back a list with images of relevant books to read!

Scholastic's Book Wizard, <http://www.scholastic.com/bookwizard/>, is another great place for kids to find the perfect book. Book Wizard allows the user to enter in authors, titles or keywords, and then narrow by age, reading level, topic, genre, and even book type. They can also save lists for future use.

So, log on, get hooked on another great book, and keep up



December, 2011

Many of us have read to our young children faithfully and diligently. We no longer question the huge benefits to reading to our kids for as long as we can hold their attention. However, as they age, many of us tend to let this practice go. We assume that once they can read on their own, our work is done.

Not so. Research indicates a wide variety of benefit to reading aloud even to our teenage children (Barrett 2000)! These benefits range from an increase in comprehension of text and better listening and speaking skills, to improved social skills and motivation to read.

If you are still reading to your older children... way to go! You are providing your child with a wealth of opportunities to grow. If you have fallen out of the habit... it's not too late! Pick up an old favorite and read!

### Bibliography:

Barrett, Virginia D. "Are We Reading to Our Teens?" *Book Report* 19.1 (2000):

35-38. *Wwww.wiscat.net*. Badgerlink, May-June 2000. Web. 29 Nov. 2011.

# Save the Date!

## **Family Fun Night. Friday, February 10th**

(new date)

Look for information in the January 3rd  
Family Folder!



## **New & Gently Used Stuffed Animal Collection Drive**

The second graders in Brownie Troop 3216 will be collecting new and gently used stuffed animals for Shielded Hearts ([www.shieldedhearts.com](http://www.shieldedhearts.com)) from November 28th to December 16<sup>th</sup>. The animals are given to police officers and Wisconsin's Child Protection Center in Southeastern Wisconsin to comfort a child in a crisis situation. These stuffed animals will give children something to call their own during a difficult time. Take advantage of the holiday sales or make room for some new toys before Santa comes. Please place your stuffed animal in one of the collection bins located near the office or 90<sup>th</sup> St entrance. Thank you for your help in making this a successful service project and helping a child in need.





# Connections

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McKinley Elementary

December/January

[www.wauwatosapta.org/mckinlevota](http://www.wauwatosapta.org/mckinlevota)

Dear McKinley Families –

Thank you to all families who helped support the school-wide *Box Tops for Education* competition. Through your efforts, McKinley raised over \$1,200!!! Congratulations to Mrs. Schaffner's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class who won this semester's competition and will enjoy a pizza party. The PTA will again sponsor another school-wide competition after winter break, which will run through late February. So please, keep saving those *Box Tops* labels!!

The PTA Donation Drive continues and has generated revenue of \$5,500 thus far. Thank you to all families who provided such generous support, which will help in funding such activities as First Stage Theatre, Family Fun Night and High Interest Day. Remember, it is still not too late to donate!! All financial donations, along with volunteering of your time, are so *greatly* appreciated and are a vital part to the success of this organization.

Hats off to Sarah Lerand and her Safe Routes to School committee for its outstanding progress in making our children's walk to school safer. If you have noticed the "Yield" signs on the streets of North Avenue and Swan Boulevard, you can thank the Safe Routes to School committee. Through the committee's relentless effort and commitment, it gained the financial backing of local families, businesses and schools to purchase the yield markers (which were approximately \$350.00 per sign). If you would like further information or would like to be involved, please contact Sarah at # 414-841-3576 or [sjlerand@yahoo.com](mailto:sjlerand@yahoo.com).

A special "thank you" to Committee Co-chairs, Jen Biank and Allison Byrne, along with all of the volunteers, for their hard work in making Keepsake Plates such an enjoyable evening. The event was well-attended and the students had a lot of fun making their creations!

Don't forget to join us for the Secret Holiday Workshop, which will be held in the small gym on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. And of course, the holidays wouldn't be complete without the annual winter concert bake sale. Help support the PTA by either baking or purchasing baked goods for the December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> holiday concerts.

We look forward to your continued support of time and talents in the upcoming programs throughout the months ahead.

Sincerely,

Amy Standal and Sue Soczka, PTA Co-Presidents

## Ways to Support the PTA



### Continue Collecting Box Tops!

The PTA will again be collecting Box Tops labels. A school-wide competition will begin after the winter break and run through February.



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



### Winter Concert Bake Sale

December 15, K-Gr 3 Sing at 2:00 p.m.

December 16, Gr 4&5 sing at 2:00 p.m.

### Upcoming Events:

**Secret Holiday Workshop - December 3, 2011**

**Family Game Night - January 27, 2012**

**Family Fun Night - DATE CHANGE - Will now be 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

