

February 2012

The McKinley Monthly

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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
5th Grade Celebration

PLEASE check the Lost and Found

The boxes are located in the hallway outside the lunchroom. They are filled to overflowing! Items remaining after conferences will be donated.

Dear McKinley Families,

I am again sending out a few traffic reminders to parents that are designed to help keep our children safe during drop-off and dismissal. I am becoming increasingly concerned for the safety of our children because of the many traffic violations that happen during the 15 minutes before school and the 15 minutes after school. I know that all Wauwatosa schools have traffic issues due to being true neighborhood schools. Our schools were not built to accommodate the level of traffic that occurs during these two times. Please help me keep our children safe by following a few simple traffic rules.

- **Travel in a clockwise fashion around McKinley during drop-off and dismissal.** (Due to parking on both sides of 89th St. we can't accommodate two-way traffic during high volume time. If we all travel in the same direction it really eases congestion.)
- **Don't double and triple park.** (I've watched several parents double park and honk the horn for their children to run between the parked cars. This definitely isn't safe.)
- **If at all possible park and walk to the playground.** (Parking is usually available on Meinecke between 88th and 89th streets, on 89th St. between North Ave. and Meinecke, and all along Wright St.)
- **Please give the students the right of way and be courteous to other drivers.**
- **Do not block our neighbor's driveways, even for a few seconds** (they will call the police).
- **Use the traffic cutouts for quick drop-off and pick-up, not for long-term parking.**

Over the past few weeks I have had several phone calls from concerned drivers, walking parents and angry neighbors regarding the neighborhood traffic. Please remember that the 6 rules mentioned above are meant to protect our children not inconvenience families.

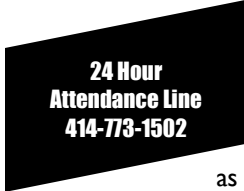
Thank you.



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Principal

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Dear Families,

We have had some exciting weeks in the elementary libraries ... digitally speaking! Last week, we announced that Overdrive, an online digital library of downloadable eBooks and audio books is now available for our Wauwatosa School District students K-12. You will find our site at <http://wsd.lib.overdrive.com>. Please take advantage of the "Help" tab on the right, as the initial set-up can be tricky. The students will use the same username and password they use to login to the network and library at school.

Additionally, we have added 7 Nooks to each elementary library collection that will be available to all teachers and to 3rd - 5th grade students with parental approval. A Nook is a portable eReader that can potentially hold thousands of ebooks and offers features which enhance interactivity to the text. We are so excited to get this new tool in the hands of our students!

Please check out everything else we have to offer at <http://www.wauwatosa.k12.wi.us/students/elementary-libraries.cfm>. And if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Happy Reading,
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Wauwatosa School District Music Faculty presents:

"Music on a Sunday"

A faculty recital

Sunday, February 19, 2012
3:00 PM

Longfellow Middle School

Please join us for a selection of music performed vocally and instrumentally by members of the elementary, middle and high school music faculty from throughout the district

2012-2013 JK and New SK Student Registration

Monday, February 13, 2012

8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Please let your neighbors know that kindergarten registration is happening Now! Questions can be directed to Mrs. Winters in the office 773-1505 or winterli@wauwatosa.k12.wi.us



McKinley PTA Safe Routes to School

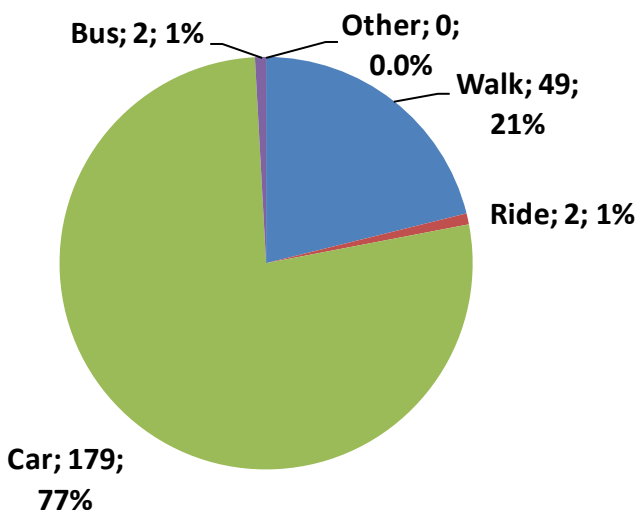
We know it is winter, but you can still walk/bike to school.

Winter Walking: Tips to keep kids safe

Don't let the cold weather stop kids from exercising and walking to school this winter. Walking to school is one of the easiest ways for children to stay active, but during the wintertime extra precautions need to be taken to make sure children are safe from any potential dangerous weather conditions. Make sure to take some time and go over basic pedestrian safety tips with children. Read over these tips with your child so together we can improve walking in the winter.

- Before children walk to school make sure to look over the weather report. If weather warnings suggest severe wind chill or extremely low temperatures, consider avoiding outdoor activities until the weather improves.
- Make sure children wear boots that aren't too tight and a warm coat. Make sure to dress children in many thin layers to keep them dry and warm. Clothing with retro-reflective material while walking in snowy conditions will help a child be easily spotted against the white snow.
- Never let children play in the street or other places where cars go such as; parking lots, driveways, etc. Designate a spot where they can play in the snow such as a backyard or a playground.
- Children 10 and younger shouldn't cross streets by themselves. Remind children 10 and older the rules of pedestrian safety such as using sidewalks.
- Parents should always keep their sidewalks and driveways shoveled and use rock salt to improve traction.
- Skin can become sunburned in the winter because the sun's rays are reflected off of the snow. Make sure to use sun-block on exposed skin while children are playing/walking outside.
- Take extra precautions when dusk or evening approaches as a result of reduced visibility of drivers, etc. Make sure you and your child have a schedule of when they are leaving and coming home from school.

Pack an extra pair of gloves and scarf for your child in their backpack for "just in case." You may never know if your child will lose or forget one or more of their gloves at home or at school. This is always a good choice in keeping your child safe in the wintertime.



January Hands up Tally Results:

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

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.



Connections

Dear McKinley Families –

We hope everyone's second half of the school year is starting off well. The McKinley PTA is gearing up for several popular upcoming events, which are sure to provide a reprieve from the doldrums of winter!! Remember, we are just days away from **Family Fun Night**, which will take place on **Friday, February 10th** from **5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.** Please join us for an evening of excitement and family fun!!

Also, please mark your calendars for the upcoming PTA events of **High Interest Day (March 23rd)**, **Math Night (April 19th)** and *new* this year, **Adult Social (Saturday, April 28th)**. The need still remains for both presenters and volunteers for High Interest Day. If you can lend your time and talents, please contact Cindy Weiland-Wehrley (wwehrley@wi.rr.com), Stephanie Honan (honan@sbcglobal.net), or Katie Somers (kreis@wi.rr.com).

As a reminder, the school-wide *Box Tops for Education* competition is in full swing. Please remember to have your child bring in neatly clipped *Box Tops* logos by **February 16th**. The classroom with the highest *Box Tops* logos collected will be rewarded with a pizza party, courtesy of the McKinley PTA!!

The McKinley PTA is already looking ahead to the 2012-2013 school year. For anyone who may have interest in serving on the executive board of the McKinley PTA, we are looking to fill vacancies for the following two positions: vice-president (committees) and treasurer. In addition, we are looking to fill various vacant Committee Chair positions for the 2012-13 school year. For a complete list of the programs and events, along with the associated chair positions, visit McKinley's PTA website at <http://wauwatosapta.org/mckinleyppta>. While a separate flyer will be sent home in an upcoming Tuesday family folder, if you would have an interest in chairing an event, program or would be willing to serve on the board, please let us know!

As always, we appreciate all of the PTA members' dedication in making McKinley such a wonderful and positive community!

Sincerely,

Amy Standal & Sue Soczka

PTA Co-Presidents

Box Top Competition!

Box Tops for Education

The PTA is collecting Box Tops labels. A school-wide competition has begun. The classroom with the most Box Tops will win a pizza party sponsored by the McKinley PTA. The Last Day for the competition is **February 16th**.



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



Target **RED** Credit Card or Target **RED** Debit Card

Please enroll your **RED** card in the "Take Charge of Education Program" and McKinley will receive 1% of your purchases at Target. Relatives, friends and neighbors can also register their card online at target.com.

McKinley Code: 109796



Upcoming Events:

Family Fun Night - February 10, 2012

High Interest Day - March 23, 2012

Math Night - April 19, 2012

McKinley Adult Social - April 28, 2012

Upcoming PTA Meetings

Thursday, March 8, 2012

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Stay Connected with the McKinley PTA

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/McKinley-Elementary-School-PTA-Wauwatosa/227520614000173>

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