

## McNeil Canyon Elementary

# Magpie

January 13, 2017

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

- Help in your child's classroom
- Help in the Art Room
- Help with After School Skiing
- Help with After School Skating

### **Report Cards**

Report cards are being sent home today. Contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

### **No School – Vacation Day**

There will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>. This is a vacation day for students and staff.

### **Reducing Waste**

Parents! Teachers! Volunteers! We need your help! As you may know, the sixth grade has been collecting the disposable plastic sporks during lunch. In five weeks we have collected a total of 769 sporks. We are going to continue collecting sporks and use them to create a life-size dragon statue.

Plastic sporks have gone to waste for years, landing in landfills and polluting Earth. We want to stop this unnecessary waste of plastic silverware. We have decided to raise money to buy the whole school reusable sporks. Please help our cause by packing your child's lunches with reusable silverware when necessary. You are welcome to donate to our fundraising goal. You don't have to, but if we all donated a bit, we could meet our fundraising goal of \$460 for reusable silverware at our school. If you would like donate, please write a check out to the school.

Sincerely,  
The Sixth Grade

### **Perfect Attendance for 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**

Congratulations to the following students for being here every day during 2nd Quarter: Avery Cathey, Breyan Cathey, Madisen Donyes, Eryn Field, Willem Hakala, Alexander LeBlanc, Tilea Lockwood, Carly Nelson, Matthew O'Malley, Brilliant O'Phelan, Wolfgang O'Phelan, Zafina O'Phelan, Minadora Reutov, Ryder Rhodes, and Juneau Turkington. It's great to have you here!

### **Spotlight Students**

The following students have been selected as Spotlight Students for the month of January: Caleb Mahan, Antoni Reutov, Gryffyn Linder, Ella Rainwater, Ila Sylce, Isaac Horn, Shania Jones, Zephaniah Weisser, Ulita Anfilofev, Kallan Johnson, Ksenia Kalugin, Matthew O'Malley, Hudson Loboy, Makary Reutov, Minadora Reutov, and Lucas Story. Parents are invited to join their child and the principal for lunch on Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:15 am.

Spotlight Student forms were sent home with these children earlier this week. Please return them as soon as possible so they can be placed on our Spotlight Student bulletin board. Thank you!

## **Maker Club**

Our Quest teacher, Brandon Young, will be holding an extracurricular **MAKER CLUB** for grades 3-6 on the following Wednesdays: Jan. 18, Jan. 25, Feb. 1, Feb. 15, Mar. 1, Mar. 8, 2017 from 2:30 pm until 4:00 pm.

A Maker Club is a place for creative minds to come together to design, create, explore, and learn from their mistakes. Each week we will work on a different project. The tentative plan is this:

- Week 1 – Zipline Eggdrop
- Week 2 – Balloon Rockets
- Week 3 – Makey Makeys
- Week 4 – Lego Architecture Kits
- Week 5 - Choice
- Week 6 – Choice

During the Choice weeks, students will be able to work on a project that inspires them or choose from suggested projects. Be prepared to tinker and have fun!

## **Donations Appreciated**

We are in need of newspapers for use in the Art Room please. Also, donations of snacks for after school skiing and after school skating is greatly appreciated by the students. Thanks for your help.

## **Talent Show – Plan your Family Act**

It's not too early to think about the McNeil Family Talent Show in February. Some of the most memorable skits in the past were family productions. Come up with an idea and start practicing with your family and/or friends.

## **Music In The Schools Month**

The National Association for Music Education has proclaimed March to be “Music In The Schools Month”, to celebrate all that music brings to a student’s education. In Homer, one of the ways that we celebrate this is with a Mass Band Concert! This concert will take place on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the HHS Mariner Theatre. Mark your calendar! All students participating in band in the Homer Area will be participating! Adults are welcome to play too.

They will be accepting free-will donations at the door, as well as any donations of used instruments that could be put in the hands of a students in the community (we can get tax-deduction forms for these). If you are an adult who is interested in playing with the large ensemble, please contact Amy Johnson as soon as possible at 235-4667 or [ajohnson@kpbsd.org](mailto:ajohnson@kpbsd.org) to get your music.

## **BP Teachers of Excellence Program**

Nominations for exceptional teachers are now open. Nominate your favorite teacher at [BPTeachers.com](http://BPTeachers.com) by Feb. 1, 2017.

New this year is the Educational Allies Award that celebrates a person who makes a positive impact in their school or community. Nominate anyone from a principal, to a school nurse or a teacher’s assistant. Share their story with us at [BPTeachers.com](http://BPTeachers.com).