

## McNeil Canyon Elementary

# Magpie

February 2, 2018

### Volunteer Opportunities

- Help in your child's classroom
- Help with After School Skiing – on the trail
- Help with After School Skating – on the ice
- Be a part of Community Council

### Safe Sitter Class

South Peninsula Hospital is hold a Safe Sitter Class for students in Grades 6 – 8 on Friday, February 9, 2018 from 9 am to 4 pm. You must register by Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to register call 235-0970 or email: [wellness@sphosp.org](mailto:wellness@sphosp.org).

### Early Release Wednesday

The next early release day will occur on Wednesday, February 7, 2017. McNeil Students will be released at 1:20 pm and buses will leave at 1:30 pm. Your child will arrive home 1.5 hrs. earlier than usual.

### Parent/Teacher Conferences Feb. 8 & 9

Conference notices were sent home last week with the date and time of your child's Parent/Teacher Conference. If you are unable to attend at the scheduled time, please call the school office by Monday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> to reschedule.

Conferences are an important communication tool. We really appreciate your efforts to attend so we can visit about your child's progress in school. There is NO SCHOOL for students on these days. We hope to see you here!

### Sports Day Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>

Whether you're cheering on the Eagles and Patriots in the upcoming Super Bowl or your favorite hockey, soccer, or bocce ball team, show your school spirit by wearing your team's attire to school on Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Love of Reading

Our Love of Reading celebration continues throughout the month of February. On Wednesday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a Book Share.

K-3 Bring your favorite book and stuffed animal to school day! Students will be sharing their books with a buddy and their stuffed animal friend.

4-6th "Readers Workshop" Students will be get a chance to share their favorite book and read an excerpt.

### **Child Find Screening**

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Child Find Program will be offering free screenings for children not yet in Kindergarten (3 to 5 years old). We will screen your child's motor skills, speech, early learning concepts, vision & hearing. Children are seen by appointment only. The screening will be held at McNeil Canyon School on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2018 9:30 to 2:30 p.m. To make an appointment, please call the McNeil Canyon School @ 235-8181. For more information, contact Robin @ 714-8930.

### **Talent Show Only 3 Weeks Away!**

The McNeil Canyon Family Talent Show will be held on Friday, Feb. 23rd at 6:30 pm here at McNeil. Skits, duets, dance numbers, instruments, poems- If you have talent, we want to see it! The more the merrier! Orientation was last Friday for interested parties, but if you missed it, Talent Show permission slips are available in the front office. Try Outs will be next week: Wednesday, February 7th at lunchtime (11:50). If you have a family act in mind and are unable to make the lunchtime tryouts, contact Theresa and let her know what you're planning.

The silent auction, sponsored by Community Council, will include delicious pies and cakes along with other items to bid on. The Community Council has already received a few generous donations to auction off and we are looking for a few more. If you have an item or a service you are willing to donate let Arwen 299-7074, Theresa 399-3525, or Laura know! This is going to be fun!

Room reps will be calling soon, so be thinking of those delicious pies and cakes to make. It's going to be a show to remember!

### **Spelling Bee**

Interested students in 4, 5 & 6 Grade will participate in our annual Spelling Bee on Friday, February 16th at 1:15 pm. Good luck spellers!

### **KPBSD Budget Meetings**

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District requests input from staff, parents, and community members at the districtwide KPBSD budget development meeting, scheduled at the following locations:

- Tuesday, February 13, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Seward High School Library
- Tuesday, February 20, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Homer High School Library
- Wednesday, February 21, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Soldotna High School Library
- Thursday, February 22, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m. in the Kenai Central High School Library

As new budget information becomes available it will be posted

Here: <http://www/kpbsd.k12.ak.us/departments.aspx?id=39>. If you have questions, please call Natalie Bates at 714-8888.

### **Music in the Schools Concert**

The Music in the Schools Concert will take place on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Homer Mariner Theatre. All 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year band members will be participating in this concert. Band will be having an after-school practice on February 27<sup>th</sup> to fine tune their notes. There will also be a rehearsal for West Homer and McNeil Elementary Students at Homer High School on Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:45-1:45pm. This will allow them to get experience playing along with the high school band on the big piece. Stay “tuned” for permission slips.